



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

**Date:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
**In attendance:** Mr. Tommy Flaherty, Sgt. Darragh Browne,  
Ms. Nichola Tierney, Mr. Vusi Thabethe,  
Ms. Angela Breslin, Ms. Emma Johnston.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Niall Murphy Mr. Cameron Keighron, Cllr. Owen Hanley.

Chairperson Mr. Tommy Flaherty welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Angela Breslin noted the above apologies.

### **1. Minutes of JPC Subcommittee 4 held on Wednesday 10th June 2021**

The minutes of the last meeting of subcommittee 4 - To Devise & Support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed by all noting the below matters arising;

- Cllr Niall Murphy to follow up with Tiernan McClusker regarding planning for murals, not Ms. Nichola Tierney.
- Correct typo from money mulling to money muleing
- Sgt. Daragh Browne is going to organise a money muleing presentation when Direct Provision can attend.

### **2. 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 strategic objectives from the above work plan the below points were noted;

- Objective 1) Initiative to support the elderly and vulnerable people with the Community Gardaí will be continuing weekly check-ins.
- Objective 2) Mr. Vusi Thabethe stated that Direct Provision are planning a Halloween Party on 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Boat Club, noting all are welcome to attend. Sgt. Darragh Browne stated he can offer Halloween colouring books and asked for the time and date of the event so that it can be shared. Sgt. Darragh Browne noted the date of the Misleór Traveller event taking place from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- Objective 3) Galway City Partnership have launched a video, entitled 'Here Am I'. The focus of video is on Engagement Strategies with SICAP /Communities with a focus on older people.

Tommy Flaherty the chair suggested welcoming back the community back and inform the communities that we are here, place is open and encourage them to leave their house and start meeting people and groups.

Nichola Tierney is going to organise meeting rooms in Ballybane, Ballinfoyle and Westside to host small open meeting in each area for local community elderly members to welcome them back.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm in Westside Resource Centre,

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Ballybane Resource Centre  
Ballinfoyle TBC.

- Objective 7) Requested that minutes and agendas of this subcommittee be put online on Galway City Council website.

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

Ms. Angela Breslin circulated her report on the above ahead of the meeting.

**4. Any other Business**

Ms. Nichola Tierney noted that Westside Arts Festival is taking place on October 16<sup>th</sup>, noting all welcome.

It was noted that every 6 months this subcommittee should meet in each area to hear concerns and issues and to use that for this subcommittees best practise model.

Sgt. Darragh Browne noted Diverse Communities Garda Internship Programme in play and that there has been 10 additional guards trained up on the bikes.

Next subcommittee meeting TBC.

Mr. Tommy Flaherty thanked everyone for their attendance and input and it was agreed that as Chair he would give a verbal report back to the Galway City JPC at their next meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.