

Local Community Safety Partnership Meeting Minutes

Date: 31/03/2026	Time: 4pm	Location: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Drogheda
In Attendance	Paddy McQuillan, Michelle Hall, Robert Nash, Ann Larkin, Catriona Sinnott, Andy Ogle, Hubert Murphy, Micheal Muckian, Kevin Moran, Eugene Conlon, Susan Keogh, Andrew Watters, Charlie Armstrong, Jim Tenanty, David Conway, Nasir Yasin Remote: Niamh Quinn, Brian Murphy, Ciaran Reid	
Apologies:	Sean Kelly, Andrea McKevitt, Siobhan Molloy, Joe Grogan, Gerry Melia, Josh Challoner, Joseph Ruane, Cathal Grant	
Conflicts of Interests Declared	Name	Point of Conflict
	NONE DECLARED	
Non-Partnership Member Attendees:		
Reports shared prior to meeting:	None	
Adoption of Minutes from last meeting	Proposed by Paddy McQuillan Seconded David Conway	
Matters Arising	None	
Correspondence Shared	<u>Operation Encompass Pilot</u> Therese McArdle briefed the group on the pilot Operation Encompass initiative in Drogheda. A request was made for a member of the LCSP to sit on the steering group. A description of requirements for the individual will be circulated and anyone wishing to sit on steering group can nominate themselves. This was welcomed by the group; the positive nature of the Operation Encompass initiative was commended by members. AGS will have a dedicated Domestic Violence unit to support the delivery of this project.	

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	<u>CCTV</u> Paddy McQuillan raised correspondence received from Trevor Connolly Drogheda BIDS office, requesting CCTV to address ongoing thefts and general ASB on Meat Market Lane, Drogheda. AGS referred to ongoing public consultation and national strategy review for CCTV to develop a new code of practice and standard operating procedures for use of CCTV in public spaces. AGS acknowledged that there are currently two systems in operation in Drogheda town centre: a Garda town-based system and a Louth County Council system. Robbie Nash asked if there is a CCTV system in operation in Dundalk? AGS confirmed that there is a town-based system for Dundalk monitored in Dundalk Garda station.
Member Interest Items	
2.1 Gender Balance of LCSP	Hubert Murphy stated that Drogheda & District Chamber had raised an observation on the gender balance within the makeup of the LCSP. The Chair acknowledged the observation and assured members that this will be considered when forming LCSP subcommittees.
2.2 Anti Social Behaviour in Social Housing	Niamh Quinn highlighted a recent media report on Anti-Social Behaviour in social housing estates in Co Louth and queried if LCSP could address the issue. David Conway responded that this is an area LCC is actively engaged with to try and resolve, a Strategic Policy Committee is currently reviewing structures and processes to address ASB within social housing tenancies. The strategy will be finalised by October 2026. Robbie Nash: stated that ASB is an issue for his constituents, he also acknowledged how LCC have a cycle of eviction due to ASB to homeless to accommodation again Paddy McQuillan: acknowledged that the strategy is needed for dealing with ASB. Raised issues of e-vehicles and asked if these vehicles could be seized.

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	AGS responded that it's difficult to identify individuals and vehicles can be seized if ASB or drug related issues are involved. David Conway asked if an early intervention program an option to resolve the issue. Paddy McQuillan highlighted that the programmes have been successful in the past to steer future generations away, however the current issue needs to be addressed with the individuals. Eugene Conlon asserted that the community know these individuals, and they can report them through proper channels to get the issue addressed by Gardai, and the purpose of the LCSP is to empower communities to address issues they are experiencing to feel safer. Andy Ogle encouraged all members to take part in drug related issues training
2.3 DIB Chair to address LCSP	Brian Murphy proposed that the previous chair of Drogheda Implementation Board Michael Keogh would be willing to present to the LCSP on the key findings from the implementation of the plan in Drogheda. Seconded by Cllr Michelle Hall
2.4 Youth work director LMETB to speak to LCSP as a key stakeholder	Brian Murphy proposed inviting a director from Further Education and Training from LMETB to brief the committee on work to give context to the stakeholder engagement for the Youth Plan. LMETB would see the Committee as a key stakeholder Seconded by Cllr Paddy McQuillan
2.5 Crime Statistics	Michelle Hall raised that it is more than two years crime statistics have been shared Jim Tenanty added that there is an information vacuum since the JPCs were stood down Charles Armstrong responded that crime statistics will be presented on request in relation to specific actions only and will be for the LCSP only and are not for general circulation. David Conway highlighted how statistics would be beneficial to guide the development of the strategy.

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2.6 Enablers from pilot CSPs	Eugene Conlon raised the enablers from the three pilot CSPs and how we can apply them to the LCSP. Pearse McGough suggested that actions from JPC plans for could be considered as guidance with the new LCSP strategy David Conway proposed that the executive would plan for the procurement of an external consultant to gather data for the Louth CSP strategy. Seconded Andrew Watters	
2.7 DSGBV Forum	Ann Larkin proposed that a subgroup on DSGBV should be established. She highlighted how the ASB/drug related issues are often the root cause of the risk to safety at home. Proposed Ann Larkin Seconded Nasir Yasin	
2.8 Crime prevention Day	Micheal Muckian proposed that crime prevention days, including property marking projects, are organised throughout the county, as it would assist in getting the LCSP highlighted in the community. AGS are fully supportive of this initiative and will provide support. Proposed Micheal Muckian Seconded David Conway	
Decisions and/or actions	Action	Person Responsible
Operation Encompass	Brief on the role to be sent to members	Therese McArdle
Training on Drug related intimidation	Attend training – Andy will forward training information to partnership members	Andy Ogle
Micheal Keogh to address group at next meeting	Approved	Brian Murphy
Director of Further education to present at next meeting	Approved	Brian Murphy
Procure Contractor to facilitate Data Collection	Source Contractor	Therese McArdle
DSGBV Forum	Create subgroup for DSGBV	Nasir Yasin

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Crime prevention Day	Organise multiple crime prevention days throughout the county	Micheal Muckian
Community Safety Strategy	Establish a subgroup to oversee development	Nasir Yasin
Replacements of AGS reps on the LCSP	Correspond with the Department of Justice on behalf of the Partnership	Therese McArdle
Vote taken for	Yes count	No count
NO VOTES TAKEN		
Any Other Business	Subgroup for Community Safety Strategy Jim Tenanty proposed we establish a subgroup for the development of the community safety strategy Chair: the pilots worked very well, we will use what they have learned and what worked but will tailor to Louth specifically. Proposed Cllr Jim Tenanty Seconded Chair Nasir Yasin	
AGS replacement representatives	The representatives from AGS will be stepping down from the LCSP soon. Members thanked them for their help and service to Louth.	
Next Meeting Date 26 th May 2026	Location The Market House Main St. Dunleer Co. Louth	Time 4pm

Minutes Adopted NASIR YASIN Date 26-05-2026

