

Wicklow JPC Meeting

Shoreline, Greystones

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded

Condolences were offered to the Gardaí on the death of Detective Garda Colm Horkan.

The meeting was addressed by Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry. He presented crime stats for the division up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

There was a reduction in crime during Covid Lockdown due to people being at home and the increased Garda presence on the streets.

However bicycle theft was up 92%. Most of this was due to people leaving bikes unattended, with no locks.

Drug crimes in Bray saw an increase in both personal use and sale & supply.

During lockdown extra contacts were made with people already on the system regarding domestic violence.

Charlotte Byrne, Kilcoole PPN Rep, brought up the issue of anti-social behaviour.

JPC Rep. Godfry raised the issues of major traffic management failures and theft from cars in the Uplands area.

There is a media campaign to be launched in the Uplands area and car parks advising visitors that cars will be ticketed and towed as was done during the recent good weather.

In response Chief Sup Int Ferry said he will look into increasing weekend visibility again.

It was also noted that both the council and Gardaí were very active in the Glenmalure area.

It was brought to our attention that Gardaí are currently working four 12 hour shifts and this has been extended until the end of the year when further consultation will take place.

There was a presentation made by Eillish Kelly, Tenant Liaison Officer for the Housing and Corporate Estates Directorate. It highlighted the problems faced in local council estates of anti-social behaviour by tenants and how they are dealt with.

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