

Local Community Safety Partnership Sub Committee meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership – Steering Group	
Date:	March 2 nd 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Wurzburg Room
Attendance	Stephen Kearon Yvonne O’Neill Michael Nicholson Cllr Tom Fortune Cllr Ned Whelan Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan
Present:	
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Ciara Martin
Absent	Superintendent John Fitzgerald, Selena McKenzie
1. Declaration of Interest: No	
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting. Proposed: Yvonne O’Neill Seconded: Michael Nicholson	
3. Matters Arising: No	
4. Chair’s remarks	A productive meeting of the LCSP took place last week, during which three working groups were established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence • Housing & Antisocial Behaviour • Road & Road Safety An in-person meeting for Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators will take place on 27th May in Athlone.
5. Coordination team feedback	The National Office has advised that the appointment process for new members will be carried out in 6 week tranches. Adopted meeting minutes are now available on our website.

	<p>CCTV legislation: code of practice will require other forms of intervention before funding for CCTV will be approved.</p> <p>Guidance will be issued by the National Office regarding standing orders for statutory meetings.</p> <p>The LCSP National Office survey has received 6,672 responses for the National Strategy, with Wicklow providing 174 responses.</p> <p>Each LCSP will receive feedback on the National Strategy survey relating to responses from their county.</p> <p>There is a possibility that the National Office may provide questions to be added to Local Community Safety Plan surveys.</p> <p>10% of LCSP's nationwide have held 3 or more meetings</p>
<p>Discussion on established working groups</p>	<p>Great feedback was received regarding the 3 working groups from the round table discussions at the LCSP meeting on the 16th Feb.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the objectives of the Working Groups.</p> <p>It was agreed that a set of objectives be developed for each working group and included in their Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Updates and progress feedback will be provided at the bimonthly Partnership meetings.</p> <p>In addition, it was suggested that going forward smaller, issue-specific surveys should be carried out for each working group to support more detailed analysis.</p> <p>It was noted there is a need to filter out and distinguish which issues fall under the LCSP remit, particularly where concerns relate to infrastructure such as roads, hedges, and footpaths.</p> <p>It was further suggested that two separate reports may be appropriate:</p>

	<p>One specifically addressing Local Authority and State Agency issues, and one focused on matters to be considered by the Partnership.</p>
<p>Planning of public consultations for safety plan</p>	<p>It was confirmed that five public consultations will be held in May and June, scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings, using larger venues such as hotels or school and community halls.</p> <p>It was suggested that a Public Consultation be combined with the statutory public meeting.</p> <p>Focused consultations will be planned especially to reach the hard to reach members of the community.</p>
<p>Safety plan content structure</p>	<p>Suggestions for survey platforms were generated.</p> <p>It was suggested that surveys should include multiple-choice questions to generate targeted, actionable data and help pinpoint the underlying concerns.</p> <p>The draft survey drawn up by the Coordination team was reviewed.</p> <p>These surveys should be distributed through the PPN and the Council and by LCSP members.</p>
<p>Planning statutory LCSP meetings - dates and structure</p>	<p>A provisional date of 15th June 2026 has been proposed for the public meeting in the Greystones area (Venue to be confirmed).</p> <p>Members of the public may be asked to submit questions at least 10 days in advance. The media will be in attendance.</p> <p>A meeting with TDs and Members of the Oireachtas will take place in the Wicklow County Council Chamber on 5th October 2026., with questions to be submitted in advance. It was also noted that standing orders may need to be amended ahead of the public meeting. Waiting on guidance from the National Office.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the duration of the statutory meetings will be 90 minutes with the remaining 30 minutes in committee:</p>
<p>11. Members' Interest Items</p>	<p>No</p>

12. AOB	No	
Next Meeting		
Date:	April 13 th 2026	
Time:	6.00pm	
Venue:	Wurzburg Room	
Prepared by	Name: Patricia Carmody	
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator	
Adopted by Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan	
Chairperson Signature		
<i>Cllr Tom Fortune</i>	<i>13/4/2026</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	No
Cllr Tom Fortune	Greystones MD	Yes
Cllr Ned Whelan	Bray East MD	Yes
Selena McKenzie	IFA	No
Superintendent John Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána	No