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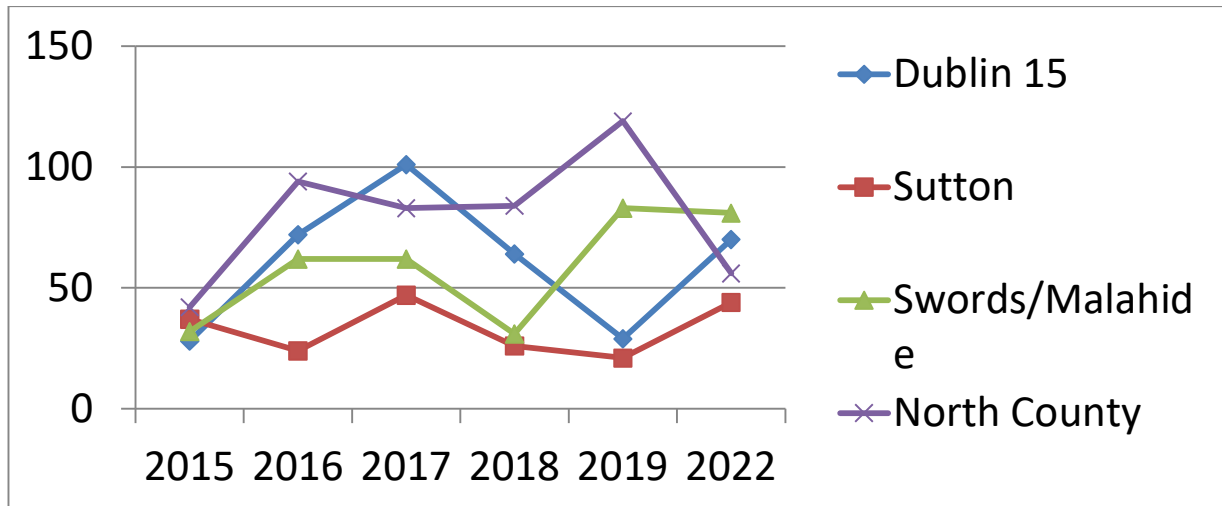
Fingal Joint Policing Committee Series of Public Meetings September / October 2022

The series of 2022 Joint Policing Committee Public Meetings took place over September and October 2022 and were very well attended by members of the public, An Garda Síochána, Local Authority staff and Elected Representatives (including Oireachtas members), and some agencies such as NDRDATF, Safer Blanchardstown, Foroige and members of the Fingal Public Participation Network.

The meetings had been widely advertised in local newspapers, and through libraries, Garda Stations and via community and residents' groups, and also actively promoted on Fingal County Council social media in the lead up to each meeting.

Date	Venue	Area
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan	Balbriggan, Balbriggan Rural, Garristown, Naul, Balrothery, Skerries, Rush, Lusk, and area.
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock, Ongar, Tyrrelstown, Carpenterstown, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Meakstown, Finglas (parts of), and area.
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Grand Hotel Malahide	Malahide, Portmarnock, Swords, Santry, Portrane, Donabate, and area
Thursday 20 th October 2022	Marine Hotel Sutton	Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle (parts of), and area.

Due to Covid-19 and associated HSE/Government Guidelines, this was the first year since 2019 that public meetings were held, the table below shows the attendances year on year from 2015.



Year	Dublin 15		North County		Sutton		Swords/Malahide	
2022	28 th Sep	70	27 th Sep	56	20 th Oct	44	5 th Oct	81
2021	<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>	
2020	<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>		<i>No public meeting Covid-19</i>	
2019	14 th Mar	29	13 th Mar	119	20 th Mar	21	21 st Mar	83
2018	4 th Apr	64	18 th Apr	84	11 th Apr	27	25 th Apr	31
2017	5 th Apr	101	26 th Apr	83	12 th Apr	47	19 th Apr	62
2016	20 th Apr	72	6 th Apr	94	27 th Apr	24	13 th Apr	62
2015	25 th Mar	28	8 th Apr	42	1 st Apr	37	15 th Apr	32

The Council is represented at the meetings at Director of Services/Senior Executive Officer level and An Garda Siochana by the relevant Chief Superintendent and Superintendent. Each meeting commenced with a short introduction by the Chairman of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee, Councillor Ian Carey on how the JPC conducts its business. This was followed by a short presentation by a representative from the local Garda Superintendant in each of the 4 districts, giving an overview of Garda strategic objectives in the area, local crime statistics and details of specific operations targeting particular types of crime. In 2022 the key issues were related to community policing, youth issues, and Garda resources.

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

Balbriggan Meeting – Bracken Court Hotel

Tuesday 27th September 2022



An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council responded to the following issues raised at the meeting:

- Anti-social behaviour at Castlelands/Castlemill Development at vacant site. Land is not maintained.
- Technology available to An Garda Síochána for taking statements.
- Youths travelling to Balbriggan in Summer months, engagement with Irish Rail. Also travelling on bus services.
- Issue in Church car park with youths and cars.
- Anti-social behavior in centre of Balbriggan, request for increased Garda visibility. Repeat offenders, lack of parental supervision.
- Anti-social behaviour at Summerfest in Balbriggan.
- Concern raised over passengers in taxi not paying fare and running off
- Concern raised over anti-social behaviour that arises from unmanned train stations
- Suggestion to create a Local Policing forum.
- Foroige representative spoke about the work undertaken in the area.
- Request made for additional Gardaí and additional public lighting.

Meeting concluded at 08.40pm

Dublin 15 Meeting – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown

Wednesday 28th September 2022



An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council responded to the following issues raised at the meeting:

- Issue with car racing in Damastown
- Concerns raised over Operational resources for An Garda Síochána and response times.
- Questions asked on Halloween plans with Fingal County Council. Request that Operation Tombola commence earlier.
- Concerns raised over Housing Estate Management in Fingal County Council.
- Issues raised on the current legislation on nitrous oxide.
- Concerns raised over vandalism at new Agility Trail at Hartstown Park
- Request to look at Traffic light sequencing at Hillbrook Woods / Millennium Park by Fingal Council.
- Discussion took place on drug information campaigns and their effectiveness.
- Request for additional resources and greater visibility in the Dublin 15 area.
- Blanchardstown Garda Station Open Day – AGS commended on good work.
- Concerns raised over increased Anti-Social behaviour in Hollywoodrath area.

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Swords/Malahide Meeting – Grand Hotel, Malahide

Wednesday 5th October 2022



An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council responded to the following issues raised at the meeting:

- Concerns raised on anti-social behaviour by youths with assaults on individuals reported. An Garda Síochána asked to follow up on the anti-social activity.
- Request that increased burglaries be investigated.
- Request for a new Garda Station in Swords.
- Details on Fingal County Council plans for Halloween requested.
- Concerns raised on drug issues in Donabate / Portrane .
- Increase in anti-social behaviour in Ward River Valley Park. Gardai asked to investigate.
- Youths coming from other locations on train/bus to Malahide. Unmanned train station is facilitating anti-social activity.

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm

Howth / Sutton / Baldoyle Meeting – Marine Hotel Sutton

Thursday 20th October 2022



An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council responded to the following issues raised at the meeting:

- Request for improvements to Howth Junction Dart station. A request made for a staff presence. There was a request for Garda patrols at DART stations.
- Traffic management – 3.5T limit in Baldoyle, request for Garda enforcement.
- Garda response times to Scrambler bikes in Baldoyle could be improved.
- Concerns raised over delays in Garda vetting for members of Men’s Shed Programme.
- Safety signs at coast for people visiting beaches, also parking issues caused by beach visitors.
- Garda Mountain Bikes patrol very effective, some problematic incidents at Dart Stations.
- Request for CCTV at Baldoyle Train Station.
- Traffic issues in Howth, particularly at Harbour area, signage not effective.
- Concerns raised over excess car parking due to apartments constructed on site at Santa Sabina Sutton.
- Issues raised relating to traffic flow in Baldoyle at particular junction and traffic at Sutton Cross Station.
- Concerns over Bicycle users in Howth travelling at dangerous speeds.

Meeting concluded 8.35pm