

Fingal Joint Policing Committee

Report on Series of Public Meetings held March/April 2015

The Joint Policing Committee has recently concluded a series of public meetings which took place at four locations around the County. The meetings are scheduled so as to provide at least one public forum in each of the four Garda Districts on an annual basis. The recent meetings took place as follows;

DATE	LOCATION	CATCHMENT AREA	ATTENDANCE	REPORT
25 th March 2015	Mulhuddart Community Centre	Dublin 15 area	28	Pages 2-3
01 st April 2015	Marine Hotel Sutton	Howth/Sutton/Baldoyle	37	Pages 4-6
08 th April 2015	Combined Clubs Hall Balbriggan	Rush/Lusk/Skerries/Naul/Ballyboughil/Garristown/Rural Balbriggan	42	Pages 7-9
15 th April 2015	Malahide Library Malahide	Donabate/Portrane/Swords/Malahide/Portmarnock	32	Pages 10-13

The Council is represented at the meetings at Director of Services level and on the Garda side by the relevant Chief Superintendent and Superintendent. In addition, Garda personnel from Traffic and Drugs Units also attend, where local issues dictate. The meetings were chaired by Cllr Kieran Dennison, Chairperson of the JPC, and by Cllr Grainne Maguire, Vice Chairperson of the JPC at the Balbriggan meeting.

Each meeting commenced with an introduction to how the JPC conducts its business. This was followed by a short presentation by the local Garda Superintendant in each of the 4 districts, which gave an overview of Garda strategic objectives in the area, local crime statistics and details of specific operations targeting particular types of crime. No formal presentation was made at the Malahide meeting, instead, a verbal briefing was given allowing more time for questions from the floor. At each meeting Crime Prevention advice was then provided based on prevalent crimes in the area. There was particular emphasis on burglaries, and theft from cars.

The next stage in the meetings is to invite questions from the floor for both the Council and the Gardaí on matters relating to public order and local community safety. Speakers are prohibited from mentioning specific names and individual cases will not be discussed. An opportunity is provided at the end of every meeting for members of the public to approach the Gardaí or the Council on a one to one basis on specific issues, and in general this can be very productive, specifically in relation to concerns regarding local drug dealing. Attendees at meetings were updated on a number of Garda initiatives such as Case Management for prolific offenders, and the establishment of a Garda supports service for victims of crime.

The main issues which arose at each of the meetings are as set out in the tables below:

Mulhuddart Meeting - (Dublin 15 Area)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
<p>House broken into over 2 nights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - house owner concerned about AGS response times to callout - offenders live locally and are known to house owner. - house owner felt targeted. 	<p>AGS noted familiarity with this particular case and spoke to the house holder separately after the meeting</p>	<p>This was a historical case that occurred in 2013. The person concerned has raised this issue at a number of Forums previously. Supt Quirke spoke to her privately after the meeting. The Crime Prevention Officer was tasked to complete a security survey of her residence. The original break-ins were fully investigated by Detective Unit at Blanchardstown and property and vehicle recovered. There was insufficient evidence to initiate a prosecution.</p>	<p>No response required from LA</p>
<p>Saddlers Estate Residents Association Problems with increasing numbers of attempted break-ins in the estate (110 houses). Empty houses targeted. Bicycles stolen and for sale online. Reported to AGS, no follow up. Residents provided licence plate and vehicle details to AGS, concerned that this was not entered onto PULSE system. Frustrated with lack of follow-up</p>	<p>Gardai spoke to residents after the meeting. Able to discuss the issue in greater detail.</p>	<p>Community Gardai are trying to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Group in Saddlers Estate but the response from the local community has been poor. Efforts to engage at local level will continue. Garda patrols in the area have been tasked to pay greater attention. The burglary rate in the area has reduced by 26% due to ongoing Garda actions.</p>	<p>No response required from LA</p>
<p>Resident of Tyrrelstown Increase in anti-social behaviour. Reported to AGS and unhappy with response. Home-owners feeling 'trapped' as unable to sell up and move on.</p>	<p>Attendees advised of importance of reporting all incidents as they are all logged, and the statistics are necessary for planning and deployment of existing resources, and also for requesting additional resources</p>	<p>Gardai have engaged with local groups to identify youths causing anti-social behavior. Ongoing liaison with Council over tenancy agreements with parents of local youths identified. Garda patrols have been increased, there appears to be a gang culture developing among local youths of ethnic origin. The Intercultural Liaison Group has been addressed to develop better contacts with the non-national communities.</p>	<p>No response required from LA</p>

Mulhuddart Meeting - (Dublin 15 Area)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Tyrrelstown Contacted AGS on numerous occasions, difficult to get through to public office and only one car covering large area	Attendees advised to call 999 if emergency or requiring immediate attention as can draw car/resources from other areas. Calling station directly may result in delayed response from station car if already deployed. Advised that the roster is scheduled so there are greater resources available at nights and particularly weekends.	AGS to look at responses from Blanchardstown GS. All members at Blanchardstown Station have been advised as to the appropriate level of response to callers and to ensure that calls are entered onto Command and Control system promptly and correctly categorized. Patrols are being scheduled to provide maximum coverage at times of high demand. The Task Force Units are concentrating patrols at night time. Extra staff have been sanctioned for peak times in the Station to deal with calls from the public.	No response required from LA.
Problems with youths gathering and drinking at GAA pitches at Tyrrelstown	FCC Operations to improve visibility around GAA pitches	No response required from AGS	The boulders which have been facilitating this activity have been removed, and the gaps in the hedge have been filled.
Question regarding the numbers of Garda cars parked outside Central Criminal Courts and unavailable for call-outs	Gardai responsible for ensuring prisoner is brought to and from courts, which in turn requires Garda cars. Explanation accepted at the meeting.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA

Sutton Meeting (Howth/Sutton/Baldoyle)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
<p>Sutton Lawn Park RA – Last JPC Public meeting in late 2013 – has there been a meeting since? No feedback on matters raised at the last meeting.</p> <p>Community Garda for Sutton Park/Sutton Lawn area no longer patrolling, querying has s/he been replaced?</p>	<p>Questions responded to at meeting.</p>	<p>Garda Eddie Duffy replaced Garda Connolly as point of contact and local resident contact was informed of this at the meeting.</p> <p>Garda Duffy is now attending local meetings and informing the community.</p>	<p>Attendees advised that due to the establishment of a new JPC Committee in 2014 following Local Elections, no public meetings held in autumn/winter 2014. Series of public meetings brought forward to spring 2015. Advised that report from public meetings will be brought to JPC committee on 22 May, and published online after that date.</p>
<p>Recent community clean up in Sutton Park & Sutton Lawn – FCC did not collect green waste; also unhappy with response from FCC; volunteers had to dispose of waste in own bins.</p>	<p>Questions responded to at meeting</p>	<p>No response required from AGS</p>	<p>Attendees thanked for the effort carried out, and advised that FCC will collect the green waste. Undertook to to enquire about conversation/response from FCC.</p>
<p>Suggestion to use bin clips during windy/breezy weather to prevent bins from spilling over waste. Request to have more regular litter-picks in area.</p>	<p>Questions responded to at meeting.</p>	<p>No response required from AGS.</p>	<p>Residents Assocs. Encouraged to purchase clips to keep on each estate. Residential estates swept every 5 weeks, undertaking to make available soon on the website to give a general indication of when sweeping will take place.</p>
<p>Admiral Park RA queried setting up of Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Have had previous meeting, looking to progress it. Number of burglaries recently, queried possibility of CCTV, and plain clothes Gardai as deterrent.</p>	<p>Gardai at meeting advised that they were aware of the particular circumstances surrounding the burglaries. Plain clothes patrols are not advisable as we want Gardai to be visible. Explained the process of investigation – DPP – then Courts System takes over. Explained Case Management system for prolific offenders. CCTV not advisable, very expensive and may be loopholes in how it's used. Natural observation is much better. Crime Prevention advice given. Info provided on Operation ACER.</p>	<p>ACER and regular patrols increased in this area. Gardai Duffy, Oakes and Geraghty of the Community Police unit are actively pursuing the re activation of NHW here and have arranged a crime prevention talk for the residents for the 14th May 2015. The Divisional Crime Prevention Officer will also attend and give a Crime Prevention Presentation and advice.</p>	<p>No response required from LA</p>

Sutton Meeting (Howth/Sutton/Baldoyle)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Station Road raised matter of large trees in private gardens with branches overhanging footpath.	Question responded to at meeting.	No response required from AGS	FCC advised that if tree branches are outside private property then it is the responsibility of FCC to prune/maintain. FCC advised that the tree is the responsibility of the private landowner.
Resident of Admiral Park stated 7 houses broken into through front door. Requested FCC place more street lights to improve visibility	Gardai noted that it can take as little as 1 min 40 secs to enter property through front door. Mature gardens sometimes limit natural observation. Burglars are looking for specific small items which can be sold on easily – Jewellery, laptop, tablet, cash. Work in groups of 3 or 4, can search house very quickly. ‘Fishing’ for car keys left in sight in hallways an ongoing problem.	Crime prevention meeting on the 14 th May next to inform residents of actions they can take to minimize the potential for crime in their area. Crimes being investigated by the Detective Unit at Howth. No suspects identified to date.	Noted at meeting.
Resident of Admiral Park queried Text Alert System.	Gardai advised that system is refined over the years. Suitable for small rural villages, less so for urban estates, however pilot scheme in Ballymun.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Howth stated Neighbourhood Watch system set up some years ago, working well with Gardai. Noted door-to-door (charity/clothes) collections may be suspicious. Raised question if any reason a community cannot organise a Text Alert system amongst themselves.	Garda working on NW scheme no longer available, hope replacement will be available.	Text Alert is being piloted in the Division and results of this pilot are awaited.	No response required from LA
Representative of Howth Sailing Club raised two issues at Howth Pier – ASB and sensitive matter of distressed people with possible suicidal ideation. Suggested CCTV on Pier, suggested power supply could come from Clubs in area.	Howth Pier/Harbour is responsibility of Harbour Master. AGS/FCC and agencies work together to minimise ASB particularly coming into summer season. Enforce by-laws and seize alcohol. Regarding distressed people, once call comes into AGS car sent straight away. If necessary person is detained under Mental Health Act and help sought. Workshops with RNLI, Coastguard, Harbour Master etc to heighten awareness. Samaritans posters in place. Taxi-drivers particularly aware of risk and contact AGS straight away.	No AGS update as CCTV is a matter for the Harbormaster at this location. Howth Harbour is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and the Marine.	FCC have a very good working relationship with the Harbour Authorities, the legislation is clear as to the responsibilities of agencies. Undertook to discuss CCTV option with Harbour Master.

Sutton Meeting (Howth/Sutton/Baldoyle)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Castlerosse queried Garda Station Opening hours	Howth GS open to the public from 7am-9pm 7 days a week. From 9pm-7am the public office is closed and phones are switched to Raheny but Gardai are operating out of the station and all calls to Raheny are responded to.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Raheny raised issues of graffiti and residential speed limits. Queried if it is compulsory for cyclists to wear helmets/head protection. Is it an offence for adults to cycle on footpaths	Not compulsory for adults to wear head gear, strongly recommended that all cyclists of all ages do wear head protection. Confirmed that it is an offence for adults to cycle on footpaths.	A number of juveniles have recently been detected for Graffiti type offences and have been dealt with through the JLO system. Community Police unit speak to people discovered cycling on footpaths and advise them of the legal situation. This includes persons arrested for damage to a number of Dart Stations.	FCC recent non-statutory public consultation on residential speed limits. 100 submissions and shortlist compiled. Report to go to Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and select pilot estates which will go to statutory consultation stage. Initially will consider estates which already have traffic calming measures in place and build on that.
Resident of Parkvale estate raised issue of unused FCC depot building beside St. Nessan's School which is site for ASB. Can the building be knocked down, who is responsible for the park?	Question responded to at meeting, and subsequent follow up email.	No response required from AGS	FCC confirmed that property has recently been made available to Baldoyle Boxing Club. In the future the building will be their responsibility, and the park area around it will remain responsibility of FCC
Attendee raised matter of joyriding at Baldoyle Ind. Estate, requesting Garda patrol in area.	Noted at meeting	Garda Patrols increased in this area and community police are liaising with residents and businesses in the area to target specific times/locations. Garda patrols conduct checkpoints at night time.	No response required from LA
Resident of Admiral Park raised matter of graffiti, residents dealt with the matter, and railing are in place beside pumping station. Requesting signs indicating no entrance to pitches.	Question responded to at meeting.	No response required from AGS.	FCC undertook to arrange signage as requested, and advised that graffiti is dealt with through the local authority arrangement with the Probation Service.

Balbriggan Meeting (Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush/Lusk/Garristown/Naul/Ballyboughal)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Rush Residents Association stated delay in getting Text Alert system set up.	Muintir na Tire of assistance in setting up Text Alert systems. Garda supported. Noted that such systems required good numbers of people to sign up to use. Villages circa 300 houses, most urban estates circa 100 houses. Need subscription service to cover costs – may not have enough members in urban areas. Undertaking given to follow up with Residents Assoc to establish Text Alert system.	A meeting was held on Thursday 30 th April with Rush Community Council and the Gardai to begin the process with the Residents Associations and Community Groups to develop a Text Alert system for the area.	No response required from LA
Question regarding Text Alert in rural areas – are there statistics to demonstrate effectiveness?	No major work carried out in measuring effectiveness – anecdotal evidence of success in areas rolled out in. Set up when burglaries increasing nationally.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Rush noted closure of Rush Garda Station has resulted in criminals passing through Rush and increase in crime/burglaries in Rush. Residents feel they are a soft target.	Explanation of operational deployment of resources, Gardai use ‘heat-mapping’ system to track crime occurrences and respond accordingly. Importance of Neighbourhood Watch emphasized.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Tayleurs Point Rush also commented on Text Alert system.	Garda preference is to work with larger group of Residents Associations through Community Council. More co-ordinated approach.	A meeting was held on Thursday 30 th April with Rush Community Council and the Gardai to begin the process with the Residents Associations and Community Groups to develop a Text Alert system for the area.	No response required from LA
Member of Rush Community Council queried phoning Gardai when station is now closed. Also noted lack of visible Garda presence in Rush. Calling for meeting in Rush to help residents adapt to no station in the village.	Rush Garda Station closed in 2012, and service largely the same as previously. Commitment to meet Community Council and to pursue Text Alert system. Undertaking given to re-examine the dispersal of resources as additional resources become available.	A meeting was held on Thursday 30 th April with Rush Community Council and the Gardai, at which the matter of providing extra patrols to Rush was discussed.	No response required from LA

Balbriggan Meeting (Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush/Lusk/Garristown/Naul/Ballyboughal)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Attendee noted that businesses are targeted for armed robberies. Also queried if there is a correlation between reduced numbers of Drugs Task Force police, and reduction in detections.	Gardai clarified that all members have responsibility in detection of drugs, and depend on intelligence. Major investigations at district level may bring in staff from other corps. Noted that Gardai have different responsibilities from a number of years ago e.g. Child Protection Unit. Move in AGS to some specialist units.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee noted lack of resources in Balbriggan area and noted that Govt. Housing Strategy is 7% target in next 15 years. Issue of Garda resources will become more problematic and have greater impact.	Community policing building relationships with young people and	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee queried if guidelines from AGS for communities who use social media to inform local people of possible crime or undesirable activity.	Gardai advised no guidelines as it is not desirable that residents would circulate unsubstantiated/unfiltered information. Advised extreme caution when using social media, as persons could take civil litigation Text Alert system means decision made by Garda about circulating information. AGS carry responsibility for type and content of information circulated.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Query about resources	26 Garda Divisions in the country. DMRN hope to get extra resources and will assign depending on needs and demands for resources across division. PULSE System used to record calls and criminal activity, stats can be useful for operational deployment. Important to contact Gardai about even minor matters to have them recorded on PULSE.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Clonuske Balbriggan mentioned items removed from ESB poles as requested	Question responded to at meeting	No response required from AGS	FCC confirmed request actioned.

Balbriggan Meeting (Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush/Lusk/Garristown/Naul/Ballyboughal)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Brackenwood Balbriggan noted theft from cars has increased, along with damage to cars. Noted this is carried out by youths aged 12-13. Regularly requests patrol car to call.	Gardai noted this is a difficult situation as some of these youths may be in the Juvenile Diversion programme but others may not. There are difficulties with parental control. AGS work with other state agencies in these circumstances. Two representatives of Foroige also outlined the service they provide for youths. Undertook to look at this area.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee raised matter of number of cases reported, public order offences and number of cases prosecuted.	Gardai outlined Case Management system of prolific offenders, and use of Operation ACER for surveillance of known criminals.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee queried criminals using social media to gather information. Also commented on Gatzos vans at Main St. Rush	Gardai outlined crime prevention advice, and noted that social media is used by all sectors of the community, Gardai and criminals.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee noted that Gardai on mountain bikes were very successful. Requested one Garda to be allocated to Rush, if not in station, then on visible patrol.	Gardai supportive of additional pedal cycle Gardai to be deployed where needed. Clarified one extra Garda is actually 6 members of staff to cover all shifts etc. and is not feasible.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee noted Skerries have patrol cars available, requested car for Rush for visibility. Also noted holiday makers increase population in Rush.	Question responded to at meeting	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee noted extra Gardai trainees still not sufficient and additional resources will be needed. Concerned about youth falling into crime and supportive of measures such as late-nite-soccer in this regard.	Question responded to at meeting	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA

Malahide Meeting (Donabate/Portrane/Swords/Malahide/Portmarnock)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Local resident noted Text Alert system in Seapark area	Gardai confirmed 120 houses registered. Advised people if they are concerned/actually witness a crime to call 999, if not overly concerned, or mildly suspicious, contact station and Gardai will circulate Text Alert information if appropriate.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee queried phoning station after hours	Phones transferred to Coolock from 9pm to 7am, during that period the station is closed to the public but Gardai are still working out of it.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee queried the percentage of drugs seized from Swords area.	Gardai advised 90-100 'stop and searches' carried out per month, for simple possession or sale and supply. AGS work with NDCCS in this regard. Possession offenders processed through JLO service and Drugs Task Force.	Drugs searches and seizures are directly related to Garda activity. While there is nothing alarming in relation to a small increase in seizures it does signify a focus on stopping and searching suspect vehicles and persons for crime in general.	No response required from LA
Attendee stated that more Gardai are needed on patrol. Numbers down by 11%.	AGS note that allocation of new Gardai from training centre will be in May and approximately 5 new staff to DMRN. Division will review areas with most displaced personnel and take into account when allocating. Acknowledgement that the issue of resources has arisen at every JPC public meeting.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Portmarnock noted that Portmarnock/Kinsealy/Malahide population is equal to that of Sligo and that allocation of resources should reflect that.	Gardai noted that seasonal demands (summer beach visitors) can impact on resources. Operational plan to deal with this problem.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Attendee noted statistics show increase in break-ins and car break-ins since Christmas. Residents Assoc using social media to circulate information.	Gardai noted increase in burglaries is nationally and not just at certain locations. New measures regarding bail will help address this. Urged people to report anything suspicious, as data will be useful to help direct resources to high priority areas and times. Advice from Gardai is to ensure property looks occupied.	Gardai have been in contact with Garda Press Office in relation to the use of social media for this purpose. Still in progress	No response required from LA

Malahide Meeting (Donabate/Portrane/Swords/Malahide/Portmarnock)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
<p>Representative of Moorings Residents Assoc noted area is high amenity area through summer and winter and queried logic in closing station at night-time. Felt this encouraged crime.</p>	<p>Aside from burglaries and theft, all other crimes are down, therefore not solely down to resourcing issues. Closing stations at night-time frees up resources. Calls are still answered and responded to.</p>	<p>The science of crime reduction and prevention shows that the criminal in some way must feel the risk of being caught as a factor in his decision to commit a crime. With the current level of resources it is incumbent on AGS to provide as much of a deterrent as possible through constant patrolling of crime risk areas. In this regard, although people have the impression that an open station with one Garda in the office discourages criminals from committing crime, unfortunately that is not the position.</p>	<p>No response required from LA</p>
<p>Resident of Portmarnock Community Association referred to ASB at beaches during summer season. Last year incident in evening time handled well by Gardai, but no public transport available to move people away from the area. Also asked if bus-stop beside Wendell Avenue could be relocated.</p>	<p>Summer Operations Plans put effort into resourcing amenity areas and large events to minimise disruption (e.g. traffic management). Gardai very happy with co-operation with Dublin Bus and Irish Rail in relation to moving people away from beaches/amenity areas when necessary. Regarding bus-stop – this has been examined previously in conjunction with Dublin Bus and for a number of reasons, there is no alternative location.</p>	<p>Bus stop issue has had full Garda support, the decision not to relocate was an engineering issue for Dublin Bus.</p> <p>AGS are in constant contact with Dublin Bus and Irish Rail and will continue this during the summer.</p>	<p>The official Bathing Season started at the beginning of June. Lifeguards are rostered at designated bathing areas for weekends only throughout June, and 7 days per week for July and August. Lifeguards patrol from 11am-7pm. All members of the public should take note of Water Safety flags flying and any instructions from the lifeguards.</p>
<p>Resident of Corballis Road, Donabate noted a number of break-ins and theft from cars at the FCC carpark at Corballis Beach. Questioned if CCTV could be used, and requested additional warning signage for people parking at this location.</p>	<p>Noted at meeting.</p>	<p>CCTV is always helpful in reducing crime opportunities. AGS support additional CCTV .</p>	<p>FCC undertook to review signage in the area and replace if necessary.</p>
<p>Attendee at meeting noted the successful joint Garda/other agencies operation at beaches/high amenity areas last summer and queried if there was an impact on resources. Attendee queried differences between CSO figures and AGS crime stats.</p>	<p>Gardai noted that increased presence at the beginning of summer season was effective and led to a reduction of incidents throughout the summer. FCC advised temp crews recruited for summer months, beaches cleaned between 6am-11am daily. Cannot clean using machinery when people on beaches. PULSE system live all the time.</p>	<p>Site specific policing plans are in will be in place for beaches and amenity areas this summer.</p> <p>Superintendent Galligan is absolutely confident with crime recording in this District.</p>	<p>FCC Operations teams working closely with AGS locally to address any issues brought to their attention.</p>

Malahide Meeting (Donabate/Portrane/Swords/Malahide/Portmarnock)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Resident of Holywell Estate, Swords noted a number of break-ins to car in this estate and stated that there are no Garda checkpoints on M1.	Airport/M1 speed checks carried out by Gatzko teams, operated under licence.	Checkpoints are not done on the M1 as there is an unacceptable risk associated with such action. Checkpoints will continue to take place in areas of concern.	No response required from LA
Attendee raised matter of Garda visibility at Donabate/Portrane area, low visibility, people feel that they won't get caught breaking law (e.g. parking on DYLS).	Gardai aware of concerns in this area, and significant amount of work carried out in relation to this. Number of people arrested in connection with crimes reported in this area.	AGS will continue to provide a high visibility presence in the area. Parking infringements could also be addressed by LA.	Parking violations in Pay & Display areas are dealt with by the Traffic Warden on patrol, and by means of a parking fine.
Attendee noted Garda bike initiative very good, and people tend to blame themselves if car is broken into, tend not to report matter.	Gardai confirmed pedal cyclist officers can cover a lot of ground. Very effective Community Policing.	No response required from AGS	No response required from LA
Resident of Seatown Road Swords raised matter of 3 roads called Seatown Road and requested that each road is clearly identified to assist emergency services/deliveries etc.	Question responded to at meeting	No response required from AGS	FCC undertook to look into the matter. Matter raised at Area Committee Meeting for Balbriggan/Swords (Services A) on 11 th June 2015 as Item 21. Full report at www.fingal.ie
Member of Swords Neighbourhood Watch noted high burglary rates, with people travelling from other areas in Dublin and using the motorway network to commit crime outside their own area. Also noted Hearse Road and Turvey Road in Donabate – traffic speeding.	Question responded to at meeting	AGS will continue to focus on routes that it is believed that are used by criminals. The high number of suspect vehicles that are stopped and checked exemplifies this.	FCC noted land acquisition in relation to Turvey Avenue improvements is slow. Considering options.
Resident of Biscayne – during good weather visitors to Malahide park very close to entrance to Biscayne. Requesting DYLS at entrance.	Question responded to at meeting	AGS no issue with DYLS. LA could address parking infringements in these areas.	FCC noted DYLS are to maintain access, not to prevent parking on public road. Undertook to look into the matter.
Attendee noted feeling in Malahide/Portmarnock that because station is part-time, criminals focus on the area. Agreed AGS need more resources. Questioned drugs area and drugs unit resources v drug arrests; questioned how AGS would enforce 30kph speed limit in Estates.	Gardai acknowledge numbers are down since 2009 and that areas have to justify requirements. Importance of calling in issues, logged on PULSE and feed into stats for analysis. District (Coolock) is biggest/busiest drugs unit in Dublin, and significant numbers of arrests push up numbers. Stop and Search very successful.	Signage will enable AGS to enforce. Response to reduced opening hours of station as per comment above. AGS drug activity action very satisfactory. 30kph is a priority.	FCC supportive of legislation for 30kph limits in housing estates. Non-statutory consultation held before Christmas. 6 pilot estates across the county identified. Needs support from residents, signage alone not sufficient.

Malahide Meeting (Donabate/Portrane/Swords/Malahide/Portmarnock)

Issue	Action	Garda Update	FCC Update
Attendee noted pedal cycle Gardai very effective where station is part-time, or area with no Garda Station. Noted forthcoming new Garda recruits positive step.	Noted at meeting	New training to take place to increase members for pedal cycle duty.	No response required from LA
Resident of Malahide noted motorists breaking lights at pedestrian crossings, dangerous for children.	Noted at meetings	Members of the public are encouraged to use Traffic Watch to report such activity.	No response required from LA
Attendee noted speed ramps at Rivervalley Swords not very effective. Increase in burglaries in area and ASB issues in the park.	Noted at meeting	30 kph areas are a priority. ASB robustly tackled in this area.	FCC advised that ramps on bus routes must comply with bus design standards.
Attendee noted rogue tradesmen calling to houses.	Gardai acknowledge this is a form of distraction burglary.	AGS treats this particular criminal behavior as reprehensible. Every effort is being made to catch such offenders. AGS encourages the community to report and suspicious activity.	No response required from LA