

**Local Community Safety Partnership meeting minutes**

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Time:	6.15pm
Venue:	The Little flower hall, Bray, Co Wicklow
Attendance	Yvonne O'Neill, Cllr Ned Whelan, Clare O'Connor, Cllr Joe Behan, Peter Nolan, Fiona Creedon, Cllr Tom Fortune, Michael Nicholson, Anne Marie McMorrow, Sharon Carey, Selena McKenzie, Fionnuala Curry, Berni Smith, Cllr Paul O' Brien, Mai Quaid, Ruth Donnelly, Stephen Kearon, Ciara Martin, Fintan Fanning & Berni Smith Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan, Lorraine Dunne Cllr Pat Kennedy arrived 19.45pm Cllr Avril Cronin left meeting 18.30pm
Quorum:	Confirmed
Apologies:	Cllr Jason Mulhall, Aoibhinn McCloy, Superintendent John Fitzgerald
1. Declaration of Interest: No	
2. Adoption of minutes from the 19th of January 2026: Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Cllr Avril Cronin	
3. Matters Arising: No Proposed: Cllr Avril Cronin Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan	
Welcome and Apologies	Cllr Tom Fortune welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies.
Chairpersons' remarks	He advised that a very productive subgroup meeting had been held on 9 <sup>th</sup> February and that the minutes were being circulated for review. He emphasised that this was not a committee but a partnership: a working partnership in which all members are expected to play an active role and have an equal voice.

	<p>He noted that one to one meetings have begun with committee members this week, which was very constructive.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding some of the remarks included in the questionnaire feedback from the round table discussions on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.</p> <p>It was clarified that the questionnaire was completed during a breakout session, where all LCSP members were encouraged to share their perspectives on Community Safety issues.</p> <p>It was explained that the purpose of the questionnaire was to help identify the key areas of concern by Partnership members.</p>
<p>Coordination team feedback</p>	<p>It was noted that Superintendent Rory Sheriff is no longer a member of the Partnership as he has moved out of the jurisdiction. Superintendent Derek Hughes has advised that the new appointee will be nominated to the Partnership as soon as they are appointed.</p> <p>It was also noted that there are ongoing issues with HSE representation, but the National Office has advised that they are working on this, and issues should be resolved in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The group was reminded that a seat had been reserved for a young person during establishment. Comhairle na nÓg have nominated an individual for this position; however, the name cannot yet be disclosed as the appointment must be formally approved by the Minister.</p> <p>Regarding funding from Dept of Justice, it was advised that the ancillary costs allocation is expected to be in the region of €25,000, although this figure has not yet been officially confirmed.</p> <p>A query was raised concerning community members who are unable to claim mileage from their nominating body. Two members indicated that they could not, and this was noted. Wicklow County Council will ensure mileage is reimbursed accordingly.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to complete the survey for the National Strategy on Improving Community Safety and to circulate within their networks. The National</p>

	<p>Office had advised today that the survey had reached almost 5,000 respondents.</p> <p>Updated guidance on CCTV, in line with National Office standards, was received during the week and will be circulated to members in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Regarding the LCSP Facebook page, it was highlighted that we need to increase engagement. All members were asked to follow the page and to share it within their networks to help build visibility and reach.</p> <p>All members were requested to submit details of any organisations, groups and committees with which they are currently involved, which will be collated by the Coordination team for reference during the consultation period for the Local Community Safety Plan.</p>
Ratification of " subgroup" name change and remit to "steering Group"	Proposed: Joe Behan Seconded: Clare O'Connor
Ethics declaration	It was noted that the Ethics Declaration had been circulated to all members, and members were reminded of their responsibility to adhere to the Code of Conduct.
Mission and Vision statement	<p>Following a discussion on both the mission and vision statements it was decided on the following statements:</p> <p>-</p> <p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b>          "To lead and coordinate partnership-based actions that enhance community safety strengthen trust and support the well-being of all communities across Wicklow".          Proposed: Clare O'Connor          Seconded: Stephen Kearon</p> <p><b><u>Vision statement</u></b>          "A Wicklow where every person feels safe, included, and supported. A community built on trust, collaboration, and shared responsibility for a brighter future"          Proposed: Fiona Creedon          Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan</p>

<p>Vacant Seats</p>	<p>Several options for representation were discussed. It was agreed that representatives from the disability and mental health sectors should be considered. The coordination team to connect with the Irish Disability Federation of Ireland to check if they could nomination someone who could represent both areas.</p> <p>Proposed: Ciara Martin Seconded: Cllr Joe Behan</p>
<p>Creation of suggested working groups</p>	<p>Following on from the Steering Group meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb the suggested working groups to be established were put to the members, with no objections.</p> <p>1)Domestic violence 2)Roads and road safety 3)Housing and anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Proposed: Sharon Carey Seconded: Cllr Joe Behan</p> <p><u>Volunteers for domestic violence Working group:</u> Anne Marie McMorrow Fionnuala Curry</p> <p><u>Volunteers for road and road safety working group</u> Mai Quaid Claire O'Connor Stephen Kearon</p> <p><u>Volunteers for housing working group</u> Fiona Creedon Ruth Donnelly</p>
<p>Round table discussion on working groups -issues and representative areas</p>	<p>Members divided into groups to discuss the issues, solutions and suggested areas of representation relating to the 3 working groups being established. The feedback received will help inform each working group.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>It was proposed that the Chair alone would represent the Partnership in all media communications. The Chair confirmed that he would undertake this role.</p> <p>Proposed: Pat Kennedy Seconded: Paul O'Brien</p>

Sharon Carey	Muintir Na Tíre	Yes
Selena McKenzie	IFA	Yes
Cllr Jason Mulhall	Baltinglass MD	No
Fionnuala Curry	CYPSC	Yes
Berni Smith	Tusla	Yes
Stephen Kearon	PPN Arklow MD	Yes
Ruth Donnelly	Business Representative	Yes
Mai Quaid	Older People's Council	Yes
Cllr. Paul O'Brien	Wicklow MD	Yes

Members' Interest Items	No
Next Meeting	Proposed: Cllr Joe Behan Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan
Date:	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Arklow MD
Prepared by	Name: Patricia Carmody
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator
Adopted by Wicklow LCSP	
Chairperson Signature	<i>20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</i> <i>Cllr Tom Fortune</i>

**MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG**

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Yvonne O'Neill	PPN Greystones MD	Yes
Cllr Avril Cronin	Baltinglass MD	Yes
Ciara Martin	PPN Wicklow MD	Yes
Cllr Ned Whelan	Bray East MD	Yes
Clare O'Connor	PPN Bray MD	Yes
Fintan Fanning	Community Representative	Yes
Cllr Pat Kennedy	Arklow MD	Yes
Cllr Joe Behan	Bray West MD	Yes
Peter Nolan	PPN Baltinglass MD	Yes
Fiona Creedon	KWETB	Yes
Aoibhinn McCloy	Wicklow Travellers Group	No
Cllr Tom Fortune	Greystones MD	Yes
Michael Nicholson	Wicklow Co Council	Yes
Superintendent John Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána	No
Anne Marie McMorrow	Bray Women's Refuge	Yes