Leitrim Local Community Safety Partnership Minutes,

2:30 PM, 9th June 2026,

Council Chamber, Leitrim County Council Offices and MS Teams.

Attendance:	17 of 26 members.
Quorum:	Yes
Representation Balance Requirements Met?	Yes

See Appendix 1 for full record of LCSP attendees

Apologies: Vincent Dwyer, Carla Curry, Marie Richardson, Osazuwa Peter-Olabiyi, Kathleen Flanagan, Matthew Conlon, Meryl McGowan, Brendan Kieran, Gerry McGarry

Also in attendance: Angela Waldron (Community Safety Coordinator), Jacqueline McKeon (Community Safety Administrator), Suzanne Duffy (Leitrim County Council)

The Chairperson, Pat Forde, opened the meeting and welcomed the Partnership members. He welcomed Cllr Feilm Gurn, who replaces Cllr Enda Stenson on the partnership. He also welcomed Lynn Stoddart who replaces Cara O'Neill as the HSE representative. The Chair also introduced Angela Waldron as the new Community Safety Coordinator for Leitrim.

1) Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th April 2026 were confirmed and approved.

Proposed by: Padraig Fallon
Seconded by: Sean McGowan

2) Matters Arising

Following the previous meeting, a query was sent to the NOCS office regarding reimbursement arrangements for voluntary members. A response confirmed that travel and subsistence costs for members not claiming through their employer are eligible expenses. The NOCS office has raised further queries with the LGMA regarding the administration of these claims and will provide an update in due course

Alone submitted a request to present at a LCSP meeting and this was agreed at the board. A date will issue in due course.

3) Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest raised at the meeting. The Chairperson reminded Partnership Members to submit their completed Declarations of Interest and signed Codes of Conduct, as some remain outstanding. Members were advised to return the signed documents to the LCSP Administrator as soon as possible.

4) Coordinator Update

Community Safety Fund applications:

The Community Safety Fund is an annual grant programme which redistributes proceeds of crime seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and An Garda Síochána to support innovative local initiatives that promote safer and stronger communities. Grants range from €20,000 to €150,000, with the closing date for applications on 18 May at 5.00 pm.

The Co-ordinator provided an update on applications, noting that two submissions were made by the Leitrim Local Community Safety Partnership: a community-led safety and wellbeing initiative focused on local estates, and a *Safer Nights* initiative.

Members welcomed both applications, noting their positive and preventative focus, as well as their potential for wider rollout across the county. It was further highlighted that the initiatives would have particular benefits for young people and could align with local events.

Linda (HYLS) also outlined a third project submitted under CYPSE, focused on drug education in secondary schools. While the Partnership is not the lead agency, it will act as an enabling partner in supporting delivery.

The LCSP will be notified of the outcome of the submissions in October 2026.

NOCS Conference & Funding Allocation:

The Chair, the Coordinator, and the Senior Executive Officer for Community at Leitrim County Council attended a national meeting in Athlone on 27th May, which was well attended. It was confirmed that €35,000 has been allocated to support the operations of the Local Community Safety Partnership in 2026

Partnership Members consultation:

An overview was provided of the Partnership Facilitation Workshop, which highlighted that community safety extends beyond crime prevention to include wellbeing, inclusion, social connection and quality of life. Key guiding principles included community participation, prevention and early intervention, collaboration, and long-term sustainability.

The main safety challenges identified included substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, digital harms, transport and accessibility issues, social isolation, and mental health and wellbeing.

Public Consultation: Survey & Focus Groups:

Members were advised that the public consultation process is ongoing, including surveys and focus groups, with strong engagement to date and over 600 responses received. Key issues identified include online safety, community connection, drug and alcohol use, crime and personal safety, and road safety. Targeted consultation

has also been undertaken with key groups to ensure a broad and inclusive range of perspectives.

It was noted that there is strong alignment between the priorities identified by the public and those identified by the Partnership, providing a solid evidence base for the development of the Community Safety Plan.

Members queried the age profile of respondents and whether there was representation from young people. The Co-ordinator confirmed that schools had been surveyed and the consultation had been circulated through CYPSE and youth organisations such as Foroige and North Connaught Youth Services (NCYS).

Members highlighted concerns in relation to social media, noting its impact particularly on young people and the need for youth spaces and the sharing of school facilities. They also raised concerns regarding isolation among older people. Members also noted the issue of late-night traffic noise in towns at weekends, placement of speed vans, and CCTV funding.

5) Proposal of Working Group

It was agreed that a smaller, focused working group will be established to progress the development of the Community Safety Plan. Members of the working group will be required to commit to regular attendance, actively contribute to shaping the Plan, and support implementation through their respective organisations.

Expressions of interest were sought from members of the Committee, who were invited to submit their interest via email to the Coordinator.

6) Members Interest Items

No Members Interest Items were received before the meeting.

7) Correspondence

No correspondence was received

8) Any Other Business

The Committee was informed of a request for funding to support a collaboration between CYPSC, Healthy Leitrim and Foróige on a two-pronged online safety campaign targeting young people and parents, with young people directly involved in developing the content. Following discussion, a recommendation was made to approve funding of €1,000 for the initiative.

Proposed by: Cllr Gary Prior
Seconded by: Cllr Maeve Reynolds

It was noted that members consider Garda representation at each meeting to be important, members queried whether guidance could again be sought from the NOCS office regarding the attendance of an alternative representative from agencies if the nominated person is unable to attend.

9) Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Leitrim Local Community Safety Partnership will take place on Tuesday, 8th September at 2:30pm, in the Council Chamber, Leitrim County Council Offices and MS Teams

Prepared by: Jacqueline McKeon

Community Safety Administrator

Adopted by Leitrim Local Community Safety Partnership: 8 / 9 / 26

Chairperson Signature: _____

Pat Forde

Appendix One –

Members Attendance Log - Tuesday 9th June 2026

Name	Representative Body	In Attendance?
Sean McGowan	County Councillor	Yes
Maeve Reynolds	County Councillor	Yes
Feilim Gurn	County Councillor	Yes
Brendan Barry	County Councillor	Yes - online
Gary Prior	County Councillor	Yes
Mary Bohan	County Councillor	Yes - online
Padraig Fallon	County Councillor	Yes
Vincent Dwyer	Local Authority Executive	No
Carla Curry	Policing & Security	No
Lynn Stoddart	Health Service	Yes - online
Marie Richardson	Child & Family	No
Tracey Mitchell	Drug Services	Yes - online
Osazuwa Peter-Olabiyi	Local Resident Representative	No
Kathleen Flanagan	Local Resident Representative	No
Bernie Mulligan Dolan	Local Resident Representative	Yes
Matthew Conlon	Local Resident Representative	No
Joe Rynn	Youth Representative	Yes - online
Meryl McGowan	Minority	No
Chris Gonley	Social Inclusion Sector	Yes
Linda Halstead	Education Representative	Yes
Brendan Kieran	Business Representative	No
Pat Forde (Chairperson)	Ministerial Nominee	Yes
Hazel Humphreys	Older Person Representative	Yes
Gerry McGarry	Rural Interest Representative	No
Charlotte McCloat	Victims Of Crime	Yes - online
Mick O'Rourke	Sports Representative	Yes - online

Total Membership	26 (+4 vacancies)	4 Vacancies
Total Attendance	17	9 Apologies
% of Members in Attendance	65.38%	17/26