

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 16 December at 7.00 pm** in The Townhall, Enniskillen.

Present:

Councillors

Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson)
Elaine Brough
Roy Crawford
Aaron Elliott
Tommy Maguire
Marty McColgan
Allan Rainey

Independent Members

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

Designated Members

Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Mr Colum Duffy (PBNi)
Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI)
Ryan McGee (EANI)

Apologies:

Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT)
Cllr Shirley Hawkes
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Mrs Pauline Treacy
Mr Simon Wiggins

In attendance:

PSNI Chief Insp. Celeste Simpson - Head of Road Policing.
Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader), Leanne Burns (PCSP Project Assistant).

PCSP 36/25

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson noted apologies and welcomed guests and Members to the meeting. Chief Insp. Scott Fallis took the opportunity to welcome the new G. District Superintendent Peter Cunningham (PSNI)

Superintendent Cunningham thanked the PCSP for the invitation to the meeting noting his varied experience within the PSNI and expressed appreciation to Chief Inspector Scott Fallis and Chief Inspector Graham Dodds for their work during the transition period from the outgoing Superintendent.

Superintendent Cunningham is keen to meet Members individually, highlighted the strong working relationship between the PCSP and the PSNI in addressing community issues, and expressed his commitment to continuing this collaborative approach going forward.

PCSP 37/25

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 38/25

Notification of A.O.B

- 1 item.

PCSP 39/25

Minutes

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on **Tuesday 28 October 2025** were considered.

Siobhán Currie requested an amendment, to the wording of the minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2025, recommendation point reference PCSP 27/25 to read as follows:

“That the PCSP issue a letter to the Justice Minister, inviting them to attend a PCSP meeting to discuss the potential for funding support for a pilot programme, in light of the high rates of femicide and the rural nature of the district.” Following approval by Members the minutes were adopted.

Recommendation:

That the minutes for the meeting on Tuesday 28 October 2025 are amended as requested.

Proposed by Cllr Crawford, seconded by Siobhán Currie.

PCSP 40/25

Matters Arising:

None.

PCSP 41/25

Action Plan Workshop

The PCSP Team Leader presented the draft PCSP Action Plan for 2026/2027.

Key highlights included the removal of the Small Grants Scheme, with funding redirected to the development of targeted projects in partnership with relevant agencies, based on priorities identified through Community Safety Survey data. This approach will allow greater flexibility and improved control over how funding is allocated.

Members discussed the importance of broadening the focus from drugs alone to wider youth engagement and early intervention.

A suggestion proposed by Ryan McGee (EANI) included working with schools and youth organisations, drawing on best practice such as Mid Ulster's *Engage for Change* programme. Potential project themes identified included healthy relationships, bystander behaviour, personal safety, drugs, alcohol, risk-taking behaviours, and understanding the consequences of criminal involvement, in partnership with PSNI.

The Vice-Chairperson requested amendments to the Action Plan to reflect comments made by Mr McGee, particularly in relation to outcome measurement.

Recommendation:

- That the Action Plan be amended to reword “Drugs” to “Youth Engagement”.
- That the Partnership adopts the PCSP Action Plan for 2026/2027, subject to the agreed amendments.

Proposed by: Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Elliott.

Presentation from Road Safety Partnership:

The Chairperson welcomed PSNI Head of Road Policing, Chief Insp Celeste Simpson, who provided an overview of the PSNI Road Safety Partnership (RSP) and its work with partners across Northern Ireland and cross-border.

The RSP highlighted its commitment to working with PCSPs to identify road safety concerns and target resources effectively. Members were advised that RSP speed detection vans are deployed in response to identified concerns, with revenue reinvested into fixed speed cameras and initiatives such as Operation Gallop and the provision of high-visibility vests. Community-based initiatives, including Community Speed Watch and Kids Court, were also outlined, focusing on education and early intervention.

Cllr Crawford requested figures on the annual revenue generated by speed detection vans and emphasised the importance of education for young drivers.

In response to queries regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), Members were advised that the Department of Justice will not fund additional SIDs, but RSP will use PCSP SID data to identify priority areas. VR technology is being piloted in schools, and recruitment of additional Road Safety Education Officers is underway.

Cllr Maguire raised concerns about rising level of road traffic fatalities asked whether data exists to evaluate a potential link with road conditions or investment are a result. Chief Insp Simpson noted that publicly available information may be explored from Traffic Management Officers and DfI, and that the coronial inquest will consider wider road safety issues. Any systemic concerns identified through inquests or PSNI/DfI site visits would be addressed as part of ongoing road safety improvements.

Recommendation:

- That the Road Safety Partnership provides Members with a presentation on its role and activities, along with a report on relevant road safety data.
- Annual figures on revenue generated by RSP for the Fermanagh and Omagh area to be shared with Members.
- Explore if there is public information relating to road conditions and fatalities and if it could be reported back to Members.
- That the Road Safety Partnership prioritise the Fermanagh and Omagh district area for funding for use in Road Safety education as a matter of urgency.

PCSP 43/25

Crash Car Simulator:

The PCSP Team Leader, Greg McMullan, presented a report on the Crash Car Simulator. Members were advised that the road safety vehicle is now ten years old, with increasing maintenance costs totalling almost £5,000 over the past five years.

Despite revisions made in 2022, the vehicle is no longer fully operational and sought approval for the disposal of the asset.

Recommendation:

That the Partnership approves the sale of the Crash Car Simulator vehicle and adopts alternative methods to deliver road safety messages, including the use of newly purchased VR goggles to reach a wider audience.

Proposed by Cllr McColgan, seconded by Paul Stevenson.

PCSP 44/25

PCSP Speed Indicator Devices:

Members were advised that, due to reduced resources the PCSP had to reconsider options for the deployment of portable Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) across the district.

At the PCSP meeting on 25 February 2025, it was agreed to pilot the use of a private contractor, with £2,225 allocated from the Road Safety Budget for 10 deployments.

Cllr Elliott requested figures on the number of deployment requests throughout the year. PCSP Team Leader advised that there is currently no waitlist due to a low number of requests, and that the contractor can deploy a SID within two weeks following consultation with DfI and PSNI regarding safety and location factors. He also noted the use if the contractor provides significant value for money given the staffing resources required for deployment, monitoring, and the analysis of the data captured during the two-week deployment.

The Chairperson asked Members to reconsider whether the current deployment approach, given the low number of requests, represents value for money, and requested further information on the potential for community groups to take responsibility for deployment.

Following discussion, Members agreed to reassess the pilot programme and explore a more cost-effective approach to SID deployment. The Chair also requested that the recommendation is deferred pending further exploration of options at the January 2026 PCSP meeting.

Recommendation:

That consideration of the SID deployment pilot programme and alternative options be deferred to the January PCSP meeting to allow further review of cost-effectiveness and community involvement opportunities.

PCSP 45/25

Any Other Business:

PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan presented the PCSP Meeting schedule for 2026/2027. All Members agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Margaret McCrory.

PCSP 46/25

RISING:

The meeting began at 7.00pm with Ryan McGee arriving at 7.15pm, Cllr Rainey arrived at 7.55pm.

Cllr Crawford left at 8.05pm.

Ms Bernadette Lunney and Ms Siobhán Currie left at 8.35pm

The meeting closed with Committee rising at 08.40pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 January 2026, The Grange, Omagh.