

Local Community Safety Partnership Sub Committee meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership – Sub Committee	
Date:	Feb 9th 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Wurzburg Room
Attendance	Cllr Tom Fortune Stephen Kearon Yvonne O’Neill Michael Nicholson Ciara Martin Cllr Ned Whelan Selena McKenzie arrived 6.15pm Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan
Present:	
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Superintendent John Fitzgerald
Declaration of Interest: No	
Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting - 12 th Jan 2026 Proposed: Cllr. Ned Whelan Seconded: Stephen Kearon	
Matters Arising: No	
Terms of reference - Adopted	Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Yvonne O’Neill
Standing orders -Adopted	Proposed: Ciara Martin Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan
Ratification of the subgroup's name change and remit to LCSP steering group	Justification: subgroup for the Safety Plan set up at the 4 th Dec meeting. Want to widen the remit of the group to a Steering Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build shared understanding and a unified vision. • Steering group to lead cohesively with consistent messaging. • Strengthen partnership through collaboration and clear direction. • Chair and Coordinator to have one-to-one meetings with Steering Group members initially and then extending to all LCSP members. • Here on in the group will now be called the Steering Group Proposed: Michael Nicholson Seconded: Ciara Martin

<p>Discussion on the creation of working groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth safety schools and opportunities • Roads -Safer streets, roads and micro mobility • Inclusion engagement and communications to include anti racism • Rural well-being and older persons • Enable data evidence and performance (data collector) <hr/> <p>Working Groups to be set up by the LCSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence • Roads & road safety • Housing and anti-social behaviour <p>3 LCSP members max per working group plus relevant experts. Each group to report directly to the Chair at partnership meetings. 5 mins including Q&A Must undertake deeper analysis to identify root causes. Issues must be presented with proposed solutions.</p> <p>Proposed: Michael Nicholson Seconded: Selena McKenzie</p>
<p>Planning public consultations for the Safety Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One town hall per Municipal District. • All LCSP members encouraged to mobilise strong attendance. • Request PPN to email all members promoting participation. • Use empowering messaging to encourage public attendance. • County-wide survey to be developed. All LCSP members to circulate and encourage responses to survey. • Targeted consultations for hard to reach groups. <p>Outreach methods suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stands at supermarkets • Other high-footfall public locations <p>Action: Coordination Team to develop draft survey for next Steering Group meeting</p>
<p>Partnership Vacancies discussion</p>	<p>Suggestions received from LCSP members regarding the vacant seats were circulated and reviewed.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the vacant seats should represent the following areas:</p> <p>Disability Mental Health</p> <p>Proposed: Selena McKenzie Seconded: Stephen Kearon</p>

<p>Review of actions from previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitation options discussed (workshops, survey prep, online stakeholder sessions). External facilitation quotes reviewed. Group agreed it would be more cost effective for the facilitation to be carried out by the Coordination Team/LCSP members or to ask the PPN to assist. List has been compiled of all groups/committees submitted by members
<p>Feedback from the Chair/Coordinator/Administrator session run by the National Office at Dept of Justice on 5th February</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for Justice address emphasised that the core goal is ensuring all communities feel safe and that Community safety is a shared responsibility, extending beyond Gardaí, HSE, and local authorities. <p><u>Key Points from the session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A national strategy is expected by summer 2026 and will inform Wicklow's Plan Effective delivery requires a strong, active steering group, meeting monthly. A key priority is closing the trust gap within communities. New CCTV legislation and updated data-sharing rules are being drafted will expand powers and clarify processes. Regulations for Community Safety Fora have been delayed and are expected next year. Indicative funding of €25,000 from Dept of Justice was noted but not confirmed. Announcement expected in March The Community Safety Fund will be announced for 2026 but will be overhauled for 2027, in line with the National Strategy Task-and-finish groups are viewed as a practical model for delivery. Member training is planned for later in 2026. HSE representation issues are being resolved
<p>Review of roundtable questionnaire feedback from 19th of January meeting</p>	<p>Roundtable feedback provides a strong foundation for work.</p> <p>Themes emerging from feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community policing and neighbourhoods Housing/ Homelessness Drugs addiction and crime prevention Domestic Violence-Domestic family and vulnerability safety

	Action: Bring it to LCSP meeting on 16 th Feb to seek suggested nominees for these areas.	
Members' Interest Items	Online safety info submitted by Stephen distributed. Will be filed and be an agenda item at a future meeting.	
Next Meeting Date:	2 nd March 2026 Proposed: Cllr. Ned Whelan Seconded: Michael Nicholson	
Time:	6.00pm	
Venue:	Wurzburg Room	
Prepared by	Name: Patricia Carmody	
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator	
Adopted by Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	2/3/2026	
Chairperson Signature	<i>Cllr Ned Whelan</i>	
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	No