



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



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Message from the Cathaoirleach of the JPC

As Chairperson of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee (JPC), I welcome the publication of the 2023 County Galway Joint Policing Committee Annual Report. The Report details the work that the Committee and Subcommittees have undertaken throughout the year and it is an important means of communicating the role and work of the Committee.



Throughout the past year, the Joint Policing Committee continued to play a valuable role in providing strategic linkages and strong channels of communication between An Garda Síochána, Galway County Council and the wider community in matters of policing and safety.

The Joint Policing Committee provides a level of local democratic oversight of the Gardai's work within the County. It provides a forum for the elected members, community representatives and voluntary organisations to raise matters of concern in their areas.

The Joint Policing Committee held five meetings during 2023. The first four meetings were held in person in our Council Chamber and the fifth meeting, our Annual Public Meeting, was held in the Meadow Court Hotel, Loughrea in November 2023.

I would like to thank the members of our main Joint Policing Committee and the Sub Committees for their continued work and dedication during 2023.

I wish to acknowledge the work of our Chief Superintendent Gerard Roche and his team in An Garda Síochána who attend our meetings. I also wish to acknowledge our own Directors of Services, Mr. Michael Owens and Mr. Alan Farrell, who represented our Chief Executive, Mr. Liam Conneally, and the former Chief Executive, Mr. Jim Cullen at the beginning of 2023, for their very valued contributions to the work of the Committee.

I would also like to highlight and acknowledge the level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee and to each member of the Joint Policing Committee for their continuing support in fulfilling the role and purpose of the Joint Policing Committee and to Galway County Council staff for the administration of the Committee.

Cllr. Jim Cuddy,
Cathaoirleach of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee

Message from the Chief Superintendent of the Galway Garda Division.

Go raibh maith agat as do chomhoibriú le linn 2023.

As Chief Superintendent of the Galway Division, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Galway County Council, Community Representatives and Elected Local Officials in Galway County.

I want to acknowledge the co-operation and participation of all Joint Policing Committee Members in ensuring our County is a safe place for all.

I look forward to your continued co-operation in 2024.

Gerard Roche
Chief Superintendent
Galway Garda Division.



Introduction: Background and legislative framework

The County Galway Joint Policing Committee was first established in 2009. It comprises of 35 members in total, including representatives of Galway County Council (elected members and officials), members of the Oireachtas in the county, An Garda Síochána and the Community and Voluntary sector.

Legislative Background and Functions

The legislative framework for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area.

JPCs operate under revised guidelines issued by the Policing Authority in 2022 after consultation with the Minister for Justice, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Garda Commissioner.

The functions of the Joint Policing Committees are set out in Section 36 (2) of the Garda Síochána Act, which states:

“The joint policing committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area”

a) keep under review:

(i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and

(ii) the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,

(b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,

c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area,

d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph

(i) or on which it is to advise under paragraph

(ii), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and

(e) Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora established under paragraph (d) or other

Section 37(1) also provides:

“A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility.”

This Annual Report 2022 outlines how the County Galway Joint Policing Committee carried out its function for this period in compliance with section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and in accordance with the revised Joint Policing Committee guidelines.

JPC Membership

This section details the names and organisations represented by each committee member and the position they hold on the committee.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Cllr. Jim Cuddy (Cathaoirleach of JPC)	Elected Representative
Cllr. Peter Roche	Elected Representative
Cllr. James Charity	Elected Representative
Cllr. Michael Moegie Maher	Elected Representative
Cllr. Joe Byrne	Elected Representative
Cllr. Mary Hoade	Elected Representative
Cllr. Karey McHugh	Elected Representative
Cllr. Andrew Reddington	Elected Representative
An Comh. Pádraig Mac an Iomaire	Elected Representative
Cllr. PJ Murphy	Elected Representative
Cllr. Shelly Herterich-Quinn	Elected Representative
Cllr. Liam Carroll	Elected Representative
An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin *	Elected Representative
Cllr. Gerry King	Elected Representative
Cllr. Colm Keaveney	Elected Representative
Cllr. Declan Geraghty *	Elected Representative
Cllr. Steven McHugh *	Elected Representative
Michael Owens (with Alan Farrell taking over July 2023)	DOS, Corporate Services
Úna Ní Eidhin	SSO, Corporate Services
AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA	
Gerard Roche	Chief Superintendent
Paudie O'Shea	Superintendent
Aidan Foley	Superintendent
Damien Flanagan	Superintendent
Shane Cummins	D/Superintendent
Conor Madden	Inspector
Olivia Maher	Senior Analyst
Michael Walsh	Sergeant
Sinead Heaney	Sergeant
MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS	
Deputy Sean Canney *	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Catherine Connolly	Member of the Oireachtas
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES	
Tom Madden	Duggan Park Development Committee
Aodán Mac Donncha	Taispeántas Chois Fharráige
Pat Flanagan	Loughrea Active Retirement Group
Gerard Larkin	Abbey Muintir na Tíre
Gerard Costello	Monivea Community Alert
Martin Ward	Western Traveller & Intercultural Development
Aileen Heverin	Galway Age Friendly Older Persons Council

2023 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

* Cllr. Declan Geraghty replaced An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin following his resignation in March 2023.

* Cllr. Steven McHugh temporarily filled the vacancy by Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag following her commencement of maternity leave.

* Deputy Sean Canney joined the committee in late June 2023

Meetings of the JPC

The County Galway JPC meetings were held on the following dates during 2023:

30th January 2023

3rd April 2023

19th June 2023

4th September 2023

6th November 2023 – our Annual Public Meeting

Annual Public Meeting

Our Annual Public Meeting was held in the Meadow Court Hotel in Clostoken, Loughrea on the 6th November 2023. We had over 50 in attendance on the night, with a significant amount of engagement throughout the meeting.



Members of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee, including Oireachtas members Deputy Sean Canney and Deputy Anne Rabbitte



Chief Superintendent Gerard Roche and the Cathaoirleach of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee, Cllr. Jim Cuddy

Members of the public and councillors who attended our Annual Public JPC Meeting in the Meadow Court Hotel on the 6th November 2023



Some of the key items on the agenda were as follows:

- **Education & Awareness:**
 - Misuse of Illegal Substances
 - Road Safety (Speeding, Mobile Phone Usage, Drink/Drug Driving)
 - Bullying
 - Underage Drinking
- **Crime Prevention/Personal Safety**
 - Community Watch Text Alert Schemes
 - CCTV/Anti-Social Behaviour/Vandalism
 - Support for the victims of crime
- **Illegal Dumping & Littering**
 - County Galway 'Cleaner, Greener Galway' initiative
 - Reporting incidents of illegal dumping & littering

Key achievements

The following are some of the key achievements and initiatives that were undertaken by our sub-committees throughout 2023:

Illegal Dumping & Littering Sub-Committee

The National waste priorities for 2022-2024 are as follows:

Construction and demolition waste

Household and Commercial waste

End of Life Vehicles and Metals

Tackling Illegal waste Activities

Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications developed an Anti-Dumping Initiative to work in partnership with Local Authorities and Community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement responses and carrying out clean-up operations.

The initiative is coordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs). The Environment Section secured €110,493.81 in funding for 10 projects under the Anti-Dumping Initiative Funding for 2023:

Project No.	Name
1	Bulky Goods Collection
2	Awareness - hire of VMS signs
3	Billboard Awareness Campaign regarding unauthorized waste collectors.
4	Removal of an abandoned caravan
5	Site clean up, Ballinasloe
6	Anti dumping signage
7	Community Clean up support for Loughrea Tidy Towns
8	Awareness Training with Eddie Murphy
9	Clean up, Parkmore, Tuam
10	Solar Compactor Bins

10 Projects

1. Bulky Goods Collections

Bulky goods collections were carried out at out 3 civic amenity sites , Tuam, Ballinasloe & Clifden together with individual half day collections at Loughrea and Gort Marts . Over 70 tonnes of bulky items were collected.

2. Awareness – hire of VMS signs

Electronic variable message signs displaying anti-dumping message, were hired and displayed at locations county wide, to help raise awareness.

3. Billboard Awareness Campaign re unauthorized waste collectors

There are several illegal waste collectors operating in County Galway. To highlight this problem, an awareness campaign was conducted, advising people not to give their waste to unauthorised collectors and the consequences of doing so was also highlighted.

Billboards were displayed at locations around the County
We also conducted Waste enforcement checkpoints county wide in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and Galway City Council.

4. Removal of abandoned Caravan

An abandoned caravan was removed from a wooded area at New Inn Ballinasloe. This caravan had been generating a lot of complaints .

5. Site Clean up Ballinasloe

A clean up was planned for a slip road off the M6 at Ballinalsoe. A lot of domestic waste had been dumped here over several years. We were unable to carry out this clean up due to health and safety concerns on the site.

The funds for this clean up were used to remove a large amount of waste from a field adjacent to Fahy Gardens estate in Loughrea .

6. Anti Dumping signage

Alternative anti-dumping signage was purchased. This included wooden signs for community areas and some alternative designed signs for the roadside. We hope these signs will draw peoples attention more so than regular no dumping signs.

7. Community Clean up support for Loughrea Tidy Towns

Loughrea Tidy towns group were provided with equipment.

8. Awareness Training with Eddie Murphy

We decided not to proceed with this project.

9. Clean up in Parkmore Tuam

A large amount of household waste and other waste items were removed from multiple laneways in this estate.

10. Solar compactor bins

2 solar powered compactor bins were purchased for use at the 2 beaches in the An Spidéal area.

Waste Presentation Bye Law Inspections

Under the Waste Presentation Bye Laws, households are obliged to tell us how they dispose of their household waste. Waste Enforcement officers carried out inspections throughout the county over the last year.

In 2023, over 350 inspections were carried out. Some of these were follow up inspections based on 2022 inspections, and some were first time inspections. Several fines were also issued under the Bye Laws.

We have now visited a number of problem estates multiple times are seeing that the compliance rate is increasing.

CCTV

The Circular Economy Bill gives Local Authorities the legal basis to use CCTV to detect and prevent illegal dumping and littering.

A statutory requirement of this bill is that a Code of Practice must be drawn up prior the use of CCTV for this purpose.

The relevant Codes of Practice went through all the review stages in 2023 and are now awaiting approval from the Minister of Environment, Climate and Communications. Once the Minister has approved the three COPs and they are laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas that will trigger the commencement order for the relevant provisions/sections of the 2022 Act which provide the specific legal basis for the use of CCTV and mobile recording devices for the prevention, detection and prosecution of waste management and litter offences.

Checkpoints

Eight waste enforcement checkpoints were carried out various locations during 2023

Waste / Litter Complaints

1172 complaints were received in 2023, in relation to illegal dumping, wastewater, air and noise.

Community Warden Litter Patrols

The wardens carried out 372 inspections in relation to complaints and carried out 141 litter pollution surveys

Notices / Warning Letters issued under the Waste Management Act / Prosecutions

196 Notices / Warning Letters were issued in 2023

21 files were referred for Prosecution.

Education and Awareness Sub-committee

Areas under the remit of this Sub-Committee:

- Road Safety
- Personal Safety
- Bullying
- Illegal Substance Abuse
- Underage Drinking
- Cyber Fraud Crime

During 2023, the following Initiatives were held:

➤ **Distribution of High Visibility Material**

During 2023, Galway County Council distributed hundreds of high visibility vests to members of the general public.



Vests were made available to both adults and children and were distributed through the Council's Area Offices, Community Wardens, Libraries, Reception at Áras an Chontae and by contacting the Road Safety Officer (dcaulfld@galwaycoco.ie).



Photo: High Visibility Vests distribution, in conjunction with Mace shop in Oughterard – Cllr. Tom Welby and Ms. Deirdre Caulfield, Road Safety Officer

➤ **'Arrive Alive' Campaign**



Galway Co. Council's, Education & Awareness – Joint Policing Sub-Committee, continued to promote to the general public their 'Arrive Alive' initiative which advises on 'No Texting and Driving'. The Car Disc Holders are available, free of charge and discs were also distributed to members of the public at the Council's Motor Tax Public Counters.

➤ **Tips for Motorists, Pedestrians, Cyclists and Motor Cyclists during stormy weather:**



Where people have to use the roads during a storm, the following advice was given on foot of weather warnings:

Motorists:

- Drivers need to slow down and allow a greater braking distance between themselves and the vehicle in front in wet weather conditions. This is especially important on high-speed roads such as dual carriageways and motorways where there is increased danger of aquaplaning.
- Special care to be taken when driving behind goods vehicles, as they generate a considerable amount of spray, which reduces your visibility. Hold back to where you can see their mirrors.
- If the road ahead is flooded, choose another route. Do not attempt to drive through it.
Flooded roads that appear shallow could be deeper than you think. The verge may have subsided and there may also be trees or branches that have fallen that may not be visible.
- Road users should always follow recommended routes and obey signs closing roads to traffic that have been put there by the local council or An Garda Síochána.
- After going through water, drive slowly with your foot on the brake pedal for a short distance - this helps to dry the brakes.
- Drive with dipped headlights at all times to ensure that you are visible and that you can see other road users.
- Beware of objects being blown out onto the road. Expect the unexpected.
- Watch out for falling / fallen debris on the road and vehicles veering across the road.
- Control of a vehicle may be affected by strong cross winds. High-sided vehicles and motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable to strong winds
- Drivers should allow extra space between themselves and vulnerable road users such as people cycling and motorcyclists as they may be blown off course by strong winds.

Pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists:

- Walk on the right-hand side of the road, facing traffic if there are no footpaths.
- Cyclists should ensure that they and their bike are visible to other road users by investing in a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back)
- Take extra care when crossing the road or cycling in extremely windy conditions, as a sudden gust of wind could blow you into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- Be Safe. Be Seen. Visibility and light are reduced in poor weather conditions. Keep safe by making sure you can be seen. Wear bright clothing and consider wearing high visibility material.



➤ Road Safety Week - 2nd to 8th October, 2023:

It's never too early to
learn about road safety



○ Display Stand in County Hall's Atrium



- **Road Safety Awareness Literature** was available on the following:
 - Look Out! Stand Out!
 - Going to School - advice for parents & guardians
 - mobile phone and driving
 - speeding
 - seat belt wearing
 - drink driving
 - driver tiredness
 - No Child Car Seat/ No Excuse
 - medicines and driving
 - guide to tyre safety
 - cycle safety
 - motorcycles/ mopeds
 - child safety in cars
 - motorway driving
 - Driver licensing rules for drawing light trailers
 - learner drivers
 - roundabouts: using the correct lane
 - the correct use of lights on cars
 - driving under the influence of drugs
 - tyre depth gauge
 - revised standards for agricultural vehicles
 - Arrive Alive - Tax Disc cover

➤ **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUI Galway Students**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway's Students Union, ran a road safety awareness campaign encouraging students who walk or cycle to college to arrive safely. High visibility vests were distributed to students attending the college during Road Safety Week, courtesy of the Council and the Road Safety Authority.



➤ **Fire Service Demonstration - Campaign aimed at Young Drivers-to-Be**



Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Galway Fire & Rescue Service, An Cheathrú Rua; HSE Ambulance Service; Galway Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána, teamed up for a road safety awareness event aimed at teenagers at Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin, An Cheathrú Rua, on 3rd October.

The secondary school students who are about to become young drivers had an opportunity to experience what happens at the scene of a road traffic collision – a car dismantling demonstration took place and a person was released from a vehicle. Crew from the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Civil Defence were present, along with An Garda Síochána, to advise the 80 plus students present.

The aim of this initiative was to raise awareness of what happens at the scene of an incident which will hopefully prevent the young drivers-to-be becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death.



➤ **Specsavers Offer**



To ensure the correct vision for driving, the Road Safety Together Committee encourages everyone to have a Sight Test at least every 2 years. For the month of October, '23, Specsavers offered standard Sight Tests for €15.00, normally €30.00.

➤ **BestDrive FREE Vehicle 'Health Check'**

As the evenings get shorter and the weather gets more changeable, it is of the utmost importance that vehicles are in proper working order. For the month of October, BestDrive offered road-users the opportunity to avail of **BestDrive's FREE 5 Point Safety Check** to ensure that the vehicle's **Tyres, Brakes, Shocks, Lights/ Levels and Wipers** are working correctly. It will give peace of mind knowing your car is fit for driving during the winter.



Photo: BestDrive distributed High Visibility Vests to their customers during the winter months, courtesy of the Council & RSA

➤ **Cycling Training for National Schools**



A National Cycling Training Programme 'Cycle Right', in conjunction with Cycling Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, is available to all national schools in Co. Galway for the 2023/'24 school year. The training upskills young cyclists and outlines tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet at all times. The Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of this worthwhile course.



➤ **'Be Bright' Campaign aimed at ATU**

Galway County Council teamed up with ATU's Students Union and a road safety awareness campaign took place which will help ensure pedestrians and cyclists visibility on our roads whereby high visibility vests, courtesy of the Council were distributed to students attending the college.



➤ **Lock It or Lose It**

The Sub-Committee highlighted to cyclists An Garda Síochána's 'Lock it or Lose it Campaign'. It appeals to cyclists to ensure to lock their bicycle securely. www.garda.ie



➤ **Emergency Services Signage**

The Committee organised the erection of signage at certain beaches in County Galway – it advised to park responsibly at beaches in order not to block access to emergency services vehicles.



➤ **'Drive on the Left' Initiative:**

There have been a few incidents of tourist drivers driving on the wrong side of the road in Connemara, when leaving tourist attractions. Therefore, the Council's Road Safety Officer, Deirdre Caulfield, Community Warden, Thomas O'Sullivan, and An Garda Síochána, Clifden, ran a road safety awareness campaign aimed at tourists during the summer months – the message was 'Drive on Left' and wristbands were circulated to tourists as a reminder.



➤ **Don't obstruct Footpaths!**

The Education & Awareness – Joint Policing Sub-Committee advised the general public to park responsibly at all times and not to obstruct footpaths, as this has a huge impact on pedestrians and especially a person with disabilities, and stops them getting about safely in our towns and villages.



➤ **'Check it Fits Service'**

In May and June, '23, the Committee advised the general public of the Road Safety Authority's (RSA)

'Check it Fits Service', which is a free expert service which aims to put parents and guardians minds at ease knowing that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. The worthy service is quick, it's easy, it's free, and RSA experts advised on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have.

CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO	
GALWAY	
WHERE	WHEN
All 4 Baby, Tuam Road Retail Centre, Tuam Rd, Galway, H91 NX64	Tuesday 30 th May 10:00am – 5:30pm
ALDI, Ballygaddy Rd, Corralea West, Tuam, Co. Galway, X00 XX00	Wednesday 31 st May 10:00am – 5:30pm
Tesco Superstore, Dunlo Town Centre, Harbour Rd, Dunlo, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, H53 A3C1	Thursday 1 st June 10:00am – 5:30pm
Loughrea Shopping Centre, Athenry Rd, Pollroeabuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway, H62 P588	Friday 2 nd June 10:00am – 5:30pm

Walk-in appointments only.
Visit www.rsa.ie/checkitfits for more information.



Engagement with the Community

Members of the JPC Committee and Sub-committees engage with the Community on an ongoing basis and this is evident from the key achievements and progress throughout the year, that is detailed in this report.

The committee was also involved in supporting a Community Comeback Event organised by the Muintir na Tíre Group in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Officer in An Garda Síochána. The event was held in Oughterard in November 2023.



COMMUNITY COMEBACK
Oughterard, Co Galway

Showcasing local supports for older people in rural communities

14TH NOVEMBER

TUESDAY NOV 14TH | 2pm - 4pm | BOAT INN HOTEL

Free Event

Crime Prevention - Care - Safety

Appendix 1: Meeting attendance

Committee Member	Total Number of Meetings Attended	Meeting 1 (Y/N)	Meeting 2 (Y/N)	Meeting 3 (Y/N)	Meeting 4 (Y/N)	Meeting 5 (Y/N)
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL						
Cllr. Jim Cuddy (Cathaoirleach of JPC)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Peter Roche		N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. James Charity		Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Cllr. Michael Moegie Maher		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Joe Byrne		Y	N	N	N	N
Cllr. Mary Hoade		Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag		Y	N	N	N	N
Cllr. Andrew Reddington		N	Y	Y	Y	Y
An Comh. Pádraig Mac An Iomaire		Y	N	Y	N	Y
Cllr. PJ Murphy		N	N	Y	N	N
Cllr. Shelly Herterich-Quinn		Y	N	N	Y	Y
Cllr. Liam Carroll		Y	Y	Y	Y	N
An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin		N	N	N	N	N
Cllr. Gerry King		Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Cllr. Colm Keaveney		N	Y	N	N	N
Cllr. Declan Geraghty		N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Stephen McHugh		N	N	N	N	N
Michael Owens, DOS		Y	Y	Y	N	N
Úna Ní Eidhin		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alan Farrell, A/DOS		N	N	N	N	Y
Kieran Coyne		N	N	N	Y	N
AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA						
Chief Supt. Gerard Roche		Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Supt. Paudie O'Shea		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supt. Aidan Foley		Y	N	N	N	N
Supt. Damien Flanagan		Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Supt. Finbarr Philpott		N	N	N	Y	Y
D/Supt. Shane Cummins		Y	N	N	Y	Y
Insp. Georgina Lohan		N	Y	N	N	N
Insp. Des Byrne		Y	N	N	N	N
Insp. Conor Madden		Y	Y	N	N	Y
Insp. Declan Rock		N	Y	Y	N	Y
Insp. Adrian Queenev		N	N	Y	N	Y
Insp. Brian Boland		N	N	N	N	Y
HEO John Conway		N	Y	N	Y	N
HEO Olivia Maher		Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Sgt. Michael Walsh		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sgt. Sinead Heaney		Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sgt. Sinead Cunniffe		Y	N	N	N	N
EO. Joanne Dillon		N	Y	N	Y	N

MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS						
Deputy Anne Rabbitte		N	N	N	N	Y
Deputy Catherine Connolly		N	N	N	Y	N
Deputy Seán Canney		N	N	N	N	Y
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES						
Tom Madden		N	N	N	N	N
Aodán Mac Donncha		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pat Flanagan		N	N	N	N	Y
Gerard Larkin		N	Y	N	N	Y
Gerard Costello		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Martin Ward		N	N	N	N	N
Aileen Heverin		Y	Y	N	Y	N

Appendix 2: Summary of Progress in Implementing the JPC’s Work Programme

Strategic Objectives	Summarise the action taken and the progress made
<p>To Support and Promote awareness of litter management plans and initiatives, the negative impact of illegal dumping and littering and to promote and advise the public on the importance of reporting incidents of illegal dumping and littering.</p>	<p>Funding secured for 10 projects in total under the Anti-Dumping Initiative for 2023 e.g. Anti-dumping signage, awareness campaign regarding unauthorised waste collectors, etc. Full detail of projects listed above under key achievements and highlights.</p> <p>Inspections in relation to how households dispose of their household waste – over 350 inspections carried out in 2023.</p> <p>Eight waste enforcement checkpoints were carried out during 2023.</p> <p>141 litter pollution surveys carried out as part of litter patrols by Wardens, along with 372 inspections in relation to complaints.</p>
<p>To increase awareness of crime prevention for communities, business, house holders and individuals.</p>	<p>Demonstrations by our Crime Prevention Officer at meetings to promote the latest Property Marking Equipment that is available and also linking with community groups, with the aim of reinvigorating the community alert systems/groups, including the development and launch of an app in 2024 as a result of the work undertaken to date.</p> <p>The committee was also involved in supporting a Community Comeback Event, that was organised to showcase local supports available for people in rural communities.</p>
<p>To promote, Education and Awareness Programmes for schools on personal safety, road safety, bullying, illegal substance abuse, and underage drinking.</p>	<p>Various initiatives were promoting by the Sub-committee throughout the year, in line with their main objectives as listed.</p> <p>Amongst some of the key initiatives was a road safety awareness event at a local secondary school in the County and the erection of signage at a number of beaches, advising people to park responsibly and not block emergency services.</p>