

Local Community Safety Partnership Sub Committee meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership – Steering Group	
Date:	Monday 13 th April 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Wurzburg Room
Attendance Present:	Stephen Kearon Yvonne O’Neill Michael Nicholson Cllr Tom Fortune Cllr Ned Whelan Ciara Martin Superintendent John Fitzgerald Selena McKenzie Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	No
Absent	
1. Declaration of Interest: No	
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting. Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan	
3. Matters Arising: No	
4. Chair's remarks	<p>Since the last meeting, three working groups have been established and have each held their initial meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence • Housing & Antisocial Behaviour • Road & Road Safety <p>A further meeting is being arranged with Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes to discuss ongoing coordination with An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>Plans are underway to raise the profile of the LCSP work with elected members, including:</p>

	<p>Presentations at Municipal District meetings scheduled for May/June.</p> <p>Elected members will be invited to attend the public consultations taking place within their respective Municipal Districts.</p> <p>It was noted that the Local Community Safety Plan will be community-led, with input gathered through public consultation, rather than being written by elected members.</p> <p>The Chair requested that all members take the opportunity to network when attending the Community Safety Event in Arklow on 29 April.</p> <p>In relation to the Open Meeting and Public Consultation in Greystones on 15 June, it was noted that: Attendees will be invited in advance to submit questions they would like addressed at the meeting.</p> <p>It was requested that Garda attend all public consultations.</p> <p>It was also noted that a new Superintendent is expected to be in place by the end of April.</p> <p>Members were thanked for their continued engagement, and further progress across all workstreams is anticipated in the coming period.</p> <p>It was formally agreed and ratified that the working group previously titled "Housing & Antisocial Behaviour" will be renamed "Antisocial Behaviour", on the basis that housing was deemed too broad an area to be covered within the scope of the working group.</p> <p>Proposed : Michael Nicholson Seconded: Cllr. Ned Whelan</p>
<p>5. Coordination team feedback</p>	<p>It was noted that two nominees have been submitted to the National Office for appointment. We are still awaiting an update.</p> <p>The HSE representative appointment remains unresolved.</p> <p>The Partnership is still awaiting on the Service Level Agreement/MoU 2026 from the National Office.</p>

	<p>The first National Steering Group report has been published and circulated to all LCSP members.</p> <p>It was noted that the National Office will hold a meeting in Athlone on 27th May 2026 for all LCSP Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators</p> <p>A youth survey has been developed and is in the process of being signed off.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Safety Fund will open shortly, and it is hope that: Each working group will consider an application to the fund.</p> <p>An update was provided that the Policing Plan is still in development, and a query raised whether the Local Community Safety Partnership could have input into the plan. It was requested that guidance be provided to the partnership on the Policing Plan and how the LCSP sits within it. It was noted that the Policing Plan will refer to engagement by AGS with the LCSP.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the working groups are highly relevant to the development of the Local Community Safety Plan.</p> <p>It was noted that there will be An Garda Síochána representatives assigned to each of the working group. Nominees will be forwarded to the coordinator.</p> <p>It was noted that the coordinator will be presenting to the Local Community Development Committee.</p>
<p>Social media and raising profile of LCSP discussion</p>	<p>It was requested and agreed that the Community Safety Partnership’s social media profile be further developed and promoted, and that members actively share published social media content to maximise reach and public engagement.</p> <p>It was requested that the Community Safety Partnership website URL be shortened, as the current URL was considered too long and potentially a barrier to accessibility and public engagement.</p>
<p>Review of established working groups</p>	<p>It was noted that a Chair and Secretary have been appointed for each of the following working groups:</p> <p>Domestic Violence – Chair: Anne-Marie McMorrow Antisocial Behaviour – Chair: Ruth Donnelly Road & Road Safety – Chair: Stephen Kearon</p>

	Working group reports are to be submitted by Thursday, to allow preparation for the Partnership Meeting on Monday, 20 April.
Public consultations and Launch Event	<p>Preparations are well underway and it was confirmed that six public consultations will be held in May and June.</p> <p>April 29th- Launch Event - Arklow Bay Hotel May 6th Public Consultation, Carnew, St Bridgets Hall May 12th Public Consultation, Baltinglass, The Lawlor Centre May 14th Public Consultation, Bray, Little flower Hall May 19th Public Consultation Newtownmountkennedy, Parkview Hotel, June 10th Public Consultation Arklow, Arus Lorcaín June 15th Public Consultation, Greystones, Kilian House Family Centre</p> <p>It was agreed that questions/issues be categorised to allow for deeper discussion on each. It was requested that table facilitators and note takers be briefed on the quality of note taking, that feedback from the attendees should be robust and evidence based.</p>
Discussion on themes for safety plan	<p>It was discussed and agreed that the themes for the Local Community Safety Plan will be informed and generated from the survey findings.</p> <p>A draft survey was reviewed by the members and feedback was noted. Once amendments made it will be brought to the full LCSP on Monday.</p>
Promotion materials merchandise and clothing for LCSP	It was agreed that the use of a branded gilet would be appropriate to clearly identify Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) members at events and engagements.
Setting of agenda for LCSP	Agenda set for LSCP meeting
11. Members' Interest Items	No
12. AOB	No
Next Meeting	
Date:	<p>May 11th 2026</p> <p>Proposed: Ciara Martin Seconded: Selena McKenzie</p>
Time:	6.00pm

Venue:	Wurzburg Room
Prepared by	Name: Patricia Carmody
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator
Adopted by Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	11/5/2026.
Chairperson Signature	Cllr Tom Fortune

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Stephen Kearon	PPN - Arklow MD	Yes
Yvonne O'Neill	PPN - Greystones MD	Yes
Michael Nicholson	Wicklow County Council	Yes
Ciara Martin	PPN - Wicklow MD	Yes
Cllr Tom Fortune	Greystones MD	Yes
Cllr Ned Whelan	Bray East MD	Yes
Selena McKenzie	IFA	Yes
Superintendent John Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána	Yes

