



Galway City Joint Policing Subcommittee 4 - To Devise & Support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City

Date: Thursday 22nd April 2021
In attendance: Mr. Tommy Flaherty, Cllr. Owen Hanley, Cllr. Niall Murphy, Sgt. Darragh Browne, Ms. Nichola Tierney, Mr. Vusi Thabethe, Mr. Arthur Carr, Ms. Angela Breslin, Ms. Emma Johnston

Apologies: Mr. Cameron Keighron

Chairperson Mr. Tommy Flaherty invited attendees to introduce themselves and welcomed everyone. Ms. Angela Breslin noted the above apologies.

1. Minutes of JPC Subcommittee 4 held on Wednesday 11th March 2021

The minutes of the last meeting of subcommittee 4 - To Devise & Support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City held on 11th March 2021 were approved on the proposal of Ms. N. Tierney and seconded by Sgt. D. Browne.

2. Presentation from Arthur Carr of Claddagh Watch Group

Mr. Arthur Carr gave a detailed run through of how the organisation operated and what was involved in the day to day running and on the patrols around the waterways. He also stated what a new volunteer requires upon starting including training and costs relating to same regarding PPE. He noted that a car parking space for their van that has all their equipment stored in and a base for members and volunteers to meet is urgently needed and would benefit them massively.

3. Review of JPC Subcommittee 4 Work plan 2021 within the context of COVID-19 & planning for strategic responses to COVID-19

In relation to the above work plan, the below action points were noted;

- Ms. Angela Breslin to follow up with GCC to see what they can do in relation to providing Claddagh Watch a car parking spot for their van.
- Take Arthur Carr up on his invite to go out on a patrol to see what it is they do and how they do it.
- Ms. Angela Breslin to follow up with GCC to see what they can do in relation to providing Claddagh Watch a base near the waterway where volunteers can meet.

In relation to the strategic objectives the below were noted;

- Initiative to support the elderly and vulnerable with the Community Gardaí is ongoing and is being taken up by the community very well.
- Mr. Vusi Thabethe & Sgt. Darragh Browne are going to work together to map out a calendar of events and aim to complete this by Q3.

- JPC meeting in each of the local communities will be dependent on COVID19 restrictions.
- Above actions points ongoing to assist Claddagh Watch.

It was also noted that if anyone had anything further to add that they were to direct same to Ms. Angela Breslin via email.

Ms. Nichola Tierney noted that the elderly were struggling with religious gatherings not taking place at the moment. Mr. Tommy Flaherty stated that this would be passed onto Cllr. Niall McNeilis for support on the matter.

4. Update on the Galway City COVID-19 Community Response Forum

Ms. Angela Breslin gave an update on the Galway City COVID-19 Community response, which noted that the Community Response Forum continues to meet fortnightly, enabling community, voluntary and statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly our most vulnerable members. The Community Call Helpline is operating from 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. She also noted details on the ongoing initiatives and projects being planned for roll out over the coming months under the Keep Well initiative and the Community Resilience Fund.

5. Any other Business

It was agreed by all that the next subcommittee meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd June at 3.00pm.

It was noted that members of the public still can't access JPC files and that Ms. Angela Breslin was going to look into this further.