



Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Loch Garman

Wexford Local Community
Safety Partnership

Minutes of the Urban and Rural Isolation Working Group

Date:	21st July 2026
Time:	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Venue:	Block C – First Floor Meeting Room, Wexford County Council HQ.
Minute Taker	Brian McDonald – Wex LCSP Administrator
Attendance	Angela Cassidy, Dep. Chair, Older Persons Council, Paddy Byrne Chair Wex Muintir na Tíre, Sarah Kelly, Enniscorthy Res. Grp. (remote), Tom Doyle Chair Wex IFA, (remote), Thomas Maher Executive Librarian, Liam O'Donovan Wex LCSP Coordinator, Brian McDonald, Wex LCSP Administrator
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Insp. Hipwell AGS, Dymphna O'Connor SEO WCC, Lola Fitzgibbon ALONE.

1. Introductions and Agree Chairperson.

Liam O'Donovan introduced the working group members, and it was agreed Angela Cassidy Chair and Paddy Byrne Vice-chair.

A Quorum of 3 was agreed.

2. Agree Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference agreed.

3. Coordinator presentation on Co. Laois Project.

Liam gave an overview of a rural isolation Dancing & Entertainment project in Laois managed by Michelle Tuohy - Employment & Training Officer Laois Connect.

4. Plan and agree pilot project.

A discussion was held on the proposed participants, transport logistics, event costs and types of entertainment.

Paddy Byrne advised there is 39 Community Alert groups that could assist in nominating and selecting various members of the community.

Liam requested we chose the 5 strongest Community alert groups for our pilot project.

Tom Doyle – IFA suggested their SMS contact system for members could also be used to identify participants.

Sarah Kelly – Enniscorthy residents Assoc. suggested that the ALONE network would also have an extensive contact list that could also be used.

Thomas Maher outlined that the library had a system to contact registered individuals also and could use their socials to advertise the event.

Angela Cassidy advised appropriate & suitable halls/community facilities would be required and the travel time for older and vulnerable people would have to be considered. Also to consider small buses rather than a large coach.

Paddy Byrne advised that October is Muntir na Tíre “Community Alert Month” and this would be an excellent time to hold the initial pilot event.

On the topic of entertainment, Sarah Kelly advised the Templeshannon Choir would probably be honoured to sing at the event.

A further discussion was held on information type resources to have at event.

Actions

- (i) Enquiries on Organisation of Transport and costs**
Liam / Brian
- (ii) Contact with Community Alert Ned Kearney & Healthy Home Officers, and other relevant groups to form list of names and initiate contact and registration.**
Liam / Brian / Paddy / Insp Hipwell

- (iii) Investigate and confirm Event Type/ location & date.
All members
- (iv) Chose entertainment types and source availability.
Templeshannon Choir availability.
Sarah
All members
- (v) To create a suitable name & brand for the event.
All members

5. A.O.B.

N/A

6. Next Meeting

Date	8 th September 2026
Time	2.30pm
Venue	Block C - First Floor, Council HQ
Chairperson	signed 
Wex LCSP Administrator Brian McDonald	signed 

