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 September at 7.00 pm** in The Grange, Omagh.

Present:

Councillors
Adam Gannon (Chairperson)
Roy Crawford
Shirley Hawkes
Tommy Maguire
Thomas O'Reilly
Allan Rainey MBE

Independent Members
Mr Paul Stevenson (Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Miss Margaret McCrory
Mrs Pauline Treacy

Designated Members

Mr Seamus Bradley (NIFRS)
Chief Inspector Will Brown (PSNI)
T/Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)
Insp Lauren McFarland
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Ms Donna Keenan (WHSCT)
Carey McKee (WHSCT)
Allan Fleming (EANI)

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Brough, Cllr Aaron Elliott, Cllr Stephen McCann, Cllr Marty McColgan, Miss Louise Bleakley, Mrs Siobhán Currie, Miss Bernadette Lunney, Mr Simon Wiggins, Chief Inspector Will Brown (PSNI), Chief Inspector Graham Dodds (PSNI) Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT), Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE), Ms Donna Keenan (WHSCT), Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)
Nicola McCann (PCSP Manager), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader).

In attendance: Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant), Alan Crooks (PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer), Carol Follis (Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Project Manager),

PCSP 24/26 **Welcome and Apologies:**
The Chairperson noted the apologies, welcomed Members and extended his condolences to Councillor Elliott following the recent passing of his grandmother Mrs Elliott.
The Chairperson also welcomed former PCSP Manager Carol Follis, who was representing the PCSP at the meeting in the absence of PCSP Manager Nicola McCann.

PCSP 25/26 **Declarations of Interest:**

- No declarations of interest were declared.

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

- 3 items

PCSP 27/26 **Minutes:**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held 29 May 2026 were considered. Mrs Siobhán Currie requested an amendment to reflect that an apology had been submitted prior to the meeting and recorded accordingly. Minutes were adopted proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Rainey MBE.

PCSP 28/26 **Matters Arising:**

1. PCSP 14/26 Presentation from ASCERT.

PCSP to develop of a robust Service Level Agreement, with Member input. The SLA has been drafted and is an agenda item for member approval.

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

The Chair, in the absence of PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan, updated Members on the SID Task and Finish Group meeting held on 15 June 2026. Members noted that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) has proposed assuming responsibility for SID deployment, with a financial contribution from PCSP. The Task and Finish Group did not support this proposal and wished to retain local control of SID deployment within the district.

They noted that elected Members will be seeking funding for permanent SIDs from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, which could be deployed on a rotational basis across the district.

Recommended:

1. Elected Members to request that Council funding for SID's be considered in Council estimates process.

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

PCSP Manger Nicola McCann to provide a report on completed PCSP Small Grants and expenditure. An agenda item for noting.

PCSP 29/26 **PCSP Annual Report:**

The Chair sought approval from Members for the submission of the PCSP Annual report 2025 -2026 to the Joint Committee.
With no further questions, Members approved the Annual Report and its submission to Joint Committee.

Recommended:

1. That the PCSP Annual Report 2025-2026 is submitted to Joint Committee.

Proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Crawford.

PCSP 30/26 **PCSP Finance:**

Carol Follis, on behalf of PCSP Manager Nicola McCann, provided an update on the PCSP's financial position for Quarter 1. Advising that expenditure was in line with expectations and remained on target. Members were also advised that the tender process for Social Alarms was at the assessment stage with an update to follow.

Members agreed to note the final financial position and the ongoing programme monitoring arrangements.

Recommended:

1. The PCSP to provide and update on Social Alarms tender process at a future meeting.

Proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Roy Crawford.

PCSP 31/26 **PCSP Small Grants Programme 2025/26:**

An update was provided on the Small Grants Programme, confirming an underspend of less than £3,000.
Cllr O'Reilly commended the PCSP team for their work in administering the funding and ensuring the successful completion of projects and associated claims. No further questions were raised and Members noted the report.

Proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Mr Seamus Bradley.

PCSP 32/26 **ASCERT Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programme – Service Level Agreement:**

Alan Crooks sought approval from Members to issue the ASCERT Service Level Agreement, noting the positive feedback from other PCSPs. Approval would allow officers to finalise the agreement with Grants and Investment and ASCERT, engage educational settings, and schedule delivery across Quarters 3 and 4.

Temporary Chief Superintendent Pete Cunningham advised Members of the appointment of Sergeant Khan as the new PSNI Schools Liaison Officer and outlined how the role could support engagement with schools in relation to the ASCERT programme.

Sinead Dolan, Youth Justice, requested that consideration for the ASCERT programme is given to including EOTIS settings in the programme.

Members considered and approved the draft SLA agreeing that the identification and selection of participating schools and educational settings should be monitored to ensure that the programme reached a broad and appropriate range of young people,

Recommended:

1. That officers finalise and issue the SLA, subject to final agreement with ASCERT, and progress programme delivery from **1 October 2026**

2. Engage schools and colleges and schedule delivery across Quarters 3 and 4 with opportunities to include EOTIS settings considered where appropriate.

Proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Maguire.

PCSP 33/26 **Great Northern Railway Mural Project – PCSP Funding Proposal**

Members considered the proposed mural project, noting its focus on community and youth engagement. Community workshops would inform the final design, with a PCSP contribution of up to **£10,000** was proposed from the ASB Education and Awareness budget.

Members noted that the project was unlikely to begin before 2027 and agreed that community input should remain central to developing a heritage mural that reflects local views and Omagh's railway history.

Recommended:

1. Approve in principle a PCSP contribution of up to £10,000 from the 2026/27 ASB Education and Awareness budget.
2. PCSP to receive a presentation on the project as it progresses.

Proposed by Cllr Maguire and seconded by Cllr Rainey MBE.

PCSP 34/26 **EVAWG Update:**

Members considered an update on three linked activities under the Council's Ending Violence Against Women and Girls programme and approved two PCSP funding contributions.

The proposal for funding included:

1. **£3,000** from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Action Plan towards the 'Called Out' schools-based theatre programme.

2. **£2,325** from the Neighbourhood Watch Action Plan towards the annual NHW Coordinator Conference. A networking event followed by and evening performance of 'Called Out' on **26 November 2026**.

3. PCSP contribution of approximately **£375 towards venue hire** for the Homicide Timeline Training, Including Coercive Control, on **21 October 2026**, and the invitations to Members.

Members noted the EVAWG update and that **EOTIS** could attend the evening performance of the 'Called Out' theatre show as part of the NHW Conference, subject to availability.

Recommended:

1. Approve a **£3,000 contribution** from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Action Plan towards the Called Out schools programme.
2. Approve a **£2,325 contribution** from the Neighbourhood Watch Action Plan towards the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

engagement event and evening performance, including hospitality costs.

3. Note the PCSP's **£375 contribution towards venue hire** for the Homicide Timeline Training, Including Coercive Control.
4. Issue invitations to PCSP Members and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators for the Called-Out engagement event and evening performance, including EOTIS attendance subject to available spaces.

Proposed by Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Hawkes.

PCSP 35/26 **PCSP Activity Report:**

The Members were updated on the activity for April 2026 – September 2026. Highlights included Omagh Show, Bike Safe, Refuse and Water Safety initiatives, Enniskillen PRIDE and Enniskillen PSNI Station visit. Members noted the report.

PCSP 36/26 **Any Other Business:**

1. **Vehicular Anti-Social Behaviour:** Lakelands Retail Park & Oasis Plaza

PSNI and PCSP's Alan Crooks updated Members on ongoing engagement with young people and the local community following reports of vehicular anti-social behaviour at Lakelands Retail Park, Enniskillen, Drumragh and Oasis Plaza. PSNI continues to engage with the retail park owners, who are considering engineering measures to deter the behaviour. Members noted that young people had responded positively to police advice and guidance.

2. **Speeding Concerns in Lisbellaw Village**

Councillor Crawford raised concerns from residents regarding speeding through Lisbellaw village.

3. **Road Safety Partnership Speed Van Locations**

Councillor Maguire sought clarification on how Road Safety Partnership speed van locations are selected and whether additional locations could be considered. Chief Superintendent Cunningham advised that locations are determined by data and intelligence and encouraged Members to continue promoting the use of speed vans to raise awareness and improve driver behaviour.

4. **Safer Journeys to School**

Alan Crooks updated Members on a Department for Infrastructure workshop concerning the Safer Journeys to School consultation. Following consultation on overtaking and passing buses, the Department is finalising legislative proposals for presentation to the Assembly.

5. **Chief Superintendent Cunningham's Update**

Chief Superintendent Cunningham informed Members of the forthcoming welcome event for new PSNI recruits and thanked the Council and PCSP for their support. He also sought support for Community Safety Wardens and invited Members' feedback on stop-and-search practices.

Members were asked to continue promoting fireworks safety and legislation and to raise awareness of the PSNI Connect application.

6. Violence Against Women and Girls – New Innovation

Members were informed of two digital apps designed to address violence against women and girls. It was agreed that further information would be brought to a future meeting.
The recommendation was proposed by Cllr Gannon and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly.

7. Innovation Funding

Members discussed potential new initiatives and agreed that an innovation funding stream could be beneficial in supporting projects of this nature and should be considered as part of future funding opportunities.
The recommendation was proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Crawford.

8. Conversations with Purpose

Alan Crooks thanked Bernadette Lunney for participating as a panellist at the Policing Board's 'Conversations with Purpose' event in Dungannon on 23 September. Noting that her contribution was inspiring and thought-provoking and brought a valuable PCSP perspective to discussions on the future of policing. He also thanked Cllr Allan Rainey and Cllr Crawford for attending.

9. PSNI Connect Launch

The Chair read an update from Kerrie Flood, Chief Executive of Fermanagh and Omagh Women's Aid, who had attended the recent PSNI Connect launch. Members were encouraged to promote the application and raise awareness of its availability. The Chair also updated Members on the request for Fermanagh and Omagh Women's Aid to become a statutory member of the PCSP.

The recommendation was proposed by Cllr Gannon and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly.

10. Road Safety Week – NI Fire & Rescue Service

Members noted the forthcoming Road Safety Week, taking place from 16–22 November, with activity planned in Fintona, Omagh and Enniskillen.

Recommended:

1. PSNI to continue engaging with the Lakelands Retail Park owners and young people to address vehicular anti-social behaviour.
2. Lisbellaw village: PSNI to monitor speeding concerns raised by residents.
3. Community Safety Wardens: Chief Superintendent Cunningham to discuss the Community Safety Warden proposal with Alan Crooks.
4. Fireworks: The PCSP to continue promoting the relevant legislation and raising awareness of the dangers associated with fireworks.
5. Violence Against Women and Girls: Further information on the two proposed initiatives to be brought to a future meeting.

6. Innovation funding: Consider the potential for an innovation funding stream as part of future PCSP funding opportunities.
7. PSNI Connect: Members to promote the application and raise awareness of its availability.
8. Statutory membership: Progress consideration of the request for Fermanagh and Omagh Women's Aid to become a statutory member of the PCSP.
9. An invitation is issued to Members for the Road Safety Week events planned in Fintona, Omagh and Enniskillen.

PCSP 37/26 **Rising:**

All Members were present for the duration on the meeting with the exception on Cllr O'Reilly who arrived at 7.10pm

The meeting began at 7.00pm with the meeting closed and Committee rising at 08.32pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 October at 7.00pm, Townhall, Enniskillen