



Wexford

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership

Date:	29th January 2026
Time:	3:30pm
Venue:	Wexford Council Chamber
Minute Taker	Ciara Rochford, A/ LCSP Administrator

1. Apologies

Rian Browne O'Neill, Paddy Byrne, Paul Delaney, Gregg Mullen, Lisa Robson, Tom Doyle, Jarlath Duffy, Michael O'Brien, Cllr Joe Sullivan, Cllr Oliver Walsh, Cllr Barbara Anne Murphy, Cllr. John Fleming.

Attendance. See log

2. Quorum

YES 5 Prescribed 12 Non-prescribed

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2025 were approved with no matters arising.

Proposed: Kieran Donohoe

Seconded: Cllr Raymond Shannon

4. Declaration of Interests

None

5. Business required by statute

Phase 2 New Ross CCTV Scheme overview by Noel O'Connell Consultant

Jim Walsh sought clarification if Kilkenny County Council were supplying CCTV coverage within their jurisdiction of the greenway. The Chair suggested that correspondence be issued to Kilkenny County Council to establish whether they currently provide or would consider providing CCTV coverage for their section of the greenway. Liam O' Donovan clarified there is no funding at present for the scheme.

Approval for Phase 2 New Ross CCTV Scheme.

Proposed: Jim Walsh
Seconded: Paula Roche

Action: The Coordinator to request the District Manager to contact Kilkenny Co. Co. to clarify.

6. Members Interests/ Questions/ General Items

(i) The partnership to set up a working group to support awareness initiatives on preventative measures on Domestic Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien and Clare Williams, CEO Wexford Rape Crisis.

Jim Walsh requested that "promote respect" be included within the scope of this working group. This request was agreed by all members.

The following members agreed to participate in the working group:

- Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien, Wexford County Council
- Clare Williams, CEO, Wexford Rape Crisis
- Avril O'Sullivan, Youth Coordinator, Comhairle nan Óg
- Ann Lacey, Resident/ Community Groups Rosslare
- Detective Inspector Roberts (nominated by Superintendent David O'Sullivan)

Action: Clare Williams and Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien to decide who will chair the working group. Terms of reference as outlined in the proposal and to meet at least twice and report back to the Chair before June 25th.

(ii) The partnership to set up a working group to research and recommend new initiatives to prevent rural crime, to reduce the fear of rural crime, and to support and assist with rural isolation.

Paddy Byrne, Muintir na Tíre.

Paula Roche queried if there was any research completed on the topic. The Chair referred this to Paddy Byrne for the next meeting.

While the members expressed general support, it was agreed that this item would be deferred and brought forward as a formal agenda item at the next meeting.

Action: The Coordinator to place this item, on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Reports

Liam O'Donovan gave a presentation on the media and consultation strategy as agreed by the Steering Group.

Kieran Donohoe queried how the process would ensure the marginalised are heard. Liam outlined his engagement approach by meeting vulnerable groups

directly, ensuring balance and inclusivity, and not relying solely on the online portal.

Jim Walsh raised queries on demographics, and it was agreed to amend the online questionnaire by removing “optional” from question 2.

Liam outlined the consultation process would likely begin third or fourth week in February 18th or 25th, with the online portal open for 4 weeks. This will be followed by Town Hall public meetings throughout the County in April/May. A workshop will be held for members on the **25th June** to assess the findings of the public consultation and decide on what priorities will be included in the Safety Plan.

It was agreed for Liam to proceed with the media and consultation strategy.

Liam also gave a presentation on the Pop-up surveys and a summary of the work in 2025 and confirmed some useful statistics.

318 people were surveyed in 2025 on community safety issues.

91% of people felt safe in their communities

The Chair confirmed Partnership documentation and surveys will be uploaded to the Council’s website in the next few weeks. This is in accordance with the guidelines.

Liam also mentioned work completed in Enniscorthy which was a success and thanked An Garda Síochána and FDYS, WLD, Sláintecare, and other stakeholders.

Cllr. Ger Carthy stated there was a lot of positive news and thanked the hard work of An Garda Síochána and other agencies. Cllr. Carthy supported transparency and the results of good work to be publicly available.

Kevin Molloy noted that the statistics and priorities are likely to continue to evolve and therefor highlighted the importance of maintaining ongoing surveys.

In response to a query from Jim Walsh, Liam advised a demographic breakdown of the surveys will be published on the Wexford County Council website.

Cllr Aoife Rose O’Brien requested clarification on policies and domestic violence at the training event ran for Gardai and Housing Officers. Carolyne Godkin advised the training related to legislation only, not domestic violence, and that this matter would need to be addressed at national level.

The chair thanked Clare Williams, Paddy Byrne, and Angela Cassidy for their submissions to the National Strategy on Community Safety.

Action: Liam to proceed with the media and consultation strategy.

Arrange Partnership Workshop 25th June 26

8. Local Community Safety Plan

The Chair requested nominations for a Sub-group to work on developing the 3- Year Safety Plan when the consultation and analysis is complete. This will be after 25th June.

The following members agreed to be in the subgroup:

- Phil Murphy
- Angela Cassidy
- Kevin Molloy
- Sarah Kelly
- Cllr Mary Farrell (Chair)
- David O'Sullivan or Jarlath Duffy
- Cllr Raymond Shannon

To commence after 25th June 2026.

9. AOB

Mary Farrell shared her concerns about Cybercrime. She stated that while this is not overly mentioned in the surveys, it is a real problem that needs to be highlighted as scammers are getting more intelligent.

Superintendent David O'Sullivan noted that they have a widespread social media page which they constantly push out cybercrime educational pieces.

Mary recommended this area should be considered as part of the consultation analysis.

Action: The Coordinator to ensure this topic is mentioned at the June workshop

The Chair thanks everybody for their attendance.

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Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership Attendance Log

No.	Name	Representation	Present
1	Browne O'Neill Rian	LGBTQ+ Minority Groups	N
2	Byrne Paddy	Chair Wexford Muintir na Tíre	N
3	Carthy Ger (Vice-chair)	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
4	Cassidy Angela	Deputy Chair Older Persons Council	Y

5	Delaney Paul	Chair Wexford Drugs Alcohol Task Force	N
6	Donohoe Kieran	Chief Exe. Ferns Diocesan Youth Services	Y
7	Doyle Tom	Chair Wex Irish Farmers Ass.	N
8	Duffy Jarlath	Superintendent An Garda Síochána Wex North	N
9	Farrell Mary (Chair)	Resident / Community Groups Gorey-Kilmuckridge	Y
10	Fleming John	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
11	Godkin Carolyne	Director of Services Wexford County Council	Y
12	Kehoe Brian	Chief Exe. Wexford Local Development	Y
13	Kelly Sarah	Resident / Community Groups Enniscorthy	Y
14	Lacey Ann	Resident / Community Groups Rosslare	Y
15	Molloy Kevin	Resident / Community Groups Gorey-Kilmuckridge	Y
16	Mullen Gregg	Area Manager TUSLA	N
17	Murphy Barbara Anne	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
18	Murphy Phil	Resident / Community Groups Wexford	Y
19	O'Brien Aoife Rose	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
20	O'Brien Michael	Director of Services WWETB	N
21	O'Sullivan Avril	Youth Co-ordinator Comhairle na nÓg	Y
22	O'Sullivan David	Superintendent An Garda Síochána Wex North	Y
23	Robson Lisa	Area General Manager Social Inclusion HSE	N
24	Roche Paula	Chief Exe. Wex Chamber of Commerce	Y
25	Shannon Ray	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
26	Sullivan Joe	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
27	Walsh Jim	Resident / Community Groups New Ross	Y
28	Walsh Oliver	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
29	Williams Clare	Chief Exe. Wexford Rape Crisis, Services for Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based violence.	Y
30	Vacant	Vacant	

Total Membership	29/30	1 Vacant
Total Attendance	17	
% of Members in Attendance	57%	17/30

Signed Mary Farrell
Mary Farrell Chair

Date 28/5/26.

Signed Liam O'Donovan
Liam O'Donovan
Community Safety Coordinator

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