



**Comhchoiste Póilíneachta - Contae Chiarraí**  
**County Kerry - Joint Policing Committee**



Report of the JPC Community Crime Prevention & Response sub-committee meeting, held 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in Anam at 10.30am

**Attendees:**

Cllr. Tom Barry, Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cllr. Mikey Sheehy, Cllr Breandan Fitzgerald, Inspector Tim O'Keeffe, Christy O'Connor, Brian Looney

**1. Property marking equipment**

Christy O'Connor to provide an update to the JPC regarding funding requested from KCC for one or two marking units to be managed by AGS at Marts, Fairs, etc. and with Community Groups.

**2. Update on Crime Prevention Schemes (Community Text Alert groups, Neighbourhood watch, farm & business schemes)**

New **Garda text alert** schemes are operational in the following locations:

- Listowel (Feale Drive),
- Dingle.

**Tralee** is in the process of launching and **Killarney & Fossa** also being rolled-out.

The Garda Text Alert scheme works by direct signup with the local Garda in charge and there will be continued promotion of this scheme.

**Recommendations:**

- 1) The Committee recommends that Text alert schemes (BeAlert / Cairde and Garda Text Alert) cover every area of the county aligned with new Community policing areas.
- 2) The committee recommends that data from Muintir na Tire & AGS on BeAlert and Garda Text Alerts need to be reviewed by the new



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Community Safety Partnerships going forward to ensure the schemes are operating effectively.

**Business Watch** & Briefings for businesses in relation to theft in particular is a current priority linked with an Operation and methodology to deal with shoplifting.

### 3. Update on See Something Say Something- review and rollout

**See Something Say Something** is operational in Tralee, Killarney, Listowel and Dingle. Signage work is currently underway in Dingle and Listowel and AGS still intend to roll the system out to other Kerry Towns during 2024 with the new CSP partners. Castleisland, Killorglin, Cahersiveen, Kenmare.

#### Recommendations

1. When established, the CSP should continue to support the See Something Say Something rollout across county and review performance / impact.
2. SSSS should be promoted on social media and in other ways by CSP partners.

### 4. Update on Community CCTV schemes

The scheme in **Killorglin** has recently been serviced and repaired with 5 cameras now in operation. A new Joint Data Controller agreement has been drafted to provide the Gardaí with more direct operational access to the scheme.

Public Consultation on the **Killarney Town Centre Scheme** has been completed. Following this the schemes DPIA has been further reviewed and will now be submitted to the Data Protection Commission for their consideration.

The DPC has indicated that this process will take six to eight weeks.



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Based on DPC feedback, the Killarney Town Centre DPIA will form the basis for future Community CCTV DPIA's which should be significantly quicker to develop.

The CSP's will continue to have a key role in the initiation, approval and rollout of new Community CCTV schemes.

### **Recommendation:**

The committee considered the work that was done previously in Listowel with community and business interests to design a potential high level CCTV scheme and as per the new Garda Community CCTV handbook, the committee recommended that a project team be proposed at the MD to work on the scheme design, budget development, the DPIA, grant funding applications and Garda Commissioners authorisation.

### **5. Active Crime Prevention Campaigns (Spring / Summer 2023-24)**

Roads Policing focus – a big operation will be taking place over the May bank holiday weekend and sustained encouragement by RPU for pedestrians and cyclists to wear Hi-viz & reflective clothing as the weather improves and people get out more.

Crime Prevention Officer Sgt Mike Quirke is busy working with numerous groups around the county and will be supporting national Crime Prevention campaigns over the summer.

Named special Operations are continuing and the public's support is welcome:

- **Thor** – anti burglary
- **Tairge** – theft from retailers
- **Tara** – illicit drug trade