

Local Community Safety Partnership Sub Committee meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership – Steering Group	
Date:	Monday 8 th June 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Wurzburg Room
Attendance Present:	Cllr Tom Fortune (Chair) Stephen Kearon Yvonne O'Neill Michael Nicholson Cllr Ned Whelan Selena McKenzie Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	
Absent	Ciara Martin
Declaration of Interest: No	
Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting. Proposed: Selena MacKenzie Seconded: Stephen Kearon	
Matters Arising: No	
Cllr Tom Fortune, Chair remarks	The Chair noted that there is a significant amount of work to be undertaken over the coming months. The public consultations and public meeting have been widely promoted. A promotional audio clip will be provided to East Coast Radio for advertising purposes. All members involved in forums have been requested to promote the Greystones public meeting and consultation as extensively as possible.
Coordination team feedback	It was confirmed that the National Office has allocated a budget of €35,000, to be utilised by year-end. This funding will support the facilitation of

meetings, development of the plan, publication of the plan, and other necessary related activities.

It was noted that the LCSP is purchasing a property marking device. This initiative is expected to be a valuable tool for the community in preventing theft and assisting An Garda Síochána in returning recovered items to their owners. Training for the property marking device will be delivered, with dates to be confirmed shortly. Community Gardaí have expressed an interest in utilising the device. A total of 30 individuals will receive training, with all associated costs covered by the LCSP.

Two new members were officially appointed to the LCSP by the Minister for Justice on 28th May. Alfie O'Reilly a young people representative (Comhairle na nÓg) and Deirdre Jacob representing a local development company (County Wicklow Partnership). Both appointees have accepted their roles and have been invited to attend the next meeting.

Wicklow LCSP were successful in securing grant funding from the Dept of Agriculture tractor driving safety awareness for children 14 years and older. A training provider is currently being procured with a closing date of Friday, 12 June.

It is being considered that this training session be combined with general safety talks to the participants.

It was confirmed that no application was made to the Community Safety Fund, which was noted to be highly competitive this year. A letter of support was provided by the LCSP to Bray and North Wicklow Area Partnership for their application.

The National Strategy Survey is still under review. A report will be provided to each county from submissions received, and feedback from the survey will be shared.

Social media engagement was noted as being particularly successful in generating high levels of viewership and continues to raise the profile of the LCSP.

It was also confirmed that information stands will be in place at the public meeting and public consultation event in Greystones on 15 June.

	The coordinator reported that she recently spoke with the Chair of Wexford LCSP. During this engagement, they discussed a potentially valuable resource to support the development of the Wicklow LCSP plan. It was agreed by the Steering Group that a consultant would be highly beneficial in assisting in assimilating the data collected through consultations and forming the objectives and actions of the plan.
Review of public consultations and survey progress	Several dates between September and December have been identified for the coordination of information gathering and the development of the draft plan. These dates will be reviewed, with the aim of having the final plan adopted in December. The youth survey has received 265 responses to date, while the adult survey has received 245 responses and has yet to be rolled out more widely.
Discussion of LCSP public meeting & Testing of Slido	A discussion took place regarding the format of the public meeting and the structure of the agenda. A test of Slido was carried out to assess its functionality and suitability for use during the public consultation events in Arklow and Greystones.
Members' Interest Items	No
AOB	No
Next Meeting	
Date:	July 6 th 2026 Proposed: Cllr. Ned Whelan Seconded: Michael Nicholson
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wurzburg Room
Prepared by	Patricia Carmody
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator
Adopted by Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	6/7/2026
Chairperson Signature	

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG – 8th June 2026		
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	No
Cllr Tom Fortune	Greystones MD	Yes
Cllr Ned Whelan	Bray East MD	Yes
Selena McKenzie	IFA	Yes
N/A	An Garda Síochána	N/A