



Meeting Minutes

Roscommon Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	20/05/2026
Time:	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Venue:	Loughnanane Suite, Roscommon County Council

Attendance	
Quorum:	YES
Apologies:	Stephen O'Hara – Education Representative Cllr Leah Cull – Elected Member Cllr Tom Crosby – Elected Member
Absent:	Gerry Gacquin Eamon Hannan – HSE Representative Veronica Barrett – Older People's Representative
The Chair opened the meeting and thanked members for attending.	
1. Declaration of Conflicts of interest	
The conflicts of interest statement was read aloud by the administrator, there were none arising.	
2. Apologies	
Apologies, as listed above, were noted.	
3. Adoption of minutes of last meeting - 11/03/2026	
The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 were adopted.	
Proposed: Kathleen Shanagher	
Seconded: Bernie Kearney	
4. Matters Arising	
None arising	
5. Review of Standing Orders	
The Administrator highlighted suggested additions to the Standing Orders. It was noted that these additions were proposed to facilitate the smooth running of both Elected Members' meetings and Public Meetings, as there was minimal reference to these meetings in the NOCS template Standing Orders.	



Further guidance in relation to public meetings and the closed meeting for elected members is pending from the NOCS.

- Change to point 15 (g) which stated - "Only the questioner to be allowed to ask one supplementary question at the meeting"

The following change was proposed - "Questioners may seek a point of clarification specific to their question only following the response provided"

Proposed Cllr Emer Kelly

Seconded Cllr Valerie Duffy

- Point 4 date stating date of meeting "Wednesday 13th May 2026" be amended to reflect the change of meeting being held on Wednesday 20th May 2026.

Proposed: Rory Doyle

Seconded: Cllr Emer Kelly

- Par 39 to be amended to include AOB as an item and submitted to chair in advance of meeting.

Proposed: Rory Doyle

Seconded: Cllr Valerie Duffy

- The adoption of the Standing Orders

Proposed: Cllr Emer Kelly

Seconded: Cllr Valerie Duffy

6. Presentation on Current Crime Statistics – Superintendent James O’Leary

- Supt. James O’Leary gave a presentation in relation to the most up to date crime statistics which were presented from the Garda Síochána Analysis Service and the Pulse system.
- Local crime statistics for county Roscommon tended to trend downwards on the national average. It was however acknowledged that these systems only recorded reported crime.
- A discussion took place around money laundering and in particular students being preyed as money mules by criminals seeking to launder money. It was suggested that this would be a very relevant issues and should be considered in the development of our safety plan going forward. The advent of social media and real time mobile banking accounts is a contributory factor in this type of crime.
- It was acknowledged that awareness needs to come from the youth at a ground level, Felicia Loughrey commended the work of the local youth services and the great influence they have on young people.
- A discussion took place in relations to Garda presence and visibility. Superintendent O’Leary acknowledged this is an issues but stressed that resources are extremely tight and at times his staff are in court or dealing



with non-crime issues for instance after 5pm many services such as mental health services, are closed for the day and often fall to the Gardai to respond to issues. Reports are prioritised and priorities have to be dealt with which can often delay calls to non priority issues.

- Shereen Elsabbagh raised the issue of language barriers in reporting crime, Superintendent O'Leary informed her that the Gardai use Google Translate where appropriate and have access to a 24/7 translator service when needed.
- Louise Moran acknowledged the outstanding work undertaken by the Community Garda, particularly in their engagement with the local community and young people. This commendation was fully endorsed by the broader partnership.
- The Chair invited Micheál Durcan to deliver, or arrange for the delivery of, a presentation on the issues of drugs and intimidation at the next meeting, with the aim of informing and educating members on the issues being dealt with. The Administrator will liaise with Micheál regarding this.

7. Members interest items- Schools & road Safety concerns

- Rory Doyle spoke in relation to road safety issues at a number of schools in Roscommon. He referred to a walkability audit completed by St Patrick's Boys' National School in Strokestown and proposed that an action within the Community Safety Plan should be to support schools in completing such audits.
- When the speed limit is 60Km but the traffic is not slowing down around the schools, more needs to be done. Rory hailed the speed bumps in Cloontuskert as a success.
- The Chair acknowledged that looking at preliminary statistics from our public consultations road safety was coming in as a high concern for the general public and it potentially will be something that will have to be actioned on in the plan.
- Standing Orders were suspended due to time constraints (8.00pm).
Proposed: Cllr Ruth Kelly
Seconded: Cllr Duffy.

8. Update – Niamh Duffy, LCSP Administrator

- Niamh gave her update/presentation on the recent public consultations, surveys and focus groups.
There were 3 public consultations, 9 focus groups and a countywide online survey which was also available in hard copy in public libraries for 5 weeks.
- 477 responses were received from the recent survey and various graphs on this were presented and discussed.



- Niamh to circulate her press release following the meeting to include the fact that we are analysing our data collected.
- More presence on Social Media was suggested.
- It was suggested a discussion in relation to Social Media will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. AOB

- There is now a vacancy of Youth Representative as Louise Moran is moving from the Youth Representative to the TUSLA representative. The filling of this seat was discussed in terms of an actual young person representative or a representative that works with young people. On this occasion due to child safeguarding, it was agreed that the partnership would opt for a representative that works with young people as opposed to a young person themselves.
- It was proposed that an actual young person as well as a group representative could be considered with safety guidelines to be considered down the line of the partnership.
- It was agreed that an expression of interest open to all youth organisations would be the fairest way going forward.

Proposed: Rory Doyle

Seconded: Bernie Kearney.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday 8th July, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Aras an Chontae, Roscommon

Prepared by: Suzanne Coleman/Niamh Duffy

**Adopted by Roscommon Local
Community Safety Partnership**

8/7/26

Chairperson Signature

Paschal Fitzmaurice





MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body
Bernard Kearney	Muintir Na Tire Representative
John Macklin	Local Residents
Superintendent James O'Leary	An Garda Siochana
Cllr Emer Kelly	Elected Member
Cllr Pascal Fitzmaurice	Elected Member
Joseph Egan	Local Resident
Cllr Valerie Duffy	Elected Member
Felicia Loughrey	Social Inclusion Representative
Louise Moran	Youth Representative
Shereen Elsabbagh	New/Minority Communities Representative
Marty McDermott	Elected Member
Chris Flynn	Director of Services, RCC
Miriam Gunn	IFA Representative
Ruth Conboy	Elected Member
Andrew Reynolds	Business Representative
Rory Doyle	Local Resident
Samuel Brookes	Local Resident
Paul Cormican	Disability Representative
Micheal Durcan	WRDATF Representative
Kathleen Shanagher	Roscommon Sports Partnership Representative
Niamh Duffy	LCSP Administrator, RCC
Fiona Ni Chuinn	Senior Executive Officer, RCC
Suzanne Coleman	Clerical Officer, RCC



