

Minutes of the Monaghan Local Community Safety Partnership meeting
held on 16th April 2026

Monaghan Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	16 th April 2026
Time:	9.30am
Venue:	Level 4, Rooftop Space, Peace Campus, Monaghan

Attendance	Aoife Bailey, Cllr. Seán Conlon, Cllr. Sinéad Flynn, Cllr. Alan Johnston, Patricia Monahan, Cllr. Niamh McCooey, Cllr. Noel Keelan, Supt. Pat O'Connell, Laura Cotter, Lorraine Cunningham, Luciano Gungo, Alesha Hamid, Colin McAree, Edita Vaitkaitiene, Francis McCarron, Maureen McIntyre, Siobhán McKenna, Ursula McKenna, Andy Ogle, Caitriona Sinnott, Zoe Wells, Barry Eaton, Coordinator, Sarah Moore, Administrator.
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Cllr. Raymond Aughey, Cllr. Sean Gilliland, Lisa Anderson, Francis Morris, Cathal O'Gorman, Paddy Gollogly
Non – Attendance	Robert Bradley
1. Declaration of Interest – None Received	
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting – On the proposal of Cllr. McCooey and seconded by C. Sinnott, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 th January 2026 were adopted.	
3. Matters Arising	
- Cllr. McCooey requested an update on the progress of the safety audits on the pedestrian and courtesy crossings in Monaghan. Cllr. Conlon noted that he had recently taken part in a Walkability Audit and that any work done to the courtesy and pedestrian crossing should be replicated across the 3 Municipal Districts. He commended the work done by Monaghan County Council in improving these crossings. Cllr. Flynn advised that an audit was taking place in the Ballybay/ Clones MD shortly and would feedback on this. P. Monahan advised that the Walkability Audit had been well attended with a comprehensive Report to be drawn up. She will revert to the other MD's and see what plans are in place. - Cllr. Keelan advised that a Transport Plan was being developed for Carrickmacross town with a focus on pedestrian safety within the town, in particular. He advised there was a serious safety issue of HGV's being in the town centre.	
4. Correspondence Received	
- Letter from An Garda Síochána dated 10th February 2026 - Letter from Dervila Eyres, Integrated Health Area Manager, dated 13th March 2026	
5. Presentation by Elizabeth Doherty Mooney, Age Friendly Homes Coordinator	

Elizabeth provided a background on the work she completed as the Age Friendly Homes Coordinator and provided statistics for service users within County Monaghan. Discussion ensued among the members and Elizabeth provided details of the services she can provide and the supports available to service users such as, assistance with Housing Adaptation Grants, Assisted Technology, Health and Downsizing. The members raised queries in relation to some of the services outlined by Elizabeth.

6. Presentation by Siobhán McKenna, Tearmann Domestic Support Service

Siobhán provided a presentation to the group on the work carried out by Tearmann Domestic Support Services and provided updated statistics for Co. Monaghan. The members commended Siobhán on her hard work, in particular, with the development of the new refuge. Discussion ensued among the members with regard to the statistics which were highlighted for the county and queries were raised by the members with regard to some of the services provided by Tearmann to women and children within the community.

7. Report from An Garda Síochána

Supt. O'Connell provided a report to include updates on crimes and the categories and trends across the county.

- Cllr. Johnston reminded all members of the Standing Order rules, under which, recording or photographing presentations is prohibited.
- Discussion ensued regarding rural crime and cattle rustling, drug related crime and road accidents and incidents.
- It was noted that "Coco's Law" was being run through schools in Co. Cavan with changes to school policies being made. It was hoped that this is something that can be replicated in Co. Monaghan and Supt. O'Connell advised that he would fully support this.
- Cllr. Johnston thanked Supt. O'Connell for his presentation and commended the Gardai for the work that they do.

8. Item C – Updates from Statutory Agencies

• P. Monahan – Monaghan County Council

P. Monahan provided an update on Local Authority activities which were ongoing with regard to community safety.

- The members wished to acknowledge the work of the council especially in terms of the CCTV scheme being rolled out in some towns, together with the upgrades completed to public lighting in all MDs.

• Aoife Bailey – HSE

A. Bailey provided an updated from the HSE to include the employment of an Addiction Councillor for Co. Monaghan.

- Discussion ensued regarding the use of 'SNUS' among young people and the easy availability of it. It was also noted that a location base for the new Addiction Councillor had not yet been decided.

9. Update on development of Local Community Safety Plan

B. Eaton provided an update on the development of the plan.

- Cllr. Johnston acknowledged the work that had been done with regard to the public consultation and noted that so far, we had over 500 responses to our Questionnaires.
- He thanked Supt. O'Connell for his assistance with the public consultations.

- He discussed the draft Timeline for the plan and hoped that the closed meeting in May would be an opportunity for the Elected Representatives to have an input in the plan.

10. Project Proposals for Local Community Safety Fund 2026

- Cllr. Johnston noted that information had been received regarding the Community Safety Fund for 2026. He noted that B. Eaton requested at our last meeting that anyone who wished to make a proposal to come forward and Cllr. Johnston advised that a project proposal was received from S. McKenna.
- On the proposal of L. Cunningham and second by Cllr. Flynn, it was agreed to support this project.
- Cllr. Johnston noted that the deadline for applications was 18th May 2026.
- Discussion ensued among the members regarding other potential project proposals that other members hoped to bring to the Community Safety Fund. Cllr. Johnston advised that anyone who wished to put a project proposal forward should send all information to B. Eaton as soon as possible.

11. Monaghan LCSP Budget 2026

- Cllr. Johnston presented the proposed LCSP Budget to the members.
- On the proposal of F. McCarron and second by Cllr. McCooey, the Budget document was adopted.

12. AOB

- Cllr. Johnston reminded the members that our next meeting would take place on 22nd May 2026 and that this was a closed meeting for the Elected Representatives and would be different to our main LCSP meetings. He noted that this was a closed meeting and media would not be present at that meeting. He also wished to remind members about the importance of not recording or sharing sensitive data following the meetings.
- Cllr. Johnston acknowledged the contribution of J. Arthur from SVP who has stepped away from her role on the Partnership and advised that her vacancy would be filled in due course. Cllr. Johnston wished to acknowledge P. Monahan who was retiring and thanked her for all her work and support and wished her all the best in her retirement.
- Finally, Cllr. Johnston asked the members if it could be agreed to change the date of our LCSP meeting in July from 16th July to 30th July in order to allow us to have the Safety Plan ready for agreement by all members. All members agreed with this.

Cllr. Johnston thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12.40pm.

Next Meeting

Date:	22nd May 2026 (Closed Meeting with Elected Representatives)
Time:	9.30am
Venue:	Level 3, Community Hall, Monaghan Peace Campus
Prepared by Sarah Moore	Barry Eaton Monaghan Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator
Adopted by LCSP	30-7-26
Chairperson Signature	