

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held at 11am on 27 May 2024

Hybrid Meeting in Council Chamber, Longford County Council and MS Teams

Attendance	17 of 29
Quorum met?	Yes
Representation Balance Met?	Yes 53% Community 47% Statutory

See Appendix 1 for full record of LCSP attendees.

Apologies: Cllr P.J Reilly, Brigid Power, Gráinne O Donnell, Superintendent Seamus Boyle, Adrian Greene, Cllr Paul Ross, Cllr Uruemu Adejinmi, Cllr Peggy Nolan, Cllr Colin Dalton, Orla Egan, Luke Casserly, Jim Belton

Also in attendance: Sgt James Rowan, Jacqueline McKeon (LCSP Admin), Ciaran Murphy (Longford County Council)

Chairs Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members in attendance, and noted the apologies. There was a significant number of apologies and it was noted that due to this, it was preferable not to make any binding decisions. It was also noted that the meeting was very close to the Local Elections, and the Chair wished all candidates well.

Declaration of Interests

No members declared an interest at the start of the meeting. The Chair advised that if any conflict of interest became apparent during the course meeting that members declare it and excuse themselves from the relevant discussion.

1. Confirmation of minutes 18 December 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 December 2023 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Gerry Warnock, seconded by Antoinette Kinsella.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. LA16 Status Report (Re Road Traffic Incident Fatalities)

The Chair advised that no report had been furnished in respect of LA16 Status Report for 2024 to date and it is likely to come in for the next meeting. It was agreed to keep this as a standing item towards the end of the Agenda going forward.

4. Legislation and roll out of LCSPs nationally

The Chair advised that there has been no further update from the Department of Justice around the development of further regulations around the LCSPs. It is expected that these will contain more specific guidance on the operations of LCSPs beyond the pilot stage.

It was also noted that Department have advised us not to circulate .

5. General Items:

5.1 Coordinator Update Report

The Coordinators report was circulated in advance and included updates around 2 Kids Courts events held, Ardnacassa JAG, Traveller Interagency Group and First Fridays Night Time Economy project and a detailed update around the Trauma Informed Conference , led by Longford Westmeath CYPSC which was held in Bloomfield House on 01 and 02 May. The Coordinator noted that, as previously approved by the LCSP, CSIF grant aid would be used to support further training for agencies around Trauma Informed Care and approaches. This will be arrange via the CYPSC led multi agency Committee that arranged the Conference and a more detailed update will be given on this in due course.

The report was noted by all members.

5.2 CSIF project updates

The Coordinator gave a verbal update on the CSIF projects including the details of the next event being arranged by the All Ireland Community Safety Network. This event is being led by Longford LCSP and focuses on Road Safety. It will be held in Bloomfield Hotel on 02 October.

Tony Headon asked if the Road Safety Authority will be taking part and it was confirmed that they had agreed to give a presentation, along with a representative from the PSNI; An Garda Síochána and Longford LCSP and Newry Mourne and Down PCSP will give a presentation on the Kids Court Initiative.

The Chair advised that there has not yet been confirmation of the time-frame for the Community Safety Fund call for 2024, but a number of possible proposals are being considered with Partnership members including Age Friendly County Programme Longford County Councils Environment Team and the Sports Partnership.

Details on the funding call will be circulated once received and it was noted that a call may open and close before the next LCSP meeting , and if this is the case, the Steering Group will convene to review any proposals for submission.

5.3 DRIVE Presentation- Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force

Antoinette Kinsella gave a detailed presentation and update on the National DRIVE programme including plans for training, research and the establishment of local implementation groups.

Members welcome the plan to appoint a Data Research & Evaluation Coordinator, as it will help to fill a gap in data around the volume of drugs related intimidation/violence incidents.

5.4 Events upcoming

A list of upcoming events that will be attended by the LCSP or led by LCSP up to October 2024 was circulated and noted by members. The high number of planned community based engagement sessions was welcomed by members, and it was also noted that a number of events were funded by the Partnership via the Small Grant Scheme or by LCSP seed funding. It was confirmed that these funded events are all free for attendees.

The Chair advised that if any Partnership member or organisation wished to participate in any event to contact the Coordinator.

6. Members Interest Items

None submitted for this meeting

7. LA16 Status Report (Re Road Traffic Incident Fatalities)

No report submitted for this meeting, Q2 report expected for the September meeting

8. Correspondence

There were 2 items of correspondence which were circulated in advance. Both items were letters from the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee TD.

- Letter of Thanks to all members of Longford LCSP for their participation and support of the pilot Community Safety Partnership programme and to acknowledge the members that for various reasons (retirement, personal) would be stepping down as members of Longford Community Safety Partnership after the pilot phase.
- A Letter of Thanks to Martina Moloney, outgoing Chair of Longford LCSP for leadership and commitment to the pilot Community Safety Partnership in Longford

Martina Moloney, Chair acknowledged this correspondence of recognition of all members. the pilot in Longford has been very successful and has seen a number of improvements around the County with a lot of success and project implemented, although there is more to do. Martina Moloney also noted that it was likely that this would be her final meeting to formally Chair, as it is expected that a new Chairperson would be in place for the September meeting.

Cllr Gerry Warnock and Cllr Seamus Butler led a number of tributes and thanks to Martina Moloney for her stellar work, leadership and open collaborative style of Chairing the Partnership.

The Coordinator noted that there were a number of members not present at this meeting so there was no formal presentation to Martina and that this would be planned for later in 2024 when more members are in a position to attend.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 September 2024 at 11am, subject to a Chairperson being in place.

The meeting concluded on this note.

Prepared by: Janine Bartley

Community Safety Coordinator- 30 May 2024

Adopted by LCSP: 16 December 2024

Chairperson Signature: 

Appendix One-

Members Attendance Log- Monday 27 May 2024

Name	Pillar	In Attendance?
Martina Moloney	Independent Chair	Yes
Kitty Hughes	Community	Yes
Karen Reilly	Community	Yes
Tony Headon	Community	Yes
Damien Ryan	Community	Yes
Orla Egan	Community	No
Adrian Greene	Community	No
Tara Farrell	Community	Yes
Luke Casserly	Community	No
Brigid Power	Community	No
Karen Walsh	Community	Yes
VACANT	Community	-
Jim Belton	Community	No
Joseph Murphy	Community	Yes
Fiona Fenelon	Community	Yes
VACANT	Community	-
VACANT	Community	-
Laura Burke	Statutory	Yes
Séamus Boyle	Statutory	No
Grainne O'Donnell	Statutory	No
Antoinette Kinsella	Statutory	Yes
Veronica Brennan	Statutory	Yes
Barbara Heslin	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Colin Dalton	Statutory	No
Cllr. Gerry Warnock	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Paul Ross	Statutory	No
Cllr. Peggy Nolan	Statutory	No
Cllr. PJ Reilly	Statutory	No
Cllr. Seamus Butler	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Uruemu Adejinmi	Statutory	No
Rita Culligan	Statutory	Yes
Shauna Doherty	Statutory	Yes

Total Membership	32- 29 filled	3 vacancies (all Community)
Total in attendance	17	12 apologies
% attendance (of current membership)	58.62%	17 of 29
% Pillar representation in attendance	Community 53% (including Chair)	Statutory 47%