

South Tipperary Safety and Security Partnership
Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel, 15/11/06

Present: Jean Nelson, Tipperary Town community rep., Marie Walsh Community rep. Carrick-on-Suir, Tess Collins Tenant Liaison Officer, Catriona Crowe, Tenant Liaison Officer Tipperary Town, Margo Hayes, RAPID co-ordinator, Stephen O'Sullivan AGS, Carrick-on-Suir, Jim Lynch AGS, Cashel, John O'Regan AGS, Tipperary town, William Lahy AGS, Clonmel, John McCann, Supt, AGS, Clonmel,

Apologies: Mairead Ryan, Cashel Town Council, Geraldine Mullane, Cuan Saor, *Chairman* John Murphy, Probation and Welfare Service.

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

2) **Review of Bonfires Meeting:**

In Tipperary town:

- While there were a number of bonfires as usual, there had been great co-operation between AGS and the Town Council
- Some smaller fires were continuing to be lit in some locations
- From a Garda point of view, it had been a very quiet time with calls down and less fireworks
- There had been issues in Bansha
- The new foot patrols in estates were very well appreciated
- Tyres were still being burnt in Tipperary

In Fethard

- Bonfire night went well overall with some tyres
- There were issues in smaller villages in the area such as Ballysloe and a serious one in Drangan which was however over-hyped in the media
- There was a Garda patrol car specifically targeting this area and their efforts in relation to 'boy racers' were appreciated

Carrick on Suir

- Was relatively quiet overall, with fireworks being less common and a big improvement generally
- There were some bonfires but a collection of fuel had been done, possibly at a cost greater than expected
- There was the issue of having fuel collected up later in the night ie after 5pm
- There was one serious isolated incident which was thought to have been blown out of proportion
- Collection of old/unwanted furniture more important than white goods
- Halloween is an excuse to get rid of waste
- The Cashel waste management facility is now taking furniture

Clonmel

- Interagency co-operation and policing were praised in Clonmel with only one serious incident. There were 11 bonfires with a constant AGS presence and good networking between agencies. All toxic waste had been removed from the bonfires with the co-operation of those creating the fires
- School visits by AGS were very successful
- Cashel was very quiet likewise with drink being held until the following day in some cases.

The bonfire meeting

- Had been very useful and should be repeated
- Fire Service and Social Workers should be invited next year
- The bonfire meeting allowed for planning and prevention
- Clean-up costs are reduced as is environmental and criminal damage
- A campaign re tyres needs to be done again in September

3 Responses by Partnership to the new Joint Policing Committees

- There should be allowance for senior AGS officers to bring along members who will be familiar with particular incidents or area
- Having several committees per county may lead to duplication
- A committee with only three community reps. will restrict those with direct knowledge of issues from attending.
- It is the experience of the South Tipperary Safety and Security Partnership that more than two meetings a year will be required but it does note the possibility of working in or with sub-committees
- Working in committee on detailed topics requiring inter-agency discussions and commitment is essential
- A committee working on a county level, as with our present one, allows for cross-learning.

The pilot Joint Policing Committees will run to mid-2007 or so with a review in the second half of 2007.

Please note that it is proposed that the next meeting of the South Tipperary Safety and Security Partnership will take place in the Council Chamber, County Hall, at 2.15 – 4.15 in the afternoon (**Note that this is a change from normal**) of Wednesday, 24th of January, 2007

Topic of next meeting:

It was agreed that

'Local Communities and the Local Media, Community Development and Crime' would be the topic of the next meeting:

Draft Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Speaker from the Community on the topic
3. Speaker from the AGS on the topic
4. Speaker from an agency on the topic
5. Invitation to media to reply to speakers
6. Consideration of Action plan and next meeting topic
7. Date of next meeting

Proposed guests: members of the local media