



Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Loch Garman

Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of the Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership (Wex LCSP)

Oireachtas and Public Representatives Meeting

S. 4 (b) S.I. No. 279 of 2025 POLICING, SECURITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT
2024 (SECTION 114) (SAFETY PARTNERSHIP) REGULATIONS 2025

Date:	30 th July 2026
Time:	3:30pm
Venue:	Wexford Council Chamber
Minute Taker	Brian McDonald, LCSP Administrator

1. Introduction and welcome

Chairperson Mary Farrell gave a welcome speech on the Partnership followed by Cllr Bridín Murphy as WCC Leas-Cathaoirleach, Derek Hughes Chief Superintendent AGS and Carolyne Godkin- WCC Director of Services and LCSP Member.

2. Apologies and attendance

Minister James Browne, Verona Murphy TD, Rían Brown O'Neill Wex LCSP, Paddy Byrne Wex LCSP, Brian Kehoe Wex LCSP, Cllr Lisa McDonald, Cllr Pat Kehoe, Cllr Joe Sullivan, Cllr Marty Murphy, Cllr Anthony Donohoe, Cllr Jackser Owens, Cllr Paddy Kavanagh, Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien, Cllr Tom Forde

Attendance. A registration form was circulated for signing as attached.

Quorum. Yes Prescribed 8 / Non-prescribed 12

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 28th May and 25th June were approved with no matters arising.

Proposed: Cllr Mary Farrell

Seconded: Carolyne Godkin

4. Wex LCSP – Progress to date

Liam O'Donovan LCSP Coordinator gave a presentation on the progress of the work of Wex LCSP to date. Questions were raised as listed.

Cllr Ray Shannon Wex LCSP

Cllr Shannon referred to recent reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Wexford town and sought clarification on matters as in his view it was not as bad as portrayed.

Liam O' Donovan gave statistics from the Wex LCSP Public Consultation which supported Cllr. Shannon's opinion as Wexford Town being a safe place to live.

Cllr Leonard Kelly

Cllr Kelly commended the work of the Partnership so far and asked how the working group in dealing with ASB in Wexford Town was formulated.

Liam advised the process was ongoing and he was tasked by the Partnership to make a recommendation on relevant stakeholders to address this complex problem. Liam also advised any interested party present could contact him or the Chair if they expressed an interest to be recommended to the working group. This would then be considered. Liam will report to the September meeting of the Partnership with recommendations.

Cllr Catherine Walsh

Cllr Walsh made a statement on ASB in Wexford town and the need to counter the negative rhetoric online. Cllr Walsh commended the work of the partnership so far.

Liam referred to previous information on how the Partnership will be working on the matters at hand.

Cllr Michael Sheehan

Cllr Sheehan commended the work of the Partnership and requested that ASB working groups be set up in every town in the County and not just on the issues noted in Wexford town.

Carolyn Godkin DoS responded that the Partnership is countywide and that an evidence-based approach shall be used for the Partnership to decide where and when working groups will be established.

Kevin Molloy Wex LCSP

Kevin Molly of the Partnership referred to his links with the Wexford PPN and noted that the Wex LCSP was significantly more advanced compared to other County Partnerships and commended the positive work being done so far.

Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin TD

Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin TD complimented the work of the Partnership and commented on the need for a "Wet Hostel" in Wexford regarding addiction issues. Deputy Ó Súilleabháin welcomed the establishment of a working group to deal with ASB in Wexford Town and mentioned the current nuisance around scooters.

Liam noted the comments on a "Wet Hostel" and explained the working group currently being established to deal with anti-social in Wexford Town will have a

multi-agency approach in addressing issues and all solutions will be explored to address any problems.

George Lawlor TD

Deputy George Lawlor stated that the perception of ASB was a key factor that needs to be addressed and questioned the barriers to efficient CCTV usage by AGS and if the partnership can assist.

Deputy Lawlor also raised the issue of ASB in housing estates, and the council should evict more anti-social tenants.

Deputy Lawlor also stated E-scooters were a bad idea which he had advised from the outset from the implementation of the public transport initiative by WCC.

Liam responded by stating the perception of ASB will be tackled in the 3-year local community safety plan. Regarding CCTV Liam stated the Partnership can make recommendations on the efficient use of the system and extra cameras where applicable depending on funding and adherence to current legislation.

Liam noted the comments on e-scooters and commented on pending legislation to deal with this issue.

Regarding evictions Liam responded by stating decisions to evict tenants are made by a District Court Judge in accordance with the Housing Act 2014 and local authorities must be mindful that this process should only be used for the most serious cases.

Carolyn Godkin DoS stated the Council makes every effort to resolve these complex cases as it can lead to homelessness and other issues.

Cllr Vicky Barron

Cllr Vicky Barron commended the work of the Partnership and sought a copy of the statistics from the public consultation on community safety to counter promote current misinformation about anti-social behaviour in Wexford Town.

Cllr Barron also asked was their conflicts with Area Housing Bodies (AHB's in relation to tenant eviction?

Liam advised the full Community Safety Public Consultation report will be available online when the 3-year Local Community Safety Plan is adopted later in the year. It is unavailable at present as it is still in draft form as part of the overall plan.

In relation to AHB's Liam confirmed the Council works closely with all AHB's in the county and the Partnership has organised training for housing officers in dealing with complaints of ASB and improved the exchange of information process. Liam also confirmed the Partnership set up a Community Intervention Team in dealing with anti-social behaviour in an AHB estate and continues to liaise closely with AHBs.

Cllr Jim Codd

Cllr Jim Codd commended the work of the Partnership and referred to the resources of AGS with regard to high visibility policing. He praised local Gardai and the important work in Taghmon but asked the Chief Superintendent will Wexford be getting more Gardai?

Chief Superintendent for Wexford Division Derek Hughes gave an outline on the Commissioners process on the allocation of new Gardai. The Chief Superintendent outlined previous allocations of new recruits to the Wexford Division and emphasised his preference of internal transfers to the Division of experienced officers to compliment any new recruits. The overall decision of new Gardai to the Division was a Headquarters decision.

Johnny Mythen TD

Johnny Mythen TD sought clarification on the promotion of the Wex LCSP Plan, how perception and fear of crime was to be tackled, accountability on completing actions, and if there were sufficient resources.

Liam advised the Partnership will prioritise its strategic objectives in promoting its work and will tackle the perception of the fear of crime with a communications strategy utilising all platforms including local radio, socials, newspapers, public meetings and the PPN, and will liaise with key agencies advertising Wexford is a safe place to live.

The Plan includes actions allocated to stakeholders including prescribed bodies who are accountable to cooperate with the plan's implementation in accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024.

Liam confirmed the Partnership is sufficiently funded to carry out its statutory functions and various funding streams are available to all stakeholders for community safety projects such as the Community Safety Fund.

Prescribed bodies such as the HSE, TUSLA, An Garda Síochána and Local Authorities must set aside adequate funding in their annual budgets to assist with the functions of Safety Partnerships in accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024.

Chairperson Mary Farrell added that the acid test of progress can be addressed at the next Oireachtas and Public reps meeting in 2027 when a full report will be available.

Jim Walsh Wex LCSP

Jim Walsh Wex LCSP commended the work by the Partnership on the public consultation and noted that implementation of the resulting objectives will now be the challenge. He also commended the public consultation report and the development of a safe play area in Marshmeadows. Jim also sought an update on a previous query regarding the installation of CCTV on the Kilkenny side of the New Ross Greenway.

Liam advised he received confirmation from the District manager New Ross that Kilkenny County Council will be installing CCTV along their administrative of the Greenway. The Chair announced that questions were now closed.	
5. Guest Presentations (i) Kevin Byrne Drug Related Intimidation & Violence Engagement (DRIVE) (ii) Becky Keeley HSE Safeguarding & Protection Team Social Work Team Leader	
6. Oireachtas and Public Reps, Partnership Members, Interests/ Questions/ General Items This matter and all questions were dealt with in item 4.	
7. Date of next meeting 24th Sept. Public Meeting moved from 26th Nov to 25th Nov due to hotel availability	
Next Meeting:	Wex LCSP Meeting
Date:	24 th September 2026
Time:	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue:	WCC Council Chamber

Wexford Local Community Safety Partnership Attendance Log

No	Name	Representation	Present Y / N / Remote
1	Browne O'Neill Rian	LGBTQIA+ Minority Groups	N
2	Byrne Paddy	Chair Wexford Muintir na Tíre	N
3	Cllr. Carthy Ger Vice-Chair	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
4	Cassidy Angela	Deputy Chair Older Persons Council	Y
5	Delaney Paul	Chair Wexford Drugs Alcohol Task Force	Y
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 South	Y
9	Cllr. Farrell Mary Chair	Resident / Community Groups Gorey-Kilmuckridge	Y
10	Cllr. Fleming John	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y

11	Godkin Carolyne	Director of Services Wexford County Council	Y
12	Howley Derval	Head of Service HSE	Y
13	Kehoe Brian	Chief Exe. Wexford Local Development	N
14	Kelly Sarah	Resident / Community Groups Enniscorthy	Y Remote
15	Lacey Ann	Resident / Community Groups Rosslare	Y
16	Molloy Kevin	Resident / Community Groups Gorey-Kilmuckridge	Y
17	Mullen Gregg	Area Manager TUSLA	N
18	Cllr. Murphy Barbara Anne	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y Remote
19	Murphy Phil	Resident / Community Groups Wexford	Y
20	Cllr. O'Brien Aoife Rose	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
21	O'Brien Michael	Director of Services WWETB	Y
22	O'Sullivan Avril	Youth Co-ordinator Comhairle Na nÓg	N
23	O'Sullivan David	Superintendent An Garda Síochána Wex North	Y
24	Roche Paula	Chief Exe. Wex Chamber of Commerce	Y
25	Cllr. Shannon Ray	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
26	Cllr. Sullivan Joe	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
27	Walsh Jim	Resident / Community Groups New Ross	Y
28	Cllr. Walsh Oliver	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
29	Williams Clare	Chief Exe. Wexford Rape Crisis, Services for Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence.	Y Remote
30	Vacant	Vacant	

Total Membership	29/30	1 Vacant
Total Attendance	20	
% of Members in Attendance	67%	20/30

Oireachtas and Council Members Attendance Logs

	Oireachtas Members – 8		Present
1	Browne, James	TD and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	N
2	Brennan, Brian	TD	N
3	Byrne, Cathal	Senator	N
4	Byrne, Malcolm	TD	N
5	Lawlor, George	TD	Y
6	Murphy, Verona	TD and Ceann Comhairle	N
7	Mythen, Johnny	TD	Y Remote
8	Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin TD	TD	Y Remote

	Council Members - 26		
9	Barden, Pat	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
10	Barron, Vicky	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
11	Boland, Nicky	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
12	Breen, Pip	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
13	Browne, Aidan	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
14	Byrne, Patricia	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
15	Codd, Jim	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
16	Donohoe, Anthony	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
17	Doyle, Craig	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
18	Dwyer, John	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
19	Forde, Tom	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
20	Kavanagh, Paddy	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
21	Kehoe, Pat	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
22	Kelly, Leonard	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
23	Kenny, Donal	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
24	Laffan, Garry	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
25	McDonald, Darragh	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
26	McDonald, Lisa	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
27	Murphy, Bridín	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
28	Murphy, Marty	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
29	O'Rourke, John	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
30	Owens, Jackser	Councillor Wexford County Council	N
31	Sheehan, Michael	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y
32	Staples, Frank	Councillor Wexford County Council	N

33	Staples, Robbie	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y Remote
34	Walsh, Catherine	Councillor Wexford County Council	Y

Other persons present

Chief Superintendent Derek Hughes

Kevin Byrne DRIVE

Beckey Keeley HSE

Signed  Date 24/09/2026
LCSP Chairperson Mary Farrell

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LCSP Coordinator Liam O' Donovan