Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership Policing Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026, Townhall, Enniskillen.

Present:

Councillors
Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson)
Elaine Brough
Adam Gannon
Tommy Maguire
Stephen McCann
Cllr Adam Gannon

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

Designated Members
Chief Insp. Will Brown (PSNI)
T Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)
Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE)
Mr Jimmy Joe Rice (NIFRS)

Apologies:
Cllr Roy Crawford
Carey McKee (WHSCT)
Cllr Aaron Elliott
Cllr Shirley Hawkes
Cllr Marty McColgan
Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)
Cllr Allan Rainey MBE
Seamus Bradley (NIFRS)
Mr Colum Duffy (PBNI)

In attendance:
PCSP Manager Nicola McCann, PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan
PCSP Project Assistant Leanne Burns
Kerrie Flood (Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid)
Dr Ana Speed and Dr Lauren Clayton-Helm (Northumbria Law School).

PC 01/26 **Welcome and Apologies**

The Vice Chairperson Bernadette Lunney welcomed Members to the meeting, extended a warm welcome to guests Kerrie Flood (Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid) Dr Ana Speed and Dr Lauren Clayton-Helm (Northumbria Law School).

PC 02/26 **Declaration of interest**
None were declared.

PC 03/26 **To confirm the PCSP Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2026/27**

The PCSP Manager Nicola McCann announced the appointment of the new PCSP Chairperson – Cllr Adam Gannon and new Vice Chairperson Paul Stevenson.

The incoming Chairperson began by welcoming everyone to the meeting, acknowledging the work of the previous Chairperson's, passing on his condolences to Margaret McCrory Louise Bleakley and Pauline Treacy on the recent loss of their loved ones.
The Chair then conducted the meeting in his new capacity.

PC 04/26 **Northumbria University Research Briefing – Rural Women's Experiences of Domestic Abuse**

Dr Ana Speed and Dr Lauren Clayton-Helm from Northumbria Law School delivered a presentation to Members on a research project currently underway and how the PCSP could support the development of the study.

Members welcomed the research and its potential to inform policy and service delivery however highlighted the challenges in supporting victims who do not recognise abuse or are not ready to seek help.

Members agreed that domestic abuse was recognised as affecting all individuals from all backgrounds and communities, with an increasing complexity linked to technology and social media.

Dr Ana Speed and Dr Lauren Clayton-Helm advised Members that there is no definitive explanation for higher levels of violence against women in Northern Ireland and further research is needed.

They thanked the PCSP, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid for their support to date and how the project addresses a gap in research on women's experiences of domestic abuse in rural Northern Ireland.
The evidence base gathered may help inform future policy and services.

Recommended:

1. PCSP Members to nominate any groups or agencies that they believe would benefit from talking with the researchers.

2. The PCSP to share Dr Ana Speed and Dr Lauren Clayton-Helm contact details with Members along with the project summary and presentation slides.

PC 05/26 **Notification of AOB**

- 3 items.

PC 06/26 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Policing Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 24 March 2026** were considered and approved.

Proposed by Cllr McCann and seconded by Siobhan Currie.

PC 07/26 **Matters Arising:**

1. PC19/25 2026-2027 Draft Policing Plan:

PSNI & PCSP to Review the draft Local Policing Plan 2026 – 2027 with further detailed actions and priorities

- Pete Cunningham informed Members that the Local Policing Plan is based on a regional template and to change the format of reporting to provide more detailed actions would prove difficult. Noting that he would like a much greater emphasis on partnership working alongside the PCSP and Designated Member agencies during the coming year.

Invite Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid to regular PCSP meetings.

- PCSP Manager Nicola McCann advised Members that a request had been submitted to the Joint Committee seeking consideration for Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid to become a member of the PCSP. Should a response be received from the Joint Committee, it will be shared with Members.
- Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid will continue to be invited to attend meetings as a guest. Members thanked the organisation for its attendance and valuable contribution to meetings to date.

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PCSP to explore opportunities for earlier and more proactive engagement on bonfire-related issues inviting Fermanagh & Omagh District Council representative to a future meeting.

- There is Council representation already via an interagency group
- PCSP role is more focused on engagement and early intervention projects and will continually review.
- Work continues on diversionary initiatives relating to bonfire-related issues.

PSNI to provide detailed recruitment progression data at a future Meeting

- Pete Cunningham informed Members that a request for a higher level of recruitment progressions data had been requested by PSNI Human Resources department, however no response had been received and will update once received.
- The Chair recommended that this remains as an action item.

2. PC 23/25: Any Other Business:

PC 23/25: The Sanctury Project:
PCSP Manager Nicola McCann update Members that a formal letter of support for the Sanctury Project has been issued and acknowledged and thanked the PCSP for their input as part of a wider project.

PC 23/25: Police Stop and Search Powers:
The Chair once again asked Members if they had any concerns to raise. To date no further concerns were raised and with that, the matter was closed.

Recommended:

- Response from Joint Committee regarding Women's Aid to be shared with Members once received.
- PSNI recruitment progression statistical data to remain as an action.
- Partnership working to receive greater focus within future PCSP planning

PC 08/26 **Hollie Guard Extra Personal Safety App – Funding Proposal**

PCSP Manager presented a PSNI funding application seeking funding to provide 50 Hollie Guard Extra subscriptions at £79.99 per subscription for a 12-month period for individuals assessed as being at risk of harm, particularly in cases involving domestic abuse, stalking, harassment or related vulnerability.

Hollie Guard Extra is the paid version of the personal safety app. The enhanced subscription includes additional safety features such as 24/7 professional monitoring, live location sharing, accident detection, incident reporting and the ability to chat with an operator. The application can also support alerting and evidence capture where appropriate.

Chief Insp. Will Brown added that the app would be a good for district policing and supplement work already ongoing. The paid subscription of the app gives additional support and reassurance to victims of domestic violence and stalking allowing 24/7 professional monitoring and a direct conversation with an operator.

The Members were invited to ask questions, no questions were asked to and the proposal was approved.

Recommended: Members noted the application and approved, in principle, funding of up to £3,999.50, based on 50 Hollie Guard Extra subscriptions at £79.99 per subscription for a 12-month period.

Approval subject to budget availability and PSNI agreed to provide anonymised monitoring information during the project and at its conclusion.

Proposed by Bernadette Lunney and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly.

PC 09/26 **PSNI Mobile Engagement Vehicle – Request for Funding Consideration**

PCSP Manager presented a funding request report from the PSNI to the value of £8,000 towards the conversion and fitting out of a Mobile Engagement Vehicle, noting that no final financial commitment is being sought at this stage pending confirmation of the wider funding package, PCSP budget availability and relevant governance requirements.

Members noted that the vehicle would enhance engagement across both rural and urban communities by supporting school visits, community events, crime prevention initiatives, youth engagement, work with vulnerable groups, and Violence Against Women and Girls awareness activities.
Members also considered the long-term value of the investment, opportunities for partnership branding, and the importance of evaluating outcomes to demonstrate the impact of the initiative.

Members agreed to support the proposal in principle, subject to:

- The wider funding package being secured.
- Discover future monitoring and evaluation reports how capture engagement data.

Recommended:

Members to note the PSNI funding request towards the Mobile Vehicle £8,000 towards conversion and fitting-out costs, subject to confirmation that the full project funding package is secured

If successful, PSNI to update Members on project outcomes at a future meeting.

Proposed by Cllr McCann and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly

PC 10/26 **Local Policing Plan 2025-2026**

Temp Chief Superintendent Pete Cunningham presented an overview of the 2025–2026 Local Policing Plan, highlighting district performance, operational priorities and the importance of partnership working.

He emphasised the continued collaboration between the PSNI, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the PCSP in improving community safety, building public confidence in policing and addressing local priorities, including hate crime, anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.

Mr Cunningham also acknowledged that, despite operating with stretched resources, local officers continued to provide an exemplary service across the district. He thanked officers for their professionalism, commitment and dedication to serving local communities.

Recommended:
Members noted the report.
Proposed by Siobhan Currie and seconded by Simon Wiggins.

PC 11/26 **Questions from Members of the Public**
No questions were received.

PC 12/26 **Members' Questions**
No questions were received.

PC 13/26 **A.O.B:**
1. PCSP 07/26 – PCSP Small Grants Evaluation:
PCSP Manager Nicola McCann updated Members on the PCSP Small Grants. Cllr O'Reilly complimented the PCSP team for successfully managing the grant process, remarking that completing the full allocation of spend without any underspend was an outstanding achievement and thanked the PCSP team.

2. Simon Wiggins highlighted ongoing concerns about a frequent collision location at the bend on Gardiners Cross Road near the junction with Littlemount Road (B535), outside Maguiresbridge.

Noting that repeated vehicle collisions have resulted in damage to roadside hedging, fencing and a telegraph pole.

Mr Wiggins requested that the relevant authorities be lobbied to consider the installation of appropriate warning signs and road markings to improve safety at the location.

Recommended:
- The PCSP to write a letter to the relevant person in the Department of Infrastructure requesting a review of the locations and appropriate action.

Proposed by Simon Wiggins seconded by Stephen McCann.

PC 14/26 **Rising**
Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Tommy Maguire who left the meeting at 8.35pm.

The meeting closed with Committee rising at 09.05pm.

Next Policing Committee meeting Tuesday 24 November 2026, The Grange, Omagh.