

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

Present:

Councillors

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

Independent Members

Miss Bernadette Lunney
(Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Siobhán Currie
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Miss Margaret McCrory
Mr Paul Stevenson
Mrs Pauline Treacy

Designated Members

Chief Inspector Graham Dodds (PSNI)
Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT)
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Mr Peter Melarkey (NIFRS)

Apologies:

Louise Bleakley
Cllr Stephen McCann
Donna Keenan (WHSCT)
Ryan McGee (EANI)

In attendance:

Cllr Aaron Elliott, Gavin Boyd (The Strategic Investment Board),
Carol Follis (PCSP Manager) Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader),
Alan Crooks (PCSP Community Safety Liaison Officer)
Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant).

PCSP 14/25

Welcome and Apologies

- The Chairperson welcomed Members and noted apologies.
- The Chairperson informed Members of Councillor Keith Elliot's resignation from the PCSP and acknowledged his significant contributions during his tenure as a Member of the PCSP.
- Gavin Boyd, from the Strategic Investment Board, delivered a presentation to Members on the new Strule Shared Education Campus. Following the presentation, Members participated in a Q&A session and expressed their thanks to Gavin for his informative presentation, noting their interest in exploring how the PCSP could collaborate with or support the project in the future in relation to community safety and engagement.

PCSP 15/25

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 16/25	<p>Notification of A.O.B 3 items.</p>
PCSP 17/25	<p>Minutes The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025 were considered and approved by Members</p> <p>Proposed by Paul Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Shirley Hawkes.</p>
PCSP 18/25	<p>Matters Arising None.</p>
PCSP 19/25	<p>Consultation response Workshop Members engaged in a workshop to submit a formal response to the Department of Justice consultation '<i>Improving justice system efficiency</i>'</p> <p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to submit a response to PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan by Friday 26 September. <p>Matters deferred: Due to time constraints and with Member agreement, the following agenda items to be moved to a future PCSP Meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fermanagh and Omagh Multi Agency Support Hub (MASH) 2. PCSP Quarter 1 Finance Report
PCSP 20/25	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Schemes PCSP Community Liaison Officer Alan Crooks updated Members on ongoing Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the district Members were presented with three new schemes for accreditation and twenty-seven for reaccreditation across the district. With approval all Members agreed to the new accreditations and reaccreditations.</p> <p>Proposed by Simon Wiggins & Cllr Roy Crawford.</p>
PCSP 21/25	<p>PCSP Activity Report April to June 2025 Members received a presentation on PCSP Quarter 1 Activities. Highlights included Emergency Services Day in Omagh, Bikesafe, Omagh Show, Scam Awareness events, Interagency meetings and PCSP Grant Aid support funded projects.</p>

PCSP 22/25

A.O.B.

1: Drug Seizures in the district

The PCSP Vice-Chair requested an update from Police on recent drug seizures within the district and queried whether there had been an increase in activity and what actions were being taken.

Inspector Dodds reported that drug seizures and Border Force detections had increased, not only within the district but across the island of Ireland. He advised that Police are working in partnership with An Garda Síochána conducting regular intelligence-led patrols, specifically targeting high-level dealers to disrupt supply. He further noted that social media platforms are increasingly being used in the supply of drugs.

Neighbourhood Policing teams continue to engage with schools, and the Public Health Agency to raise awareness of the risks associated with drug and alcohol misuse.

2: Burglaries in Enniskillen

Cllr Crawford requested an update on recent burglaries and vehicle thefts at two local housing estates in Enniskillen at the end of August.

Inspector Dodds advised that incidents had occurred in the Lough Yoan Road, Kilmacormick, and Hillview Park areas, where multiple houses and vehicles were targeted. He reported that two local gangs were identified as being involved, which aided the investigation through engagement and intelligence from residents. Arrests were subsequently made, and Police are confident in the evidence gathered.

Inspector Dodds further confirmed that additional patrols are in place, with community engagement meetings arranged alongside Neighbourhood Watch and Police teams to provide reassurance. Victims were kept updated throughout and expressed support for the prompt arrests made within two days. He thanked the local community for their assistance.

3: Action plan Task & Finish Group

Greg McMullan informed Members that he, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will form a Task and Finish Group to draft the PCSP Action Plan for the coming year. He noted that broad Member representation will be required to inform the Plan. Meetings will be scheduled during the day, and Members wishing to participate were asked to respond by Friday, 26 September.

Recommended:

1: Email Greg McMullan by Friday 26 September notifying of participation.

PCSP 23/25

Date of Next Meeting:

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

PCSP 24/25

RISING:

The meeting began at 7.00pm with Paul Stevenson and Simon Wiggins arriving at 7.08pm

Cllr Allan Rainey left at 8.45pm. Pauline Treacy, Simon Wiggins, Jacqueline Doherty left at 9.30pm

The meeting closed with Committee rising at 09.43pm.