

**Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**  
**Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on **Tuesday 27 January at 7.00 pm** in The Grange, Omagh.

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b> Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson) Roy Crawford Aaron Elliott Shirley Hawkes Tommy Maguire Stephen McCann	<b>Independent Members</b> Miss Bernadette Lunney (Vice Chairperson) Mrs Bernadette McCollum Miss Margaret McCrory Mr Paul Stevenson Mr Simon Wiggins
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**Designated Members**  
Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)  
Chief Inspector Graham Dodds (PSNI)  
Mr Colum Duffy (PBNi)  
Mr Seamus Bradley (NIFRS)

**Apologies:** Miss Louise Bleakley, Cllr Brough, Cllr Gannon, Sinead Dolan, Nicola McCann, Siobhán Currie, Peter Melarkey, Pauline Treacy, Cllr McColgan, Chief Insp Scott Fallis.

**In attendance:** Insp Melanie Hicks (PSNI), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader), Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant).

PCSP 47/25 **Welcome and Apologies:**  
The Chairperson noted apologies and welcomed Members to the meeting.

PCSP 48/25 **Declarations of Interest:**

- No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 49/25 **Notification of A.O.B:**

- 2 items.

PCSP 50/25 **Minutes:**  
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on **Tuesday 16 December 2025** were considered.

Proposed by Cllr Maguire, seconded by Bernadette McCollum.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. PCSP 27/25: Presentation and Discussion re Domestic Abuse Prevalence and Responses in the District:**

PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan reported correspondence from Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice, who acknowledged the importance of addressing femicide in rural communities but indicated new funding for a pilot programme is unlikely at this stage. She thanked the PCSP and partners for their work in improving community safety, tackling ASB, and increasing confidence in policing.

Vice-Chair Bernadette Lunney asked how the PCSP could further support FODC's EVAWG strategy. Insp. Hicks highlighted PSNI's early intervention work in schools, while Bernadette noted that police support was highly regarded, but Social Services may need additional support in identifying red flags. The Chair suggested inviting the EVAWG lead, Women's Aid, and PSNI to a future meeting.

Members Cllr Hawkes and Cllr Maguire thanked Minister Long for her response.

**Recommendation:**

Invite partner agencies to discuss how the PCSP can further support the EVAWG strategy.

**2. PCSP 42/25 Road Safety partnership Presentation:**

PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan informed Members that the information requested from the Road Safety Partnership at the PCSP meeting on 16 December 2025 has been circulated to all Members. He noted, however, that some of the requested information could not be provided, details of which have been provided on the correspondence.

**3. PCSP 43/25 Crash Car Simulator:**

Following approval at PCSP meeting on 16 December, Members were informed that the Crash Car Simulator will be auctioned, with the process coordinated by FODC staff at Killyvilly Depot. Members were also advised that the VR headsets discussed are now operational, with engagement requests already received.

**4. PCSP 44/25 Speed Indicator Devices (S.I.D's):** Following discussion at the PCSP meeting on 16 December 2026, it was decided to defer this matter, which is an Agenda item 7.

PCSP 52/25

**PSNI Student Officer Recruitment:**

PSNI Inspector Melanie Hicks updated Members on the PSNI Student Officer recruitment campaign, which opened on 14 January 2026, closing on 4 February 2026. Officers across the district have been tasked with promoting the campaign through community engagement, including outreach in local communities, schools, local collages and with under-represented and ethnic minority communities.

Neighbourhood Police Officers are championing the campaign locally and providing contact email details to members of the public to address queries and reduce barriers to recruitment.

In response to Member queries, Inspector Hicks advised that the newly recruited Police Officers are geographically deployed based on operational demand, with transfer requests to a favourable location are considered after a commitment period.

**Recommendation:**

- Councillors and MLAs to support the promotion of the PSNI recruitment campaign and signpost constituents by sharing the recruitment campaign social media posts.
- Insp Hicks to provide a breakdown of applicants by ward in the Fermanagh and Omagh district as a result of the campaign and share with PCSP Members.

PCSP 53/25

**PCSP Speed Indicator Devices:**

This was a deferred matter from the PCSP meeting held on 16 December. Members noted that the SID deployment pilot programme represented value for money and is a key tool in educating road users and promoting road safety. They further highlighted that deploying SIDs is important in raising awareness among road users and that increased promotion of this PCSP service could help address local community concerns.

Members agreed that promotion should be enhanced, particularly targeting communities wishing to educate road users in their areas, using social media channels and engagement with local groups.

The PCSP Chairperson, Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, requested that data from the SIDs be retained and considered for potential use in discussions on legislation and road safety initiatives. He also suggested that the data could be shared with external agencies, including the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), to support road safety considerations.

**Recommendation:**

1. Extension of the SID deployment pilot programme until the end of the financial year.
2. Development of a social media and email campaign to raise awareness of the SID's, usage and deployment.
3. Members to assist with promotion sharing social media posts.
4. Consideration of how the data can be used by external agencies

PCSP 54/25

### **PCSP Activity Report Quarter 3**

PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan delivered an update on PCSP activities during the period October to December 2025.

Following the presentation Chief Insp Cunningham informed Members that Kids Court will be taking place and would extend an invitation to the Chairperson and Vice chair person

#### **Recommended:**

Kids Court event to be shared with Members

PCSP 55/25

#### **Any Other Business:**

- **NIPB Research:**

The Vice-Chair advised that the Northern Ireland Policing Board has commissioned the University of Ulster to undertake independent research on advocacy, policing, and public confidence. The study will examine expectations and perceptions of effective policing. Members were invited to participate in the workshops or interviews.

- **G District Update – Chief Insp. Cunningham**

Chief Insp. Cunningham updated Members on the activity plan and ongoing cross-border collaboration with An Garda Síochána. Education remains a key focus, including the use of SIDs and school-based initiatives. Speed enforcement continues, while agricultural and rural crime, particularly farm break-ins, remains a concern. The community was urged to report drug activity, with domestic violence also highlighted as a priority. Thanks were given to the PCSP and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for supporting awareness campaigns.

- **Foremass Junction, Crom Road, Lisnaskea**

Simon Wiggins raised concerns from locals regarding the Foremass Junction, following a number of fatalities in the past two years and reports of frequent accidents that are not being reported to the police. He asked if the PCSP could take action or highlight the issue with DfI.

**Recommended:**

- PCSP Team Leader to circulate research participation details to all Members.
- PCSP Members to continue to promote the key priorities of the PCSP to assist the PSNI in terms of drug activity, road safety concerns.
- PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan to raise the matter with DfI and noted that the PCSP has upcoming work with Road Safe NI on HGV safety and a driver education initiative at junctions.
- Insp. Hicks added that she will raise the issue with Roads Policing to explore further action.

PCSP 56/25

**Rising:**

The meeting began at 7.05pm with Bernadette Lunney and Paul Stevenson arriving at 7.10pm

The meeting closed with Committee rising at 08.05pm.

**Next meeting Tuesday 24 February 2026, The Townhall, Enniskillen.**