

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 28 April at 7.00 pm** in The Townhall, Enniskillen.

Present:

Councillors

Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson)
Elaine Brough
Roy Crawford
Shirley Hawkes
Tommy Maguire
Allan Rainey MBE

Independent Members

Miss Bernadette Lunney
(Vice Chairperson)
Ms Louise Bleakley
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Miss Margaret McCrory
Mr Paul Stevenson
Mrs Pauline Treacy
Mr Simon Wiggins

Designated Members

Mr Seamus Bradley (NIFRS)
T Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE)

Apologies:

Chief Insp. Will Brown (PSNI), Mrs Siobhán Currie, Chief Inspector Graham Dodds (PSNI), Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT), Colum Duffy (PBNI), Cllr Elliott, Ms Jenny Ferguson, Cllr Gannon, Ms Donna Keenan (WHSCT), Cllr McCann, Cllr McColgan, Mr Ryan McGee (EANI), Ms Carey McKee (WHSCT).

In attendance:

Nicola McCann (PCSP Manager), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader), Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant), Kevin Chaffey and Jessica Chaffey (members of the public), Kerrie Flood (Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid).

PCSP 01/26

Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairperson noted the apologies and welcomed Members, member of the public to the meeting and thanked Kerrie Flood for accepting the extended invitation to the meeting.

PCSP 02/26

Declarations of Interest:

- No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 03/26

Notification of A.O.B:

- None

PCSP 04/26

Minutes:

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held 24 February 2026 were considered.

Proposed by Bernie Lunney, seconded by Simon Wiggins.

PCSP 05/26

Matters Arising:

PCSP 53/25 Speed Indicator Devices (S.I.D's):

Crash Car Simulator Funding / SIDs Initiative:

- PCSP Team Leader, Greg McMullan, informed Members of recent correspondence previously circulated.
- Informed Members of the successful sale of the Crash Car Simulator, generating Council capital funding, which the PCSP may have access to via a business case application process.
- The Chairperson highlighted the importance of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and the potential to utilise available funding for this purpose. It was noted that input and collaboration from the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) and PSNI will be required to progress this initiative.
- The Chairperson sought Members' commitment to establish a working group, with representation from Dfi and PSNI, to take this work forward.

Recommended:

PCSP Team Leader to:

1. Write to Dfi and PSNI requesting nomination of appropriate representatives to participate in a working group
2. Issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Members seeking participation in the working group.
3. Establish the working group once Member interest and partner availability have been confirmed.

PCSP 06/26

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) – Strategic Framework & Momentum Activity:

Carol Follis delivered a presentation on the Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Strategic Framework, launched by the Executive in September 2024.

Members noted that the Council has responsibility for delivery of Momentum Activity and Implementation of the Local Change Fund.

Momentum Activity focuses on early intervention and awareness, including: Workshops, campaigns and events. Training on recognising and responding to abuse. Community engagement initiatives

The Local Change Fund was outlined as providing support to community groups to prevent violence against women and girls, with three tiers of funding available up to £25,000, aimed at strengthening grassroots, community-led initiatives aligned to EVAWG prevention outcomes.

EVAWG Momentum Activity 2026–2027

Nicola McCann presented on planned Momentum Activity for 2026–2027, including a Rural impact research study by Nottingham University, Safe Voices conversation series and engagement with wider sectors, including the arts and equine sectors

The PCSP Manager highlighted alignment with:

- PSNI priorities
- PEACEPlus Local Action Plan
- Opportunities for PCSP involvement, including:
- Identification of participant groups
- Supporting rollout of the Safe Voices conversation series

Following the presentation Members welcomed the significant level of awareness and engagement activity delivered since 2024. Discussion focused on:

- The need to align EVAWG activity with the PCSP Action Plan
- Challenges associated with staff retention and delivery of effective training due to short-term funding for Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid
- The importance of evaluating the impact of training and interventions once delivered.
- The need for sustained funding and continued advocacy

Members agreed that the scale and importance of EVAWG work should remain as an agenda item for future meetings to maintain ongoing discussion, assist in providing strategic direction and support coordinated delivery across partners.

Recommended:

- Circulate information to Members on the Safe Voices Conversation Series, including opportunities to attend workshops.
- Write to the relevant Minister responsible for funding allocations, requesting additional and sustained funding to support EVAWG initiatives
- Identify a representative from the PCSP to sit on the current working group already established with Council and Women's Aid around preventions working are report this back to PCSP.

Proposed Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Brough

PCSP 07/26

PCSP Small Grants:

The PCSP Manager delivered a presentation on the outcomes of PCSP Small Grants 2025 - 2026, outlining the number of initiatives supported, a breakdown of funding allocation noting the satisfaction levels of participants.

The PCSP Manager highlighted an example of a successful large scale high impact delivery project by Enniskillen Gael's.

- 180 participants engaged
- 100% satisfaction rate
- 100% reported positive outcomes

Following the presentation Members discussed how the evaluation process could be developed further to measure the outcomes of each project to evaluate how improvements could be made.

Proposed by Cllr Hawkes, seconded by Cllr Crawford.

PCSP 08/26

Neighbourhood Watch:

The PCSP Team Leader referred Members to the NHW report and advised that PSNI has recognised Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP as an example of good practice in the delivery of an effective Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

It was noted that the district is approaching 100 active NHW schemes, attributed to the strong relationships between Coordinators and local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

The PCSP Team Leader highlighted ongoing NHW Coordinator cluster meetings and encouraged Member attendance to meet local coordinators.

Members asked that appreciation was recorded for PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer Alan Crooks in recognition of his ongoing commitment to managing the NHW scheme on behalf of the PCSP.

The Vice Chair highlighted her interest in understanding the outcomes and impact of the NHW schemes, the issues and challenges faced by these schemes, and the degree of engagement with the PSNI and their responsiveness, suggesting that future reports should provide more detailed information regarding scheme activities and outcomes, along with case studies that illustrate specific incidents and their resolutions.

The Chair invited Members to suggest ideas for a recognition event marking the establishment of the 100th NHW scheme.

Suggestions included;

- Promotion of NHW through local press and media including information on how the public can establish new schemes in their area.
- Consideration of a Coordinator celebration event including
 - a. Invitation to an upskilling event with PSNI
 - b. Meeting with FODC Chairperson
 - c. Potential training/upskilling opportunities with subject matter experts.

Recommended:

1. Members to submit further proposals for a NHW recognition event, to be presented for ratification at the next meeting.
2. PCSP Team Leader to liaise with the NHW Coordinator to develop a case study for presentation at a future meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Maguire

PCSP Activity Report:

Greg McMullan, PCSP Team Leader, highlighted PCSP activity for the period January to March 2026. Members were advised of a change to the date and venue for the forthcoming Emergency Services Day, scheduled to take place on 16 August 2026 at the RNLI Station, Killadeas.

The PCSP Team Leader also reported on the success of recent initiatives, including BeeSafe and the Primary Schools Road Safety Quiz. Two schools from the district, Enniskillen Model Primary School and Jones Memorial Primary School, represented the area, with Jones Memorial Primary School achieving overall winners and being crowned Northern Ireland Champions.

The PCSP Team Leader reported on the number of Multi-agency Support Hub (MASH) meetings delivered between January and March 2026, highlighting that it is a monthly, two-hour multi-agency meeting, chaired by the PCSP, focusing on the most vulnerable individuals within the district with strict confidentiality arrangements are in place to protect individuals.

It was acknowledged that, while valuable, the nature of discussions and outcomes can be challenging for staff due to the Client vulnerabilities and sensitive cases involved.

The Vice Chair requested that Members receive updates on emerging themes and issues arising from MASH to improve awareness and understanding.

Recommended:

1. Future activity to be presented at meetings as part of the activity report.
2. Discuss how we can recognise Jones Memorial PS via a recognition event by the Council Chair and the PCSP to acknowledge the hard work of students, parents and teaching staff.
3. PCSP Manager to explore with the Chair of the MASH on how best to update Members on the emerging issues of MASH and communicate this to Members.

Prop Cllr Maguire, seconded by Cllr Crawford.

A.O.B:

1. Use of E-Scooters

Cllr Crawford raised concerns regarding the use of e-scooters in Bellanaleck village and on the A4 Derrylin Road. Chief Superintendent Cunningham outlined current legislation, noting that use is largely unlawful and that young people are particularly at risk.

It was advised that police will engage with users and parents to provide advice and guidance. Members were encouraged to report incidents promptly via 999, where appropriate, to enable timely police response.

Recent enforcement activity, including the seizure of illegal vehicles in Enniskillen, was noted.

2. Public Question – Concern of Dangerous Driving

A community member asked how they can resolve dangerous driving in their area and what appropriate safe reporting methods there are that ensure protection from retaliation.

Chief Superintendent Cunningham advised that concerns can be raised via the PCSP or directly with Neighbourhood Policing Teams. It was noted that individuals are not required to make a formal statement and can report anonymously; however, providing details to Neighbourhood Police such as the vehicle registration, location, and behaviour will assist police. Police have powers to stop the vehicle and under anti-social behaviour powers may seize the vehicles where offences are identified.

3. Damage to the Sunday School Building at Galloon Parish Church

Simon Wiggins expressed his gratitude towards the local community and the PSNI following an incident of anti-social behaviour and damage to the Sunday School building in Newtownbutler over Easter. He thanked the community for their role in successfully identifying the perpetrator and commended the police action and input.

Mr. Wiggins also shared that a recent coffee morning was organised as a fundraiser for repair work, emphasising the unity demonstrated by the community.

During conversations with locals at the event, Mr Wiggins noted ongoing concerns regarding fear, vulnerability, and sectarianism in the area, and inquired about additional support that might be offered by the Police, PCSP, or the Council.

The PCSP Chair condemned the vandalism and acknowledged its significant impact on the community.

Temporary Chief Superintendent Cuning also expressed appreciation for the local neighbourhood team's support to the community.

4. Temporary Superintendent Peter Cunningham addressed Members in relation to a recent local media article.

He clarified that the issues referenced did not arise within the Fermanagh and Omagh district and relate to matters dating back to 2022. Concern was expressed regarding the potential impact such reporting may have on the victim confidence in coming forward and public confidence in reporting incidents to police.

Members were reassured that:

- Victims can continue to seek support, and services remain available
- PSNI remains fully committed to supporting victims, particularly in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and domestic abuse
- Dedicated officers are in place to lead on these areas

It was noted that a press statement will be issued outlining PSNI's commitment and local VAWG action plan to provide reassurance to the community. Emphasis was placed on the importance of continued reporting to help inform policing response and address local need.

Members were also advised that recent events in Belfast may have an operational impact locally, including:

- Increased police presence
- Enhanced road safety and counter-terrorism activity
- A potential rise in stop and search activity, with appropriate procedures in place, including provision of search information to individuals

It was noted that the public may observe an increased police presence on the road network and around police facilities during this period.

Recommended:

1. Mr Wiggins and Cllr O'Reilly and local Police to discuss ideas on how PCSP can help support Newtownbutler community further.
2. PCSP continue to share information to raise awareness on use of e-scooters and risks involved on social media.

PCSP 11/26

Rising:

The meeting began at 7.02pm with the meeting closed and Committee rising at 08.46pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 26 May 2026, The Grange Omagh.