

# County Clare Joint Policing Committee

## Draft Annual Report 2022

### Dréacht Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2022



Comhairle Contae an Chláir  
Clare County Council



## Introduction

The Clare Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 under the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The overall aim of the JPC is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Clare County Council's administrative area. The JPC also review levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and the factors contributing to such crime.

## Membership of the Committee

There are 31 JPC Members.

	<b>January to December 2022</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Cllr. John Crowe</b>
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Cllr. Pat Daly
<b>Councillors</b>	Michael Begley Pat Burke Alan O'Callaghan Ian Lynch Paul Murphy Ann Norton P.J. Ryan Mary Howard Pat McMahon Joe Killeen Gabriel Keating Bill Chambers
<b>Oireachtas Members</b>	Cathal Crowe TD Joe Carey TD Michael McNamara TD Violet-Anne Wynne TD Senator Róisín Garvey Senator Timmy Dooley
<b>Gardaí</b>	Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran Superintendent John Ryan Superintendent John Galvin
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary Representatives</b>	<b>Clare Older People's Council</b> Mary Mather Leahy
	<b>Clare Public Participation Network</b> Madeline McAleer
	<b>Clare Youth Services</b> Brian McManus
	<b>Disability Interests</b> Dermot Hayes
	<b>Irish Farmers Association</b>

	Adrian Brooks
	<b>Lahinch Development</b> Bill Slattery
<b>Officials</b>	Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development & West Clare Municipal District, Karen Fennessy, Meetings Administrator

## Meetings held:

Four JPC meetings were held in 2022. The following matters were discussed at these meetings.

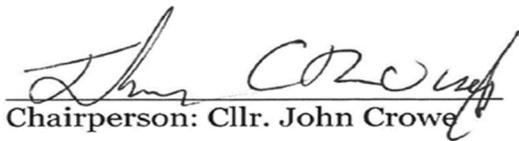
<b>Date and meeting venue</b>	<b>Items discussed at meetings</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 (Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána.</li> <li>• Fraud, rogue traders, scam phone calls and texts.</li> <li>• Targeting of drug offences.</li> <li>• Intimidation of farmers.</li> <li>• Public Order Offences in Shannon Town Centre.</li> <li>• Garda Commemoration.</li> <li>• Mental Health issues.</li> <li>• Increase in thefts in shops and CCTV supports.</li> <li>• Covid response by An Garda Síochána and engagement with stakeholders and the public.</li> <li>• Escalation of feuds.</li> <li>• Presentation by Task Community Care.</li> <li>• Draft JPC Six Year Plan 2022 – 2027.</li> <li>• Election of Chair &amp; Vice Chair.</li> <li>• Clare JPC’s Six Year Plan.</li> <li>• Road Traffic Accident.</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour in Ennis.</li> </ul>
<b>30th May 2022 (Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána.</li> <li>• Sporting events in Ennis.</li> <li>• Incidents of burglary/theft.</li> <li>• Driving without insurance and the Mobility Project.</li> <li>• Incidences of fraud and bogus tradesmen.</li> <li>• Garda resources during the Summer months.</li> <li>• Traffic management and speed limits in Lisdoonvarna.</li> <li>• Traffic issues at Clareabbey Roundabout.</li> <li>• Vandalism of the old graveyard within the Abbey.</li> <li>• Domestic abuse figures and the level of interagency support in Clare.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána.</li> <li>• Women’s Irish Open in Dromoland.</li> <li>• Bogus Tradesmen.</li> <li>• National Age Friendly Awards.</li> <li>• Interagency network and training in relation to Domestic Abuse.</li> <li>• Investigation of domestic violence cases.</li> <li>• Garda resources and equipment.</li> <li>• Illegal hunting of hares.</li> <li>• Garda Welfare Support Unit.</li> <li>• Provision of extra Garda resources during the Summer months.</li> <li>• Feuding factions.</li> <li>• Speeding offences.</li> <li>• Damage to the bus stop in Bunratty.</li> <li>• Reduction in drug-related offences.</li> <li>• Grant funding for CCTV systems.</li> <li>• Parking of caravans and camper vans in the Burren.</li> <li>• Cyber bullying.</li> <li>• Assault figures in relation to older people.</li> <li>• Closure of Garda Stations.</li> <li>• Roving criminal gangs.</li> <li>• County border investigations.</li> <li>• Recording of public incident in Lisdoonvarna.</li> <li>• Draft Annual Work Plan 2022–2023.</li> <li>• Presentation By Clare County Council on the Property Marking Scheme.</li> <li>• Community Policing.</li> <li>• Operation Steamprite.</li> <li>• Garda presence in the Airport and Customs.</li> <li>• List of emergency contact numbers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána.</li> <li>• Emergency contact numbers project.</li> <li>• Community Policing.</li> <li>• Correspondence received from housing residents in Newmarket-on-Fergus.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Clare County Council on Ukrainian Community responses.</li><li>• Revival of “Ask For Angela” Campaign.</li><li>• Retirements, resignations and suspensions versus new recruitment.</li><li>• County-level register of known sex offenders in relation to vetting for social housing.</li><li>• Incidences of abuse of Gardaí on social media.</li><li>• Garda Resources.</li><li>• CAD System.</li><li>• Adult Cautionary Scheme.</li><li>• Confidential line for drug use reporting.</li><li>• Driving without insurance.</li><li>• Theft from farmers.</li><li>• Opening hours of Ennistymon Garda Station.</li><li>• Injuries to member of the Gardaí.</li><li>• Theft from shops.</li><li>• Aggravated burglary in Whitegate.</li><li>• National Age Friendly Awards.</li><li>• Draft Annual Work Plan 2022 – 2023.</li><li>• New structure for the JPC.</li></ul>
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**Plan adopted during the year 2022**

The Clare Joint Policing Committee adopted a two year JPC Work Plan for the period 2022/2023 which can be viewed on [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie).

Signed:   
Chairperson: Cllr. John Crowe

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023