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## **News Release**

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### **Donaghadee Venue For Next Policing Meeting**

Donaghadee is the venue for the next meeting of the Ards area's policing body.

Members of the Ards District Policing Partnership (DPP) will gather in the town's Community Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the latest policing issues affecting the Ards Borough, as well as to tackle a range of questions about policing which have been raised by members of the public.

"The Partnership's role is to influence how policing develops in Ards and one of the ways we do that is by representing the concerns and views of the local community," said Alderman Jim Shannon, Chairman of the Ards DPP. "The issues under discussion next Monday in Donaghadee and at all our public meetings have a direct bearing on local people's lives and I would like to see more people come along and hear what is being said and to take the opportunity to ask their own questions by contacting us in advance of our meetings."

The main functions of the Ards District Policing Partnership are to:

- Provide views to the police District Commander and to the Policing Board on any matter concerning the policing of the district

- Monitor the performance of the police in carrying out the Annual Policing Plan as it relates to the district and the local Policing Plan for the district
- Make arrangements for obtaining the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the district and the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime
- Act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district.

The next DPP meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7.30pm in Donaghadee Community Centre. Anyone who would like further information should contact the DPP office at Ards Borough Council, Tel: 028 9182 4070.

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#### **Notes to Editor**

1. The public meeting of the Ards District Policing Partnership takes place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7.30pm in Donaghadee Community Centre. A reporter and/or photographer is welcome to attend.
2. For further information contact Ursula Mezza, Ards Borough Council, Tel: 028 9182 4021.