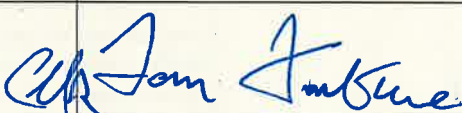


Local Community Safety Partnership Sub Committee meeting minutes

Name: Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership – Steering Group	
Date:	Monday 6 th July 2026
Time:	6.00pm
Venue:	Wicklow County Council Wurzburg Room
Attendance Present:	Cllr Tom Fortune (Chair) Stephen Kearon Michael Nicholson Cllr Ned Whelan Patricia Carmody
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Selena McKenie, Yvonne O'Neill
Absent	Ciara Martin
Declaration of Interest: No	
Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting. Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Michael Nicholson	
Matters Arising: No	
Cllr Tom Fortune, Chair remarks	The Chair noted that there has been significant progress made over the past number of months. Now the focus will be on collating the data from the consultation and ensuring we develop a robust plan. The Chair and Coordinator has presented at 4 Municipal District meetings. Scheduled to present at the Wicklow MD meeting on the 27th July and Bray MD to be confirmed. It is proposed that a presentation is made to the full council later in the year.

	The Chair also reiterated the need to continue raising the profile of the LCSP within Wicklow.
Coordination team feedback	The coordinator raised a query on whether the Partnership could liaise with the Planning Department of WCC on the possibility of adding a Welfare and Wellbeing requirement to the licence for events held in Wicklow. This is a follow on from the Presentation given by Pyscare Ireland at the Community Safety Event on 29th April and their attendance at the recent Public Meeting Decision: - Coordination team to liaise with Pyscare and the Planning Department. Chair of the LCSP will issue a formal request for the licence requirement to be reviewed Proposed: Michael Nichcolson Seconded: Stephen Kearon Peter Nolan, Baltinglass PPN Representative has resigned from the Partnership. The PPN are currently seeking nominations for his replacement. Funding was received from Dept of Agriculture, Food and Marine to provide Tractor Driving Safety Awareness Training to Children 14 years and older. A provider (FRS training Services) has been procured and dates have been agreed 20th and 21st July and more will be organised for August and possibly Sept. Advertising to fill the 12 spaces for each course is underway. It being the summer months is making it more difficult to fill spaces.
Review of Public Meeting and consultations	6. Public consultations are now complete and achieved their objectives. Focused consultations are being organised with Young People, Older People's Council, the IFA, Travellers, new communities and marginalised communities through the SICAP coordinators and more to be planned. It was agreed that we should seek submissions from interested Stakeholders. The Public meeting was well attended and was well received. The article published on Independent.ie regarding the public meeting was noted as being very positive in highlighting the work of the LCSP. The Surveys have received the following responses to date: Youth – 265 Adult – 434 We will let the survey run until end of August.

	A feedback report has been provided by the National Office to every county from the responses provided in the survey for the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety. This report can be used as part of the data set for drafting the Local Community Safety plan. The National Office has advised that Local Community Safety Plans cannot be adopted until the National Strategy is adopted. This will hopefully be by the end of the year.
Discussion on LCSP membership commitment	A discussion took place regarding member participation and engagement. The Chair highlighted the importance of all members contributing actively to the work of the group, especially in preparing the plan, noting that shared involvement helps ensure responsibilities are distributed fairly. It was agreed that, where members are unable to attend meetings or participate on a regular basis, their representing organisations should be informed. This approach will apply equally to elected members and representatives of public service bodies. The Chair will write to members, inviting them to review their current position on the group and to confirm their ability and willingness to participate actively going forward.
Agreement on Safety Plan and Workshops	Decision: It was agreed that a consultant would be procured to draft and deliver the Local Community Plan, with support from the coordination team. The consultant will facilitate workshops with Partnership members to identify and agree the actions to be included in the plan. Funding for the development of the plan is available through the Department of Justice. Proposed: Michael Nicoholson Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan
Property Marking training and roadshow discussion	Property Marking Training has been scheduled for Saturday, 18 July, with both morning and afternoon sessions available. An Garda Síochána (AGS), the Public Participation Network (PPN), and the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA), together with LCSP members, have been invited to nominate participants for the training. It is being considered that Town Teams be asked to nominate members to be trained. Property Marking has the potential to be used as a fund-raising tool for community groups.

	It is anticipated that the LCSP will have a stand at the Tinahely Show, where the Property Marking Machine will be on display. Property Marking events are also being planned for late August and September, allowing these upcoming sessions to be promoted at the Tinahely Show. A suggestion of County Building's car park as a possible location for a Property Marking Event was made.	
Members' Interest Items	No	
AOB	No	
Next Meeting Date:	September 7 th Proposed: Stephen Kearon Seconded: Cllr Ned Whelan	
Time:	6.00pm	
Venue:	Wurzburg Room	
Prepared by	Patricia Carmody	
	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator	
Adopted by Wicklow Local Community Safety Partnership	7/9/2026	
Chairperson Signature		
MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG – 6th July 2026		
NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Stephen Kearon	PPN - Arklow MD	Yes
Yvonne O'Neill	PPN - Greystones MD	No
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
N/A	An Garda Síochána	N/A