

Fingal Public Participation Network – Community Safety Linkage Group – 28.9.16

Notes

Present:

Ann Mulligan (FPPN and note taker) Angela Rogers, Maria Tormey, Stephen Halpin, Myles Caulfield, Eamonn Price

Apologies:

Kenneth Lindsay, Ray Smyth

Community Reps:

Maria Tormey
Myles Caulfield
Eamonn Price
Kenneth Lindsay
Jossy Akwuobi
Ray Smyth

- There was some confusion as to who had elected to take the notes at the last JPC meeting – hence there were no notes available. The reps need to work together and draw up a rota of note takers. – **TASK:** Ann to send email to reps before next JPC meeting to develop a rota
- Once again the low turnout was discussed – Ann Mulligan outlined that she emailed the Linkage Group members informing them of the work of the Linkage Group and the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) – the email encouraged members to attend and asked that they email their single most important concern in relation to Community Safety – there were no responses – the following are some of the points expressed during the discussion on attendance
 - ✚ How do we attract people – we need to start again, when people register we need to handhold – give them a full introduction to the PPN process – mentor new members – encourage their attendance at Linkage Group meetings by meeting them before they arrive – make them feel welcome and included
 - ✚ People don't know what it is all about – they are not replying to emails
 - ✚ The JPC is a waste of time – there are only 4 meetings a year and most of the meeting is taken up with statistics
 - ✚ The Secretariat should write to the Minister and tell him the process is not working.
 - ✚ People are only interested in their own area – but they are not even informing us of what these issues are
- At a previous Linkage Group it was agreed that Community Policing was a priority – the question was asked – has this been voiced at the JPC meeting?
- We need to find a niche for ourselves – we need to identify some Actions – the following actions were identified – **AGREED:**
 - ✚ **Halloween** – Safety/Education
 - ✚ **Schools** – parking

- ✚ **Community Safety – ACTION:** it is proposed to hold a Community Safety Drop In Session – it would raise the profile of the Linkage Group and also give valuable information etc on community/personal safety etc. Maria/Angela and Ann to work on this.
- ✚ **CCTV –** With reference to the CCTV – it is suggested that the reps try to get the issue onto the next Agenda – the process needs to begin – maybe there could be a Pilot Project – it would need buy in from the Gardaí – **ACTION** Maria will put wording to the motion – email a draft to the other reps then send to Ann Murphy for inclusion on the JPC Agenda.
- The community reps were asked to feed into the Policing Plan – they should do this with the info/concerns/issues etc. identified at the Linkage Group – **ACTION** Maria and Eamon will work on a document and circulate to the other reps for comments/changes etc.