

## Minutes of Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Hotel Kilmore, Cavan

### Attendance

**Present:**

- Cllr John Paul Feeley (JPF) Chairperson,
- Cllr. TP O'Reilly (TPO'R) Vice-Chairperson,
- Cllr. Clifford Kelly (CK),
- Cllr. Niall Smith (NS),
- Cllr. Carmel Brady (CB),
- Cllr. Niamh Brady (NB),
- Cllr. Brendan Fay (BF),
- Cllr. Damien Brady (DB)
- Brendan Jennings (BJ), Cavan County Council,
- Superintendent John Callanan (JC), An Garda Síochana,
- Aoife Bailey (AB), HSE,
- Michael Fitzpatrick (MF), Resident,
- Patricia Walsh (PW), Resident,
- Anges McManus Dulake (AMcM), Social Inclusion,
- Niall McVeigh (NMcV), Education Rep,
- Tetiana Hrytsyk (TH), New Communities Rep,
- Aileen Connolly McGettigan (ACMcG), Youth Rep.

**Apologies:**

- Lisa Anderson, TUSLA,
- Kathleen Sheridan, Resident

**Did not attend:**

- Damien Keaney, Resident

**Quorum:**

Yes

<b>In attendance:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chief Superintendent Alan McGovern (AMcG), An Garda Síochana</li><li>- Inspector Lionel Mullally, Community Engagement,</li><li>- Amanda Murray, Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator,</li><li>- Angela Fitzpatrick, Community Section, Cavan County Council.</li></ul>
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## **1. Introduction**

### **a. Mr. Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council.**

Mr. Eoin Doyle was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Brendan Jennings, Director of Services, Cavan County Council spoke on his behalf.

He confirmed that the Partnership has the full support of Cavan County Council in pursuing initiatives within its remit. He noted that each Local Authority is still adapting to this new Department of Justice-led initiative and encouraged the group to manage expectations by focusing on practical, achievable actions in its three-year plan, with attention to both short- and long-term goals.

He advised that any matters relating to the Partnership should be directed through the administrative channel, with the Co-ordinator, Ms. Amanda Murray, as the first point of contact.

### **b. Mr. Jim O'Callaghan, Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration**

The Partnership viewed a recorded welcome address from Minister Jim O'Callaghan, in which he affirmed his support for the Partnership and encouraged the group to focus on the development of its three-year plan.

He further conveyed his best wishes to the members and expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve on the Partnership.

### **c. Mr. Alan McGovern, Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana**

Chief Superintendent Alan McGovern then addressed the meeting. He emphasised the shared responsibility for community safety and affirmed his commitment to supporting the work of the group going forward. He welcomed the new structure, noting that the LCSP represents a transition from the JPC model to a more collaborative and partnership-driven approach. He also stated that the Community Engagement Inspector would be available to provide assistance to the committee as required.

## **2. Election of Chairperson**

In the absence of Mr. Eoin Doyle, CE, Ms. Angela Fitzpatrick, A/SEO oversaw the election of Chairperson of the Partnership.

Mr. John Paul Feeley was proposed by Cllr. TP O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Clifford Kelly.

As there were no other nominations, Mr. John Paul Feeley was unanimously elected.

Mr. Feeley thanked his proposer and seconder. He noted that while County Cavan is generally a safe place, it nevertheless faces certain challenges. He stated that the Partnership would work to address these by striking an appropriate balance between identified issues and community concerns.

## **3. Election of Vice- Chairperson**

In the absence of Mr. Eoin Doyle, CE, Ms. Angela Fitzpatrick, A/SEO oversaw the election of Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership.

Cllr. TP O'Reilly was proposed by Cllr. Clifford Kelly seconded by Cllr. Niall Smith.

As there were no other nominations, Cllr. T.P. O'Reilly was unanimously elected.

Cllr. O'Reilly thanked his proposer and seconder and expressed his intention to address issues of particular concern to rural communities, while progressing positive initiatives aimed at improving conditions across County Cavan.

#### **4. Consideration of Standing Orders**

The members went through each of the items listed in the Standing Orders. The following amendments were noted:

- **Dates of Meetings:-** allow flexibility, a programme of dates to be agreed annually.
- **Hybrid Meetings:-** agreed that meetings would be either in person or via teams, not mixed.
- **Press Attendance:-** it was agreed that representatives from the press would be invited to attend meetings after the first hour. This would allow frank discussions to take place while providing transparency of the work of the Partnership.
- **Quorum:-** the quorum at meetings was agreed at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the membership.

On the proposal of Cllr. Niall Smith, seconded by Ms. Patricia Walsh, the Standing Orders were unanimously agreed.

#### **5. Consideration of Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were noted as read and unanimously agreed.

#### **6. Set dates for Meetings for 2026**

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of the LCSP on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 in the Council Chamber at 10:00 a.m.

A programme of dates would be agreed at this meeting for the upcoming year.

#### **7. Any other business**

The following items were raised:

- Amanda Murray, Coordinator, informed members that they would receive advance notice to submit questions and motions for upcoming agendas.
- Superintendent John Callanan advised that public consultation is now open on the Draft Code of Practice for CCTV, and it was agreed that the consultation link would be circulated to all members.
- Superintendent Callanan also noted an upcoming event in Cavan on Coco's Law, with invitations to be issued to members.
- The group discussed the potential for a county-wide community safety survey:
  - The proposal was positively received.
  - It was recognised that the profile of the Partnership needs to be strengthened to support such an initiative. ○ Increased media engagement will be pursued.
  - Each member will be asked to raise awareness within their own representative group.
- Members were requested to review and consider the content for the 3-year plan, as collective input is required to coordinate a forward-looking strategy.
- Regarding social media and communications:
  - The Partnership discussed the establishment of a social media presence. The Co-Ordinator will confirm the national approach.
  - It was agreed that sharing updates through the Partnership's social media channels will be important for visibility. It was further agreed that all members have a responsibility in sharing posts through their online presence.
  - A webpage for the LCSP already exists on Cavan County Council's website.

**Meeting concluded at 4:45 p.m.**

**Signed:**



John Callanan

**Date:**

15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Cllr John Paul Feeley,  
Chairperson,  
Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership

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**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Venue:** Tusla Offices, Hampton Court, Cootehill Road, Cavan