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Castlecomer Municipal District Councillors Working Closely with An Garda Síochana

An Garda Síochana is now holding regular meetings with the Castlecomer Municipal District Elected Members. The purpose of the meetings is to build on existing contacts and co-operative arrangements and provide a forum to share and update Elected Members on developments.

At the recent meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 Cllr John Brennan, Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District thanked Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Superintendent Derek Hughes and Sergeant Barry Smith for their attendance and for addressing their issues. He complimented the Text Alert scheme which is a great help in the prevention of crime. He also referred to the local Garda presence in the Area. Cllr Brennan pointed out that *“It is comforting to local communities including rural communities to see the Garda presence in their communities”*.

Superintendent Dominic Hayes highlighted the positive engagement with Elected Members, and the numerous ongoing Community Engagements that are being undertaken in the District. He referred to the establishment of local Policing Partnerships stating that it is intended to build on the existing positive relationships with communities and increase the level of local engagement into the future.

Mary Mulholland Director of Services stated that *“the local authority very much welcomed the Local Policing Partnerships and would work in any way required to support them in their efforts locally.”*

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Pictured at the February meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District

Front Row-left to right: Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Cllr John Brennan, Cathaoirleach, Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Maurice Shortall.

Back Row –left to right: Sergeant Barry Smith, Cllr Mick McCarthy, Superintendent Derek Hughes, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, and Michael Delahunty, Senior Executive Officer.