

## Longford Local Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held at 10.30 am December 19 2022

Hybrid (Council Chamber/Ms Teams)

<b>Attendance</b>	18
<b>Quorum met?</b>	Yes
<b>Representation Balance Requirements Met?</b>	Yes

*See Appendix 1 for full record of LCSP attendees*

**Apologies:** Cllr PJ Reilly, Steve Wrenn, Damien Ryan, Cllr Gerry Warnock, Luke Casserly, Angela Keaveney

**Also in attendance:** Ciaran Murphy (Longford County Council), Sgt Darran Conlon , Michael Murphy ( Community Warden)

### Chairs Welcome- new members

The Chair advised that there were a number of new members:

- Damien Ryan (Schools Completion Programme replacing Francis McGee as a Community (Schools) representative
- Veronica Brennan ( HSE) replacing Anthony O’Prey ( HSE)
- Shauna Doherty (Longford Westmeath ETB)- this is a new position and the Chair and coordinator were only advised of appointment on 16<sup>th</sup> December. It was too short notice for Shauna to attend this meeting

There remain 2 vacancies from the PPN which we hope to be filled for the next meeting. The Chair thanked the former members for their contribution, and wished the new members well.

### 1. 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.

### 2. Confirmation of minutes 19 September 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2022 were approved on the proposal of Seamus Boyle, seconded by Kitty Hughes.

### 3. Matters Arising

None

#### **4. Reports:**

##### *Update on ongoing initiatives: Community Safety Coordinator*

A written update was circulated in advance of the meeting, outlining the activity undertaken by the Partnership since the last meeting.

An overview of the Beyond Borders – All Island Community Safety Conference was given, which had a large Longford delegation in attendance. A number of members spoke of their experience at the event.

It was welcomed that Longford took a key role in instigating and arranging the event, in partnership with Newry Mourne & Down PCSP.

The members also acknowledged the hard work undertaken the Coordinator on behalf of the Partnership including engagement events, work with other committees and structures , the opening of the Community Houses and the Dead of Night Safer Halloween event.

##### *An Garda Síochána update*

Superintendent Seamus Boyle noted that the collaboration between An Garda Síochána and other member organisations of the Partnership had been increasing and this was welcomed by all members. SB advised that the new probationary gardaí had been assigned professional development projects in the area of community safety including property marking, setting up a kids court initiative, a domestic violence awareness project and a drug awareness campaign with sports clubs and the MRDATF.

Sgt Darran Conlon then gave detailed account of AGS Community Policing activities since September , which included a number of joint actions with the LCSP.

The update was well received and Cllr Seamus Butler and Cllr Colin Dalton did call for additional foot patrols in Longford Town over the Christmas period, which was agreed .

It was agreed to circulate the AGS update to members after the meeting.

*Longford Community Resources CLG:*

Adrian Greene gave a short presentation outlining the work of LCRL, including SICAP, the volunteer Centre, Roma Community Development Project and Youth Services. This was a comprehensive overview of the varied services provided and areas for potential collaboration. It was particularly welcome that the Empowering Communities Programme would be commencing in the new year and it was agreed to update in this at a later meeting

**5. General Items:**

**5.1. *Review and approval of revised Terms of Reference for Longford LCSP***

The revised document as circulated in advance was approved on the proposal of Cllr Seamus Butler, seconded by Cllr Paul Ross

**5.2. *Community Safety Innovation Fund update***

The Coordinator gave an update on the Community Safety Innovation Fund projects. The Sports Partnership have commenced arranging the ‘Sports Opportunities for young people’ Members were asked to take part in task and finish groups for the Exhibition Trailer and Vide projects- Tony Headon, Cllr Uruemu Adejinmi , Seamus Boyle, Cllr Seamus Butler and Karen Reilly volunteered. It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for updates.

**5.3. *Consideration of Programme of Work for next 6 months/12 months***

The Chair advised that each working group had been assigned actions from the Plan and that a number of the action ( approx. 9) were actions or projects being led by other agencies and would require updating to the Partnership.

This Work Programme was approved on the proposal of Cllr Paul Ross, seconded by Seamus Boyle.

It was agreed that each working group would review its actions and prioritise 3 areas to progress for the first 6 months of 2023. The Vice- Chairs agreed to convene the working

groups in January. It was also agreed that any actions that required seed funding or support from the LCSP budget would channel this through the Coordinator and the Chair.

#### **5.4. Training-Leadership Programme with UL-update**

The Coordinator gave an update on planning for the Local Leadership Programme, to be provided by University of Limerick and fully funded by the Department of Justice. This would involve 3 x 2 day blocks of training and workshops. Participants would have to have approval of their line members to attend (if from an agency) and commit to attending all 3 sessions. Members of the LCSP will be invited to participate although non-members of partner organisations will also be considered- an application process will apply with final decision to be made by the course coordinators in UL

The application form is being drafted and dates are being identified. It is hoped the course will commence in April or May with 6 weeks between sessions.

The application will be circulated in the new year and further updates will issue through the working groups as necessary.

#### **6. Members Interest Items**

There was 1 item added to the agenda in advance of the meetings:

**Public Realm projects- undertaking of work in areas where there is a community safety/anti-social behaviour concerns- Cllr Seamus Butler**

Cllr Butler gave an overview of this item. There is a number of regeneration projects and public realm upgrades in progress and planned for the wider Longford town area. There are several 'hot-spot' areas where members of the public report anti-social behaviour, and it was suggested that there is scope to 'design out crime' in new projects. It was also suggested that the Community Warden ( Longford County Council) be appointed to Working Group 1, due to the experience of on the ground.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint the Community Warden to the working group and that the LCSP would make written submissions as relevant to public consultations being undertaken as part of regeneration or public realm projects.

## **7. Correspondence**

2 items of correspondence were noted and agreed to be forwarded onward to members networks:

- Making Every Contact Count (HSE)
- Report : An Evidence Review of Community Service Policy, Practice and Structure ( Probation Service)

Eimear Smith-Probation Service agreed to arrange a presentation for the next meeting on the Community Service Policy

## **8. Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next quarterly meeting will take place on 20 March 2023 at 11am in hybrid format.

All dates for working groups meetings , steering group and quarterly meetings for 2023 were circulated in advance and noted by members.

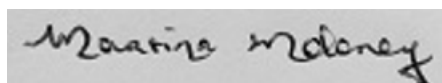
The meeting concluded on this note.

**Prepared by: Janine Bartley**

**Community Safety Coordinator- January 17 2023**

**Adopted by LCSP: 20 March 2023**

**Chairperson Signature:**



**Appendix One-**

**Members Attendance Log- Monday 19 December 2022**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>In Attendance?</b>
Martina Moloney	Independent Chair	Yes
Kitty Hughes	Community	Yes
Karen Reilly	Community	Yes
Tony Headon	Community	Yes
Damien Ryan	Community	No
Orla Egan	Community	Yes
Adrian Greene	Community	Yes
Angela Keaveney	Community	No
Luke Casserly	Community	No
Brigid Power	Community	No
Karen Walsh	Community	Yes
Aneta Safiak	Community	Yes
Jim Belton	Community	Yes
Joseph Murphy	Community	Yes
VACANT	Community	-
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Eimear Smith	Statutory	Yes
Séamus Boyle	Statutory	Yes
Grainne O'Donnell	Statutory	Yes
Antoinette Kinsella	Statutory	Yes
Veronica Brennan	Statutory	Yes
Barbara Heslin	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Colin Dalton	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Gerry Warnock	Statutory	No
Cllr. Paul Ross	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Peggy Nolan	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. PJ Reilly	Statutory	No
Cllr. Seamus Butler	Statutory	Yes
Cllr. Uruemu Adejinmi	Statutory	Yes
Steve Wrenn	Statutory	No
Shauna Doherty	Statutory	No

<b>Total Membership</b>	32- 30 filled	2 vacancies (both Community)
<b>Total in attendance</b>	21	8 apologies
<b>% attendance (of current membership)</b>	70%	21 of 30
<b>% Pillar representation</b>	Community 48% (including chair)	Statutory 52%