Monaghan LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Monaghan Local Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on 30th July 2026.

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Date:	30th July 2026
Time:	9.30am
Venue:	Shirley Arms Hotel, Carrickmacross

Attendance	Cllr. Alan Johnston, Cllr. Sinéad Flynn, Cllr. Raymond Aughey, Cllr. Noel Keelan, Nicola Payne MCC, Francie Morris, Paddy Gollogly, Maureen McIntyrne, Ursula McKenna, Colin McAree, Alesha Hamid, Síobhan McKenna, Andy Ogle, Cathal O'Gorman, Lorraine Cunningham, Zoe Wells, Sgt Ronan Carey (AGS), Supt Pat O'Connell (AGS), Tracey Donaghy (AGS), Fiona Callan (AGS), Aoife Bailey (HSE), Lisa Anderson (TULSA), Barry Eaton (Coordinator) and Sandra McQuaid (Ass Staff Officer).
Guest Speakers	Gretchen Swinburn (TULSA)
1.Apologies:	Cllr. Niamh McCooey, Laura Cotter, Francis MCarron, Caitriona Sinnott, Cllr. Sean Conlon, Cllr. Sean Gilliland and Edita Vaitkaitiene.

Cllr. Johnston opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda for the meeting. He welcomed Nicola Payne to her first meeting as Director of Services, (MCC)

Cllr Alan Johnston proposed a vote of sympathy to Paddy Gollogy and his family, on the death of his nephew Stephen. Cllr Noel Keelan seconded the proposal. Paddy thanked the meeting for their votes of sympathy.

Cllr Johnston mentioned the bravery of members of the Garda for dealing with the bomb found on the N2 recently. He read out a statement of support.

Cllr Johnston proposed that the LCSP write to the superintendent in Monaghan to convey the committees' thanks in relation to same. Cllr Keelan seconded this suggestion.

Supt Pat O'Connell thanked Cllr Johnston for his recognition. Supt O'Connell also acknowledged the two Garda present from Carrickmacross community Tracey and Fiona and to commend them on their community support work in the local area.

2.Declarations of Interest

None received

3.Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16th April & Closed meeting held on 22nd May

- Minutes of meeting held in April proposed by Cllr Noel Keelan and seconded by Andy Ogle
- Minutes of meeting held in May proposed by Cllr Sinéad Flynn and seconded by Colin McAree

4. Matters Arising

- Cathal O'Gorman wished to mention the presentation from David McCague at the Elected Members meeting regarding mobile phone usage and the effect on our young people. He noted it had been a revelation for him in terms of long-term damage on young people.

- Cllr Sinead Flynn wished to inform the meeting that as Chairperson of the Women's Assembly there is a Safe Digital Spaces Awareness event taking place in September.
- Cllr Alan Johnston spoke about the impact of social media on young people. He also expressed a wish that an event would be organised which would be aimed at older people.

5. Correspondences

1. Correspondences from Laois Local Community Safety Partnership regarding the use of E-Scooters was received on 22nd July 2026.
   Barry Eaton read out the 6 proposed measures to the committee. The LA will be involved in the proposed actions.
   The consensus was to support the proposal by means of a letter to the National Office for Community Safety. This was proposed by Cllr Johnston and seconded by Lorraine Cunningham.

6. Presentation by Lisa Anderson/Gretchen Swinburn, TULSA

Lisa/Gretchen gave an update on Tulsa's activities which includes:

- Statistics on child referral and child youth support – second quarter 2026 report
- A key benefit from being on the LCSP committee is potential interagency initiatives with Tulsa
- Another benefit is public awareness of Tusla's services
- Details of funding opportunities were communicated
- Th healthy relationships between all stake holders on the LCSP was noted

A few issues were raised by the committee members such as positive early interventions by An Garda Síochána, anti-social behaviour and a query in relation to Hidden Harm (a group designed to help parents who suffer from addiction).

7.Presentation by Aoife Bailey, HSE

Aoife gave a presentation of updates and progress in the Cavan/Monaghan area, which included:

- Older Peoples activities
- An update on bed spaces in Cavan/Monaghan
- Ballybay Primary Care Centre update
- Details of the mobile vaccination service
- Information on the Dementia & Remembrance Garden launched last week in Monaghan General hospital

A discussion took place among the members and Aoife answered any queries or questions.

Cllr Alan Johnston thanked both Aoife & Gretchen/Lisa for their presentations and requested that both presentations be made available by email to the members. Barry agreed to circulate the presentations.

8. Report from An Garda Siochana

Supt. O'Connell provided an update on crime rates/categories and trends across the county. He provided statistics for the 2nd quarter and the year to date.

- A discussion ensued regarding co-operation between Tulsa and the An Garda Síochána in relation to child services locally.

- Also discussed was anti-social behaviour on our local link services, local garda resources with the upcoming EU Presidency and a query on the link between incidents of crime, alcohol and drugs.

9. Update from Statutory Agencies

Nicola Payne, A/Director of Services, (MCC) provided an update of ongoing events.

10. Update on Monaghan Local Community Safety Action Plan

Barry Eaton gave an update of the Monaghan Local Community Safety Action Plan

- There is a delay on publication of Monaghan County Council plan, as the National Strategy has not been published. A decision was taken that the Monaghan Co Council plan would not be published, until the National Strategy has been finalised.

It was agreed that Barry circulates the draft plan and action plan to the committee. It was noted that the deadline for submissions had passed but if members had any additions to the Action Plan they can still submit them under 31st August 2026.

Cllr Alan Johnston thanked the members of the Steering Group for all their hard work in producing the draft plan.

The draft plan was proposed by Cathal O'Gorman and seconded by Paddy Gollogly.

11. AOB

Cllr Johnston informed that attendees could claim travel for attendance at meetings, if they weren't receiving subsidence from their own organisation.

- Barry informed the meeting that the LCSP has received a budget of €12,000 from the National Office for promotion and marketing. It was suggested to purchase hi vis vest for school children waiting for buses and stickers for their school bags. This was proposed by Paddy Gallogly and seconded by Cllr Keelan.
- A discussion took place in relation to the unacceptable online abuse of female councillors nationally. The issue of online abuse of public officials and the public in general was also discussed. Supt Pat O'Connell encouraged the reporting of online abuse incidents. Cllr Keelan asked could online abuse be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Funding is available from the LCSP for member groups. Barry will send out an email. The deadline will be Monday 31st August 2026.
- A proposal by Paddy Gollolgy was made to write to Bus Eireann to include the provision of high vis vests to bus passengers as part of all contracts. This was seconded by Cllr Noel Keelan.

Cllr. Johnston thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 1pm.

12. Next Meeting

Date:	**15th October, 2026**
Time:	**9.30am**
Venue:	**Monaghan Peace Campus**

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Adopted by LCSP	15/10/2026.
Chairperson Signature	