

First Local Community Safety Partnership meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	4th Dec 2025
Time:	6.30pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Chamber
Attendance	Yvonne O'Neill, Cllr Avril Cronin, Ciara Perks, Cllr Ned Whelan, Clare O'Connor, Fintan Fanning, Cllr Pat Kennedy, Cllr Joe Behan, Peter Nolan, Fiona Creedon, Superintendent Rory Sheriff, Aoibhinn McCloy, Cllr Tom Fortune, Michael Nicholson, Superintendent John Fitzgerald, Anne Marie McMorrow, Sharon Carey, Selena McKenzie, Cllr Jason Mulhall, Fionnuala Curry, Berni Smith, Stephen Kearon
Present:	Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes, Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan, Helen Purcell, Susanne Hall, Lorraine Dunne, Anne Marie Kelly, Máire Halvey 18:45pm Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes left the meeting 19:44pm Máire Halvey left the meeting 20:25pm Helen Purcell and Susanne Hall left the meeting
Quorum:	confirmed
Apologies:	Mai Quaid, Cllr Paul O'Brien and Ruth Donnelly.
Absent:	Lisa Robson
1. Declaration of Interest: None declared at the meeting	
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting: N/A	
3. Matters Arising: N/A	

<p>Welcome and Apologies</p>	<p>Máire Halvey (nominated by the Chief Executive to act as temporary Chairperson until appointment formerly elected) welcomed and congratulated all representatives on their appointment.</p> <p>Apologies were noted</p> <p>Sympathy was extended to Stephen Kearon on the recent passing of his father and his mother-in-law.</p>
<p>Opening address on behalf of the Chief Executive Emer O’Gorman</p>	<p>A letter from the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Emer O’Gorman was read out to the members.</p>
<p>Address from Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O’Callaghan</p>	<p>Máire Halvey introduced a pre-recorded video from the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O’Callaghan and it was played for the partnership members</p>
<p>Address from Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, Derek Hughes addressed the Partnership.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes left the meeting.</p>
<p>Chairperson candidate’s presentations</p>	<p>Both candidates - Fintan Fanning and Cllr Tom Fortune were invited to address the members for a maximum of 10 minutes. Both names were put into the ballot box to determine which candidate presented first.</p> <p>Both candidates addressed the members.</p>
<p>Election of Chairperson</p>	<p>Voting was by secret ballot and overseen by Helen Purcell and Susanne Hall.</p> <p>A total of 22 votes were cast in the first round, resulting in a tie:</p> <p>Cllr Tom Fortune – 11 votes Fintan Fanning – 11 votes</p> <p>Following the Equality of Votes procedure, a second vote was held. Again, 22 votes were cast:</p> <p>Cllr Tom Fortune – 12 votes Fintan Fanning – 10 votes</p>

	<p>Outcome: Cllr Tom Fortune was elected Chairperson.</p> <p>Cllr Tom Fortune assumed the position of Chair and thanked Fintan and all the other members.</p> <p>Máire Halvey left the meeting.</p>
Vice-Chairperson candidate's presentations (maximum 5 minutes per candidate)	<p>Both candidates Stephen Kearon and Selena McKenzie names were put in the ballot box to determine who spoke first.</p> <p>Both candidates addressed the members.</p>
Election of Vice-Chairperson	<p>Voting was by secret ballot and overseen by Helen Purcell and Susanne Hall.</p> <p>A total of 22 votes were cast in the first round, resulting in a tie:</p> <p>Selena McKenzie – 11 votes Stephen Kearon – 11 votes</p> <p>Following the Equality of Votes procedure, a second vote was held:</p> <p>Selena McKenzie – 12 votes Stephen Kearon – 10 votes</p> <p>Outcome: Selena McKenzie was elected Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p>Helen Purcell and Susanne Hall left the meeting.</p>
Adoption of Terms of Reference and Standing Orders	<p>The proposed Terms of Reference and Standing Orders had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting, and the Chair requested a proposer and seconder.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Ned Whelan</p> <p>Seconder: Cllr Joe Behan</p> <p>All members were in agreement.</p>
Establishment of a subgroup to begin work on the Community Safety Plan	<p>The Chair proposed that members would put themselves forward for this role. 8 people volunteered as follows:</p> <p>Stephen Kearon</p>

<p>The nominees were proposed and seconded as follows:</p>	<p>Yvonne O'Neill Michael Nicholson Superintendent John Fitzgerald Ciara Perks Selena McKenzie Cllr Tom Fortune Cllr Ned Whelan</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Joe Behan Seconded: Cllr Pat Kennedy</p> <p>All members were in agreement</p> <p>First meeting of the subgroup was set for 12th January at 6pm.</p>
<p>Members' Interest Items</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Proposed: Cllr Avril Cronin Seconded: Selena McKenzie</p>
<p>Date:</p>	<p>Monday 19th January 2026</p>
<p>Time:</p>	<p>6pm</p>
<p>Venue:</p>	<p>Baltinglass Municipal District (exact location to be advised).</p>
<p>Prepared by</p>	<p>Name: Patricia Carmody</p>
	<p>Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator</p>
<p>Adopted by Wicklow LCSP</p>	<p>19/1/2026</p>
<p>Chairperson Signature</p>	

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 Perks	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
Superintendent Rory Sheriff	An Garda Síochána	Yes
Aoibhinn McCloy	Wicklow Travellers Group	Yes
Cllr Tom Fortune	Greystones MD	Yes
Michael Nicholson	Wicklow Co Council	Yes
Superintendent John Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána	Yes
Anne Marie McMorrow	Bray Women's Refuge	Yes
Sharon Carey	Muintir Na Tíre	Yes
Selena McKenzie	IFA	Yes
Cllr Jason Mulhall	Baltinglass MD	Yes
Fionnuala Curry	CYPSC	Yes
Berni Smith	Tusla	Yes
Stephen Kearon	PPN Arklow MD	Yes
Ruth Donnelly	Business Representative	No
Mai Quaid	Older People's Council	No
Cllr. Paul O'Brien	Wicklow MD	No

Lisa Robson	HSE	No
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