



Meeting Minutes

Roscommon Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	08/07/2026
Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue:	Loughnaneane Suite, Roscommon County Council

Attendance	
Quorum:	YES
Apologies:	Eamon Hannan – HSE Representative Miriam Gunn – Irish Farmers Association John Macklin – Local Residents Paul Cormican – Brothers of Charity Disability Representative Cllr Marty McDermott – Elected Representative Chris Flynn – Director of Services, RCC Cllr Ruth Conboy – Elected Representative Veronica Barrett – Older People's Representative Bernard Kearney – Muintir na Tíre Fiona NiChuinn – Senior Executive Officer, RCC
Absent:	Stephen O'Hara – Education Representative Gerry Gacquin

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked members for attending.

1. Adoption of minutes of last meeting - 20/05/2026

Proposed: Rory Doyle

Seconded: Felicia Loughrey

2. Matters Arising

None arising.

3. Apologies – Apologies, as listed above, were noted.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The conflicts of interest statement was read aloud by the Administrator, there were none arising.



5. Administrator update

- The LCSP's have received confirmation that funding of €35,000 will be made available to each Local Community Safety Partnership in the coming weeks. This funding must be fully expended by the end of 2026.
- The process of procuring a specialist consultant to analyse the data collected during the public consultation phase and assist with the development of the plan is currently underway. Requests for quotations (RFQs) have been issued and submissions will be evaluated once all quotations have been received.
- The LCSP, in partnership with An Garda Síochána, has arranged for the Lifesaver Programme to be delivered to summer students working in Roscommon County Council. Virtual reality headsets will be used as part of the programme to simulate a road traffic collision.
- The National Office of Community Safety has advised that local community safety plans should not proceed to the next stage until the National Community Safety Plan has been formally launched. This is expected to be launched early Q4.

6. WRDATF (Western Region Drugs Alcohol Task Force) report by Michéal Durcan

- Cannabis, cocaine, and alcohol were identified as the primary substances currently being used. It was highlighted that addiction and mental health issues are often closely linked, with some individuals experiencing difficulties accessing appropriate supports in both areas.
- Drug-related intimidation continues to be a significant concern within communities and remains a key issue requiring ongoing attention. It is found to be under reported.
- Greater utilisation and promotion of family support services was identified as an area for consideration.



- It was noted that communities are experiencing increasingly diverse support needs, including a growing prevalence of trauma-related issues, resulting in additional demands on local services.
- The National Drugs Strategy is expected to be launched in September, it is expected that this will have more of an emphasis on prevention rather than treatment.
- Positive developments noted included improved interagency collaboration, recovery initiatives, trauma-informed practice, and the valuable role of family support and peer support services
- Michéal proposed that one Partnership meeting each year be dedicated to a focused discussion on issues relating to drugs and alcohol.

(To be considered as part of future meeting planning)

Proposed: Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice

Seconded: Cllr Leah Cull

7. Approval of Youth Representative Nomination

- Members were advised that one nomination had been received for the position of Youth Representative.
- The nomination submitted by Ann Marie Regan, Area Manager with Foróige, was considered by the Partnership.
- The Partnership approved the nomination of Ann Marie Regan, subject to ratification by the Department of Justice.

Proposed: Kathleen Shanagher

Seconded: Rory Doyle

8. Adoption of Revised Standing Order:

- There were no amendments to the standing orders.
Proposed: Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice
Seconded: Michéal Durcan
- A discussion took place regarding the next meeting of 9th September and it was decided that this will be the mandated closed meeting for Elected Representatives.



- It was agreed that LCSP members would meet first at 5.00 p.m. to finalise any outstanding items before the meeting of Elected Members commenced at 6.00 p.m. for 9th September.

Proposed: Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice

Seconded: Joe Egan

- Regarding the meeting scheduled for the 11th November it was decided this would be the mandated public meeting and the same times as the Elected Members would apply.

Proposed: Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice

Seconded: Joe Egan



9. Social Media

- The topic of social media had been raised previously and some members had sought clarity in relation to same. To clarify the position regarding social media, the Administrator and Fiona Ni Chuinn met with Caitlín Conneely, Director of Services, Climate Action, Environment, Resources, People and Athlone MD Manager. It was noted that governance arrangements apply to staff and Elected Members in relation to corporate social media use; however, there is no governance framework in place for the private social media accounts of LCSP members.
- The Administrator acknowledged and appreciated members' efforts to raise awareness of the LCSP through social media but asked members not to share private or sensitive matters discussed at LCSP meetings on social media, as doing so could interfere with the work of the Partnership or the role of individual representatives participating in it. There is an agreed press release issues after each meeting.

10. Correspondence

- Members considered correspondence received from Brendan Cunningham, Managing Director of MapAlerter.ie, regarding a countywide text alert solution for Community Alert and Neighbourhood Watch groups. The correspondence outlined how the platform is currently used by a number of local authorities, including in Leitrim, Longford and Monaghan, and highlighted potential benefits such as centralised administration, Garda access to issue alerts, countywide reporting capabilities and multi-channel delivery of alerts. Brendan Cunningham also offered to provide a Teams/Zoom presentation or attend a future LCSP meeting to demonstrate the system.
- The Administrator confirmed that Roscommon County Council already uses the MapAlerter platform for certain services and that the cost of expanding its use may therefore be relatively low but this would have to be confirmed. Any proposal to proceed would require engagement with Council management.



- Superintended O'Leary from his knowledge of the system that An Garda Síochána input directly into the system. He agreed to seek further clarification and provide feedback at the next meeting on how the platform is operating in Leitrim.
- Louise Moran expressed concern that a countywide digital platform could reduce some of the community engagement associated with traditional Text Alert groups. Cllr Duffy suggested consulting existing Text Alert groups, while Cllr Kelly proposed inviting representatives of those groups to the next public meeting. It was agreed that the matter would be revisited at a future meeting.

11. AOB

- There was none

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday 9th September, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00pm

Venue: The Abbey Hotel

Prepared by:

Suzanne Coleman/Niamh Duffy

**Adopted by Roscommon Local
Community Safety Partnership**

19/8/26

Chairperson Signature

Paschal Fitzmaurice



Roscommon

LOCAL COMMUNITY
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body
Cllr Tom Crosby	Elected Member
Superintendent James O'Leary	An Garda Siochána
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	TUSLA
Shereen Elsabbagh	New/Minority Communities Representative
Andrew Reynolds	Business Representative
Rory Doyle	Local Resident
Samuel Brookes	Local Resident
Michéal Durcan	WRDATF
Cllr Leah Cull	Elected Member
Kathleen Shanagher	Roscommon Sports Partnership Representative
Niamh Duffy	LCSP Administrator, RCC
Suzanne Coleman	Clerical Officer, RCC



