

First Local Community Safety Partnership meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	19th January 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	The Lawlor Centre, Baltinglass, West Wicklow
Attendance	<p>Yvonne O’Neill, Cllr Avril Cronin, Cllr Ned Whelan, Clare O’Connor, Cllr Pat Kennedy, Cllr Joe Behan, Peter Nolan, Fiona Creedon, Aoibhinn McCloy, Cllr Tom Fortune, Michael Nicholson, Superintendent John Fitzgerald, Anne Marie McMorrow, Sharon Carey, Selena McKenzie, Cllr Jason Mulhall, Fionnuala Curry, Berni Smith, Sergeant Colum Matthews, Cllr Paul O’ Brien, Mai Quaid, Ruth Donnelly, Stephen Kearon.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes Patricia Carmody, Lorraine Horan, Lorraine Dunne</p> <p>16.35pm Yvonne O’Neill arrived 18:52pm Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes left the meeting 18.55pm Cllr Joe Behan arrives at the meeting 18:55pm Cllr Paul O’Brien left the meeting</p>
Quorum:	confirmed
Apologies:	Ciara Martin, Fintan Fanning & Berni Smith
1. Declaration of Interest: No	
2. Adoption of minutes from the 4th of December 2025	
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. He advised that a very productive subgroup meeting had been held on 12 January and that

	<p>the minutes were being circulated for review. He noted that part of the meeting would involve round-table discussions on community safety, and that the feedback would be used to inform the work of the subgroup.</p> <p>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>
Superintendent Derek Hughes	<p>Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes briefed the meeting on crime and community safety in Wicklow, emphasising collaboration with the LCSP, Garda visibility, and support for rural areas. He highlighted successful road safety and youth engagement initiatives.</p> <p>Attendees raised concerns regarding Garda visibility, resourcing, personnel turnover, and station closures, while others commended strong patrols and rapid response times.</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Hughes advised that the LCSP must formally communicate its concerns to An Garda Síochána so they can be addressed. He stressed that AGS will allocate resources to areas identified by the LCSP.</p>
Sergeant Colum Matthews	<p>Sergeant Colum Matthews gave a presentation and broke down 2024 crime statistics for West Wicklow.</p>
Superintendent John Fitzgerald	<p>Superintendent John Fitzgerald gave a presentation on 2024 full county crime statistics.</p>
Anne Marie McMorrow – Bray Women’s Refuge	<p>Anne Marie McMorrow gave a presentation on domestic violence and domestic violence statistics.</p>
Feedback from the sub committee meeting on 12 th Jan.	<p>Patricia briefly reviewed the minutes of the sub-committee meeting. Draft minutes were circulated to members, who were asked to review them and submit any queries/suggestions to the Coordination Team prior to the next sub-committee meeting on 9th February.</p>

	<p>It was proposed that the sub-committee meet monthly and the committee meet bi-monthly from February onwards, as no suitable meeting dates were available in March.</p> <p>Proposed: Claire O'Connor Seconded: Selena Mackenzie</p>
Vacant Seats	<p>Patricia advised that there were two vacant seats on the Partnership and invited members to suggest potential representatives. A suggestion of a representative from the primary education sector was noted.</p> <p>Action: All members were asked to submit suggestions to the Coordination Team for discussion at the next meeting subgroup meeting.</p>
Mission Statement	<p>Clr Fortune asked members to review the mission and vision statements and to consider the suggested wording.</p> <p>Action: Members were requested to bring forward ideas for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
Round Table Discussions on Community Safety	<p>Members were divided into rural and urban tables to discuss community safety issues and asked to complete a questionnaire. The information gathered to be collated and discussed at the next subgroup meeting on 9th February.</p>
Members' Interest Items	No
Next Meeting	Proposed: Selena McKenzie Seconded: Pat Kennedy
Date:	Monday 16th February 2026
Time:	6.15pm
Venue:	Bray MD
Prepared by	Name: Patricia Carmody
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator
Adopted by Wicklow LCSP	16/2/2026
Chairperson Signature	CLA Jan Fortune

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG		
NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Yvonne O'Neill	PPN Greystones MD	Yes
Clr Avril Cronin	Baltinglass MD	Yes
Ciara Martin	PPN Wicklow MD	No
Clr Ned Whelan	Bray East MD	Yes
Clare O'Connor	PPN Bray MD	Yes
Fintan Fanning	Community Representative	No
Clr Pat Kennedy	Arklow MD	Yes
Clr Joe Behan	Bray West MD	Yes
Peter Nolan	PPN Baltinglass MD	Yes
Fiona Creedon	KWETB	Yes
Superintendent Rory Sheriff	An Garda Síochána	No
Aoibhinn McCloy	Wicklow Travellers Group	Yes
Clr 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
Clr Jason Mulhall	Baltinglass MD	Yes
Fionnuala Curry	CYPSC	Yes
Berni Smith	Tusla	No
Stephen Kearon	PPN Arklow MD	Yes
Ruth Donnelly	Business Representative	Yes
Mai Quaid	Older People's Council	Yes
Clr. Paul O'Brien	Wicklow MD	Yes
N/A	HSE	No