

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 25 February 2025 at 7.00 pm** in The Townhall, Enniskillen

Present:

Councillors

Roy Crawford (Chairperson)
Keith Elliott
Shirley Hawkes
Noeleen Hayes
Tommy Maguire
Marty McColgan
Thomas O'Reilly
Allan Rainey

Independent Members

Miss Bernadette Lunney
(Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Miss Margaret McCrory
Mrs Pauline Treacy
Mr Simon Wiggins

Designated Members

Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI)
Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE)
Ms Nicola McSherry (NIFRS)

Apologies:

Mr Paul Stevenson
Mrs Siobhán Currie
Ms Donna Keenan (WHSCT)
Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT)
Miss Louise Bleakley
Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)
Superintendent Robert McGowan
(PSNI)

In attendance: Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Alan Crooks (Community Safety Liaison Officer), Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant).

PCSP 75/24

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting and noted apologies.

PCSP 76/24

Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson read out the Conflicts of Interest statement and no declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 77/24

Notification of A.O.B

1. Youth Justice Agency visit
2. PCSP Members Social event
3. 'Be The Change' conference

PCSP 78/24

Minutes

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 28 January 2025 were considered, an amendment as requested by Nicola McSherry (NIFRS)

NIFRS will respond to flooding incidents where it is deemed there is a 'risk to life'. In non-life risk situations NIFRS will not be committing resources and would encourage residents in high-risk flood areas to work with relevant agencies to prevent re-occurrence and prepare in advance.

The minutes were approved noting amendment.

Proposed by Cllr Allan Rainey, seconded by Bernie Lunney.

PCSP 79/24

Matters Arising

The following matters arising will be deferred to a future PCSP Meeting due to EANI staff availability.

- PCSP 44/24: EANI Activity Report

Other matters arising that had been deferred previously are agenda items for the meeting.

- PCSP 09/24: Speed Indicator Devices (SID's)
- PCSP 49/24: Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Activity
- PCSP 48/24: Fermanagh and Omagh Multi Agency Support Hub (MASH)

PCSP 80/24

Speed Indicator Device Deployment (S.I.D's)

The PCSP Manager brought a report detailing the issues with conversion to solar power – cost and the need to ensure positioned to take advantage of solar energy. The report also stated that it is unclear if conversion expenditure would be deemed eligible by the Joint Committee. Given the issues with deployment an external company had, for a trial period, been tasked with deploying the SIDs to locations for a two week duration. Feedback from this trial was positive and a procurement exercise undertaken from which one supplier was identified for deployment in 2025-2026.

Members queried the type of data gathered by SIDs and how it is used by Roads Policing and the DfI. Consideration was also given to how the PCSP would be part of the decision making in identifying the locations for deployment.

Recommended:

1. That £2,250 of the road safety budget is allocated to SID deployments for the 2025-2026 financial year.
2. That clarity is provided on the data generated by SIDs and if this is sufficient for Roads Policing and DfI.
3. That the current arrangement of approval from Roads Policing and DfI be sought prior to deployment.
4. That PCSP Members are afforded input into the selection of locations for SID deployment.
5. That updates are brought to PCSP meetings on a regular basis detailing deployments and any relevant information.

Proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott, seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly.

PCSP 81/24

Neighbourhood Watch

The PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer presented a report on the delivery of Neighbourhood Watch in the district and plans to grow the schemes further through engagement activities.

After discussion, Members agreed on the vital role of Neighbourhood Watch in the district and noted the report.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Shirley Hawkes.

PCSP 82/24

Small Grants Task & Finish Group

The PCSP Manager updated Members on the PCSP Small Grants programme currently open for applications, closing 12 March 2025 @ 5pm.

As noted in the report once applications are scored by Grants and Investment officers' applications will be brought to the PCSP Small Grants Task & Finish Group to enable Members to contribute to the assessment process. Meetings of the Task & Finish Group will take place online and at a time to be agreed.

Members were asked to self-nominate to sit on the Task & Finish Group with the Chair and Vice Chair having ex officio status.

Recommended:

The following Members to sit on the Small Grants Task & Finish Group

- Cllr Roy Crawford
- Bernie Lunney
- Cllr Thomas O'Reilly
- Simon Wiggins
- Cllr Keith Elliott

The recommendations from the Task & Finish Group to be brought to the April PCSP meeting for approval.

Proposed by Bernie Lunney, seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly.

PCSP 83/24

PCSP Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

PCSP Manager presented the Members with a draft meeting schedule for PCSP and Policing Committee meetings for the 2025-2026 financial year. Members were advised the remedial works to the Grange are now complete and will be used for future meetings as noted in the schedule.

Proposed by Margaret McCrory, seconded by Cllr Tommy Maguire.

PCSP 84/24

2025-2026 Action Plan

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the final 2025-2026 Action Plan was submitted to the Joint Committee by the deadline of 14 February. Due to the meeting schedule, it was possible to bring the final version to the Partnership for approval and this was now sought retrospectively.

In response to Member queries the PCSP Manager stated that the submission had been acknowledged there was no indication when we might expect to receive any feedback nor had any timeframe been made known for the issuing of the Letter of Offer.

Recommended:

- That the Partnership formally and retrospectively approve the PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Allan Rainey

PCSP 85/24

Multi Agency Support Hubs

The PCSP Manager presented a report on the Fermanagh and Omagh Multi Agency Support Hub (MASH).

Members were updated on the support provided by the Hub by partner agencies to those most vulnerable in our district and its operating protocols in terms of confidentiality, consent and information sharing.

After discussion, Members agreed the positive role of the MASH and questioned if there is ringfenced funding available to member agencies to support them in the delivery of their respective roles in the MASH. The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that it is understood that this is not available.

Recommend:

- That the PCSP Manager raise the funding issue with the MASH Regional Steering Group.
- That case studies illustrating examples of the support offered are presented a future PCSP meeting.
- That the MASH be raised at the FODC Health and Social Care Services Sub-Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott, seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly.

PCSP 86/24

PCSP Finance Report

PCSP Manager advised Members that the Quarter 3 Claim had been submitted on time and that spend is on track to achieve full spend. Members were urged to submit their claims in a timely manner to facilitate budgetary management.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly seconded by Cllr Allan Rainey.

PCSP 87/24

PCSP Activity Report

The Members were updated on the activity for October 2024 – February 2025. Highlights included the Primary School Road Safety Quiz, 16 Days of Activism and various Road Safety awareness activities.

PCSP 88/24

A.O.B.

1. PCSP Manager thanked Sinead Dolan from Youth Justice Agency for hosting a recent meeting at their Head Office in Enniskillen
2. PCSP Members Social Event on the 20 March at Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown
3. 'Be the Change' conference will take place on Monday, March 10, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Members are encouraged to register and attend, as the event aligns with PCSP's Domestic Violence initiatives.

PCSP 89/24

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the PCSP will be held on
29 April Townhall, Enniskillen at 7 pm.

PCSP 90/24

RISING:

The meeting began at 7.10pm.
All Members were present for the remaining duration of the meeting with the exception of Cllr Marty McColgan who left at 8.43pm & Cllr Alan Rainey who left at 8.45pm

The meeting closed with Committee rising at 09.00pm.