

Meeting 15: The Barbican Centre, William Street. Drogheda

Hubert Murphy was welcomed to the Drogheda Implementation Board, having replaced Robert Murray as President of Drogheda Chamber.

The meeting held on 20th January to which members of all structures of Drogheda Implementation Board were invited to review action delivery to date and plan for 2023 was reviewed. Members felt the event was a valuable exercise. An event report has been prepared for public circulation and a follow up meeting scheduled for June 2023.

A submission to the National Coordination Team (NCT) regarding a Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) pilot initiative in Drogheda is likely to be considered at an NCT meeting on 23rd February.

The need to engage HSE mental health in conversations was noted by both the Policing and Drugs and Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroups. A process for facilitating same was proposed.

Materials relating to the Drug Related Litter Campaign that the North East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force have developed to compliment the impending needle exchange at the Red Door Project were shared. Training will be delivered to An Garda Síochána, Louth County Council and Meath County Council staff to support this campaign.

The Community Crime Impact Assessment is being rolled out with a training session for community contacts, statutory agency representatives and problem-solving group members scheduled to take place on the 7th March.

A scheme for the delivery of a small grants fund of €125,000 was considered and approved. Grant scheme will open for applications 27/02 and close 31/03/2023. Funding of €50,000 will be ringfenced for smaller applications of €2,000 – 5,000 to facilitate smaller groups having access to the fund.

A proposal from Moneymore Consortium/Moneymore Townland Development Company Limited seeking support for the development of Moneymore/Drogheda North Community Hub was considered and endorsed.