

## **South Tipperary Safety and Security Partnership**

Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel, 05/10/06

*Present:* Jean Nelson, Alice Crowe, Jason O'Donnell Tipperary Town community reps., Breeda Bell, Cuan Saor, John O'Regan AGS, Tipperary, Stephen O'Sullivan, AGS, Carrick-on-Suir, Tess Collins Tenant Liaison Officer, Tadg Browne Tenant Liaison Officer, Caroline Devin, Glencorner Heights community rep., Darren Ryan, Elm Park Residents Association, Pat Kelly AGS Carrick-on Suir, William Leahy AGS Clonmel, Michael Hennebry AGS Clonmel, John McCann, AGS, Clonmel, Una Nugent Probation Service, Sheila Clifford, CWO, HSE, Catherine Meade, Housing Section Co. Co. , Shaun Brosnan, AGS Clonmel, Conor Egan AGS Clonmel, Martin Hayes, Community Drugs Worker, Pat. Clavin, AGS Cahir, Jim Lynch AGS Cashel, Margo Hayes, RAPID co-ordinator Carrick-on-Suir, Mark Ryan, RAPID Co-ordinator, Andrew McMahon CWO, HSE, Breda Corr, Pobal, Hilary Condron CCBDI, Eleanor Prout Clonmel Youth Garda Diversion project, Martin Fennessey Elm Park RAPID, Teresa Roche, Fethard Network.

*Apologies:* Mairead Ryan, Cashel Town Council, Cora Horgan TRYS,  
*Chairman* John Murphy, Probation and Welfare Service.

1) **Introductions and minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting were adopted

2) **Matters Arising:**

Presentations by Superintendent Paul Moran and Mick Hennebry,

- Policing was a partnership between the police and the Community & Enterprise
- There are a number of relevant Garda programmes: The Youth Diversion programme, RAPID, the Restorative Justice programme, Youth Caution programme (children are less likely to re-offend if cautioned three or more months later)
- An Adult Caution programme now in operation for minor crimes such as public order offences which would otherwise take up court and AGS time
- There is a rising use of cocaine and heroin
- Demand-reduction is a multi-agency issue

Comments re both presentations:

- There is an apparent rise in the amount of violence in the home where parents are being threatened by their children, high on cocaine.
- Facilities in estates are needed
- There is a need for treatment facilities for young people
- Under-age drinking is an issue
- Are crimes being reported and if so, are people willing to give statements?
- We need more designated community liaison officers
- What happens when children who have been arrested are released into parental care ? (they can be back on the streets within hours)
- Parents have to take responsibility
- Where is the service for children aged under 18?
- There are psychological issues for youth
- We need integrated planning to deal with anti-social behaviour
- We need parenting programmes
- Bush Drinking in Fethard needs to be tackled
- Community Houses are a resource to be used
- What can be done re Clonmel gangs? And the resulting barriers/gaps between estates?
- Small initiatives can work

- Alcohol is the real issue and alcohol education programmes are needed.
- There is recurrent trans-generational alcoholism
- The police need 24 lab. Tech service for drug analysis and mandatory testing
- Data is a requirement to do any worthwhile assessment

Afternoon Session re: Bonfires, issues raised:

The local authority

- Needs to remove materials
- In Carrick-on-Suir there is no place to get rid of heavy items
- Wheelie bins are now being burnt
- The Environment section is warning garages re tyres being left out
- Has removed materials early on the day of bonfire night
- The Borough Council did a very good job last year
- What happens on a bank holiday Monday ?
- Bonfires are a recurrent problem in Tipperary town
- Donohill landfill will take bonfire waste
- The Fire Service need to be consulted for organised events
- It is illegal to store waste
- The Council will consider sending out postcards warning about the risks of bonfires etc
- The Council, as a landowner does not permit bonfires
- The Environment section will try to organise a meeting of area engineers re bonfires

An Garda Siochana

- Will visit schools and warn re dangers of fireworks
- A new Act makes the possession of fireworks a crime and there are new powers to enter and search
- Last year the GS had a co-ordinated programme of interventions and also in Carrick on Suir

The Community

- Fireworks are now being used as a weapon
- Killenaule organised a special event for the night
- There were 9 bonfires in Clonmel last year
- Parental control is a constant issue
- We need focused attention on bonfires over the weekend in towns outside Clonmel
- We need attention to the follow on season of bonfires

Please note that a meeting of the South Tipperary Safety and Security Partnership will take place in the Council Chamber, County Hall, at 10-12 am on Wednesday 15th November

Agenda

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Review of Halloween events and last meeting of Partnership
- 3 Review of recent article re Joint Policing Committees and formulation of recommendations from this committee
- 4 Review of plan and identification of next action to work on
- 5 Date of next meeting