

Tipperary Community Safety Partnership Meeting	
Date:	24th March 2026
Time:	4 p.m.
Venue:	Thurles MD

Attendance	Noel Coonan, Cllr. Andy Moloney, Cllr. Richie Molloy, Cllr. Michael Brennan, Cllr. Peggy Ryan, Cllr Declan Burgess, Eddie Golden, Liam McGraynor, Lawrence Afolabi, Edel Carey, Alice Teehan, Liam Kelly, Margaret Enright, Catherine Fogarty, Rosie Palmer, John Walsh, Damien Ginty, Áine Roche, Angela Sheehan.
Quorum:	Yes
Apologies:	Claire O'Neill, Clodagh Kelly, James A. Hallahan, Michelle Aylward, Chief Superintendent Aileen Magner. Cllr Amy Goldsboro.

1. Declaration of Interest:

Áine Roche circulated forms for Declaration of Interest and asked that members complete where relevant.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2026, copy of which had been circulated, were proposed by Eddie Golden and seconded by Cllr. Andy Moloney.

3. Presentation on Tipperary Town 'Samhan Fest' by Michael Begley, Tipperary Town Revitalization Manager and Superintendent Eddie Golden.

Michael and Eddie made a presentation to the members on the recently held and very successful 'Samhan Fest' Halloween Festival in Tipperary. Their presentation was outlined under the following headings:

- Background to the James Connolly Park/Three Drives area
- Video and details of anti-social behaviour in 2024
- Formation of Steering Group to address this issue
- Samhan Fest Awareness Measures and Event Preparation
- Details of areas used for various events and fireworks display
- Attendance figures and event feedback.

4. Q & A following Presentation

The Chair then took questions and comments from the members as follows:

- Examples of similar events in other areas in Tipperary County and methods used to organise these events
- Possibility of assistance with funding, templates and training supports from TCC/LCSP for these events
- Emphasis on pre-planning and organising events around the county
- Provision of entertainment following these events to avoid anti-social behaviour.

Following discussion, all agreed that the following must be examined in order to make these events a success:

- Extensive advance planning
- Stakeholder engagement focus
- Community Strategy
- Positive message to youth
- A method of organising a safe event in a controlled environment
- Collaboration between all members of the LCSP.

Noel thanked Michael and Eddie for their very interesting and informative presentation and thanked all for their input.

5. Text Alert: Rosie Palmer CEO Muintir na Tíre

Rosie spoke to the members about the text alert system which has been in operation since 1985. The goals of the text alert system are:

- Crime Prevention
- Community Safety
- Care and support

She stated that there are over 1,000 groups in the county and she can provide information on any of these on a local level. She circulated a leaflet outlining their current projects and requested that anyone contact herself or Ned Kearney, Community Alert Development Officer for further information.

All agreed that the system needs to be revamped and updated with a newer model using new technology.

Superintendent McGraynor suggested that the public use 999 for urgent calls for community safety as Whatsapp messages circulated locally are not shared with AGS, and therefore the data cannot be used to measure success.

Noel and the members thanked Rosie for her presentation and assured that the LCSP will work with Rosie and AGS on proposals and suggestions for greater community safety.

6. National Office Updates

Áine informed the members that the LCSP National Strategy will not be launched until April 2026, so national consultations will take place following this launch. She stated that she has already started working on youth consultations with youth groups in Tipperary, with a view to working on a pilot project in Cahir and Clonmel on a personal water safety programme for youths in partnership with Irish Water Safety and LCSP.

She stated that she is also working on a Community Safety Plan and a survey which she will ask the members to look at in advance of the national consultations.

She requested that 2/3 members with previous experience on consultations would sit on a Working Group to assist with the organising of these consultations.

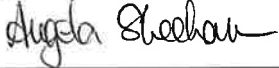

She stated that a Safety Day will be taking place with Sergeant John McCormack on 21st April in conjunction with the Tipperary PPN in Upperchurch from 6.00-8.30pm. More communication will follow once confirmed.

Dates for Future Meetings

- Next LCSP meeting will take place on 19th May, 4pm, Thurles MD
- Oireachtas meeting will be pushed out to 22nd September
- Public meeting due to be held in September will be changed to October.

7. AOB

- A question arose regarding the functionality of the LCSP as the general public need to be notified of the functions of the LCSP and its members. Áine responded that it is a new body and is still being established and this will be dealt with in due course as she is still awaiting guidance from National Office. She stated that there is information regarding the LCSP on the TCC website.
- Concern was also raised over the attendance at meetings. Áine stated that following abstention from two meetings, she would talk to the members regarding lack of commitment.
- Social Media will be set up, either separately or as part of TCC Community Social Media.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Áine circulated a leaflet outlining projects carried out by two Pilot LCSPs – Longford and Waterford City and County for the information of the members 	
<p>Chair, Noel Coonan, closed the meeting, thanking all for attending. He stated that himself and Áine are available to discuss any issues regarding the LCSP at any time.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th May</p>
<p>Time:</p>	<p>3.30 p.m. gathering for meeting at 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Venue:</p>	<p>Anner Hotel</p>
<p>Prepared by: Angela Sheehan </p>	<p>Name: Angela Sheehan</p>
<p>Adopted by Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership</p>	<p>19th May 2026</p>
<p>Chairperson Signature: </p>	<p>Name: Noel Coonan</p>