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 26 May at 7.00 pm** in The Grange, Omagh.

Present:

Councillors
Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson)
Roy Crawford
Aaron Elliott
Shirley Hawkes
Tommy Maguire
Stephen McCann
Allan Rainey MBE

Independent Members
Miss Louise Bleakley
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Mrs Pauline Treacy
Mr Simon Wiggins

Designated Members
T Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)
Chief Inspector Graham Dodds (PSNI)
Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)
Mr Seamus Bradley (NIFRS)

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Brough, Chief Inspector Will Brown (PSNI), Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT), Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA), Miss Bernadette Lunney (Vice Chairperson), Cllr Marty McColgan, Miss Margaret McCrory, Mrs Siobhán Currie.

In attendance: Nicola McCann (PCSP Manager), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader), Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant), Alan Crooks (PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer), Carey McKee (WHSCT).

PCSP 12/26 **Welcome and Apologies:**
The Chairperson noted the apologies and welcomed Members, member of the public to the meeting and welcomed Colin Robinson from ASCERT NI.

PCSP 13/26 **Declarations of Interest:**

- No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 14/26 **Presentation from ASCERT**
Colin Robinson Training Services Manger from ASCERT delivered a proposal to Members outlining plans for Drug and Alcohol education programme across the Fermanagh & Omagh district.

The proposal aims at delivering a minimum of 40 tailored awareness sessions annually aimed at post-primary young people in 23 local post-primary schools and 2 further education campuses in the Fermanagh & Omagh district including delivery of 2 parent information sessions.

Following the presentation, Members discussed the increasing prevalence of drug misuse in the district, particularly among younger age groups. Members highlighted the close link between addiction, mental health and antisocial behaviour, emphasised the importance of ongoing family support, and recognised the PCSP's continued role in supporting preventative education and awareness initiatives within the community.

Cllr Maguire raised concerns regarding the proposed budget allocation in the absence of quantitative data demonstrating the potential long-term impact and measurable outcomes associated with the programme and would welcome more data at the end of the 12-month period.

Cllr McCann, Ryan Magee and Superintendent Cunningham commended the work currently undertaken by ASCERT and that the proposal aligns with the priorities of the PCSP.

Members requested the need for further consideration of how return on investment would be measured and how duplication with existing EA Youth Service provision could be avoided.

The Chair, Cllr O'Reilly, noted that the evidence presented demonstrated that drug and alcohol misuse continues to be a significant issue within the area, and the importance of continued intervention and engagement with young people, whilst recognising that measuring its success may be required for a longer-term approach.

The Chair with agreement from Members agreed in principal to funding to ASCERT programme however suggested that a report is developed detailing feedback from other PCSP's currently delivering the programme to help inform a decision for such a project.

Members are asked to note that it will proceed as part of the 2026/27 programme.

Recommended:

1. PCSP Team Leader to obtain and present feedback from other PCSPs currently delivering the programme at a future meeting.
2. PCSP to request clear evidence-based outcomes and mechanisms for capturing and reporting data. Consideration of flowing a cohort approach.
3. PCSP to develop of a robust Service Level Agreement, with Member input.

Proposed by Cllr McCann, seconded by Cllr Maguire.

PCSP 15/26 **Notification of A.O.B:**

- None

PCSP 16/26 **Minutes:**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held 28 April 2026 were considered.

Proposed by Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Rainey MBE.

PCSP 17/26 **Matters Arising:**

1. PC 19/25 – 2026 – 2027 Draft Local Policing Plan:

Invitation to be issued Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid.
Cllr McCann requested if Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid had been invited to regular PCSP meetings.
PCSP Manager Nicola McCann noted that Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid attended the most recent PCSP meeting and will continue to be invited to PCSP meetings subject to capacity and that EVAWG activities will be an agenda item for all PCSP meetings going forward.

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

PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan advised that, following correspondence issued to DFI and PSNI requesting the nomination of appropriate representatives, responses had been received from both organisations and representatives identified. The inaugural meeting of the Speed Indicator Device Task and Finish Group has been scheduled for 15 June 2026 at 11.00am in The Grange, Omagh.

3. PCSP 07/26 – PCSP Small Grants Evaluation:

PCSP Manager Nicola McCann informed Members that the recent PCSP Small Grants programme has ended, claims have been submitted, and the FODC Grants team is now processing them.

4. PCSP 08/26 – Neighbourhood Watch:

An agenda items whereby PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer Alan Crooks will deliver a presentation to Members.

4. PCSP 09/26 – PCSP Activity Report:

Greg McMullan notified Members that a recognition event with FODC Chair will be held on Friday 29 May with Enniskillen Model Primary School who were crowned overall winners in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools Road Safety Quiz. An invitation had been issued to all Members and a response is required.

Recommended:

1. PCSP Manger Nicola McCann to provide a report on completed PCSP Small Grants and expenditure to Members at a future meeting.
2. Members to respond to an invitation to FODC Chair recognition event Friday 29 May 2026.

PCSP 18/26 **PCSP Project Proposals**

PCSP Manager Nicola McCann updated Members on a number of proposed PCSP project options for the 2026/27 financial year, seeking approval to progress a number of priority projects in line with the PCSP Action Plan, available budgets and delivery capacity.

1. ASCERT Project
2. Bonfire Diversionary Pilot Programme
3. Retail Crime Breakfasts
4. Safe Senior
5. Great Northern Road Railway Mural Project
6. PCSP Security Equipment Grant Programme

1. ACSCERT Project:

Following the presentation from Colin Robinson (Training Services Manager, ASCERT NI) Members agreed to progress the ASCERT proposal, subject to the development of clear outcome measures and reporting arrangements, a robust Service Level Agreement with Member input, and further information being presented on the experience of other PCSPs currently delivering the programme. Members were keen to seek clarity on delivery timelines and implementation lead-in times for reporting back to Members.

2. Bonfire Diversionary Pilot Programme:

Members sought clarification on target audience locally, the long-term objectives and expected outcomes and whether diversionary activities would reach the desired outcomes.

There was discussion around exploration of alternative models such as beacon events, community engagement approaches, Youth outreach requirements and need for detailed delivery plans that can be delivered at the current time of year. Superintendent Cunningham noted the ongoing work of local Neighbourhood Police Teams, and the feedback is that engagement in these communities is very good already.

3. Retail Crime Breakfasts:

Superintendent Cunningham informed Members that he is current lead for PSNI around Business Crime and suggested that the project is changed to 'Business Crime Breakfasts'. After recently engaging with Hospitality NI last week, they are keen to establish a Northwest forum and are seeking support**.** Members were in agreement that the project is approved in principle and progressed through the Crime Prevention budget, subject to final costings.

4. Safe Senior:
A targeted community safety project for older people, working with senior citizens groups and would include advice & guidance, tailored security equipment and referrals to support organisations.

5. Great Northern Road Railway Mural Project:
A partnership proposal focused on replacing an ongoing graffiti and criminal damage issue at Great Northern Road in Omagh with a community-designed mural reflecting shared local heritage.

6. PCSP Security Equipment Grant Programme:
A previous project that will require further clarification on a potential grant programme for noting as a future project.

Recommended:
1. ASCERT Project:
Members were in agreement to approve the ASCERT proposal in principle subject to:

- Outlining clear evidence-based outcomes and mechanisms for capturing and reporting data, consideration of flowing a cohort approach.
- Development of a robust Service Level Agreement, with Member input incorporated;
- PCSP Team Leader to obtain feedback from other PCSP's currently delivering the programme and present at the next meeting.
- PCSP Team Leader to seek clarification on proposed delivery timelines and lead-in times for implementation.

Proposed by Cllr McCann, seconded by Cllr Maguire.

2. Bonfire Diversionary Pilot Programme:

Members agreed to hold the proposal pending further detail and FODC engagement given the timescales, seeking the following:

- PCSP to provide further detail on bonfire diversionary proposals including engagement plans and outcomes.
- Further briefing from relevant FODC Council Officers on the Bonfire Working Group and progress to date.
- Clarification of community engagement arrangements and additional detail on intended outcomes and delivery model.

3. Retail Crime Breakfasts:
Members were in agreement to

- PCSP to change project name to 'Business Crime Breakfast' project.
- PCSP Officers to progress planning for Business Crime Breakfast events, engaging Hospitality NI and relevant organisations.

Proposed by Cllr McCann, seconded by Cllr Maguire.

4. Great Northern Road Railway Mural project:
Members agreed to hold the proposal.

- PCSP Officers to explore and pursue appropriate external funding opportunities.
- Present a report to Members on progress, including any future requirement for PCSP match funding.

5.Safe Senior:

Although Members were in agreement to support the proposal, however sought further clarity on how it can be developed further for future years.

- PCSP Officers to develop further into a scaled project for re-presented at a future meeting.

6. PCSP Security Equipment Grant Programme:
Members agreed not to progress at this stage

- To remain under consideration for future years.

PCSP 19/26 **PCSP Finance:**
PCSP Manager informed Members that a full spend had been achieved for 2025 – 2026. Overall expenditure for 2025–2026 was **£309,571.72** against a total available budget of **£313,948**, representing approximately **99%** of the overall allocation. With agreement Members noted the report.

Proposed by Aaron and Cllr Crawford

PCSP 20/26 **EVAWG Update:**

PCSP Manager Nicola McCann updated Members on the EVAWG research project entitled **"Exploring the Impact of Rurality on Violence Against Women and Girls.** Members noted the scope of the research examining the impact of rurality on Violence Against Women and Girls, including domestic abuse, barriers to support and policy implications.

Members were keen to engage with the research team during its anticipated visit to the district in the week commencing 22 June and agreed to move the next Policing Committee meeting from 30 June to 23 June 2026 to facilitate that engagement.

Recommended:

1. Arrange for Northumbria University Research teams to meet with PCSP Members (subject to final confirmation) at the next Policing Committee meeting.
2. Amend the date of the next Policing Committee meeting from Tuesday 30 June to Tuesday 23 June, Townhall, Enniskillen.

Proposed Cllr McCann, seconded by Cllr Crawford

PCSP 21/26 **Neighbourhood Watch:**

PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer Alan Crooks provided an update on successful examples of positive multi-agency partnership working across Neighbourhood Watch (NHW).
Members thanked Alan for his presentation and acknowledged his continued dedication, hard work, and commitment to supporting and developing Neighbourhood Watch initiatives.

PCSP 22/26 **Any Other Business:**

1. PSNI Sergeants' Engagement Sessions 14 & 21 May 2026

The Chair, Cllr O'Reilly, provided Members with an update on the recent PSNI G District Sergeants' Away Day held at Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown across two days. On the first day, the Chair met with local PSNI Inspectors and Sergeants, providing an opportunity to hear about their current work and priorities. The second day included presentations on in-house training delivered to Sergeants, offering valuable insight into the professional development and operational challenges within the service.

The Chair noted that the event was a useful engagement opportunity and thanked Superintendent Cunningham for facilitating the programme. Superintendent Cunningham thanked the PCSP for its continued support of the event. He emphasised the importance of such engagement in helping to demystify policing and increase understanding of the issues faced by officers on a day-to-day basis. He stated that the opportunity to engage

with Members was highly valuable and expressed a desire for this to become an ongoing programme of engagement.

3. EVAWG FODC Working Group

PCSP Manager Nicola McCann reminded Members of representation invite had been issued to Members to sit on the EVAWG FODC Council working group response required by 01 June 2026.

4. PCSP Member Participation in Re-Imagining Relationships Conversation Series

Members were reminded of the opportunity to participate in the 'Safe Voices / Re-Imagining Relationships Conversation Series'.
It was noted that responses received to date had been limited and that approximately 10 participants would be required for the programme to proceed.

Members were asked to confirm their interest in participating in the six-week Conversation Series and advise on their availability to attend a discovery/pre-engagement session in the second half of June, with details to be confirmed.

Recommended:
1. Members to notify the PCSP Manager of availability to be a representative on the EVAWG Council Working Group by 01 June 2026.

2. Members to notify the PCSP Manager of their interest in participating in the Conversation Series programme by 01 June 2026.

PCSP 23/26 **Rising:**

All Members were present for the duration on the meeting with the exception on Ryan Magee and Carey McKee who left at 8.30pm
The meeting began at 7.00pm with the meeting closed and Committee rising at 09.00pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 23 June at 7.00pm, Townhall, Enniskillen