

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 17 October 2017

Falkirk Fire Station, Falkirk

7.15pm – 9pm

1. Present

Tracy Cameron	Chair/Safer Langlees and Bainsford
Moira Heeps	Vice-Chair/Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
George Forster	Treasurer/Watson Street Area NHW
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Stuart Caplan	Mungahthead Road NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Dru Baker	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police) – speaker phone
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Mark Cameron	Safer Langlees and Bainsford
Alex Bean	Grangemouth NHW
Scott Williamson	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Fire)

3. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked The Fire Service of Scotland for once again allowing the meeting to take place on their premises.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members pointed to some minor errors in the minutes of the meeting of 29 August 2017 and following agreement of the amendments to be made they were approved by Moira Heeps and seconded by Tracy Cameron.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

Madelene reported that the group's books are still at the auditor and following their return, a date will be set for the AGM. Madelene also reported that BCSG intended to carry out a crime prevention day in Tesco if possible. (See AOB).

Action: Madelene to update members at next meeting.

5.2 Schools Quiz

Moira advised members that there was no feedback to date. However, a short discussion ensued and it was asked if the quiz should be limited to a few schools in the Braes area and it was agreed that this may be the best way forward. Moira also reported that she was soon to meet with the head teacher of the Braes High School and she will report on this at the next meeting.

Action: Moira to advise members of any further developments.

5.2 Panel Funding

Moira reported that she was in the process of completing application for funding to Falkirk Council. Tom added that the Police Mutual insurance group had asked for additional information on the application he had made to them on behalf of the Panel and this has been sent on.

Action: Moira and Tom to advise members of any further developments.

6. Panel Initiatives

6.1 Presentations:

Moira advised members that since the last meeting, she and Tracy, along with two police officers, had delivered a presentation on purse theft, personal safety and credit card protection to 35 people at Camelon High school. The presentation by both the Chair and Vice Chair was very well received and a number of donations were made for personal attack alarms.

Moira also reported that she and Tracy had been invited to deliver a similar presentation to members of the Key Housing Association at the Dawson Centre, Bainsford on 16 November. Another request for a similar presentation has also been made by the residents of Paterson Tower. Members agreed that it is clear from the reception that the Chair and Vice-Chair are receiving for the delivery of these presentations, that there is an audience for these messages and both are to be commended for their dedication and determination to deliver them.

Action: Moira/Tracy to update members after presentations;

6.2 Future events:

The Chair advised members that a fireworks initiative is to take place at the Asda superstore in Grangemouth on Saturday 28 October to which the Panel were invited to attend. Whilst it was known that Scott would be in attendance with the Fire Service of Scotland, both Tom and George quickly offered to volunteer to attend on the day, while other members indicated that they may be able to be there depending on family engagements.

It was also agreed that Tom should liaise with Asda, Falkirk, in an attempt to hold a similar event in the Falkirk store in December, with Saturday 2 December being the preferred date. Madelene also indicated that BCSG hoped to carry out a similar exercise at Tesco in Bo'ness.

Action: Members attending to provide an update at the next meeting.

6.3 Website Update:

Stuart Caplan made members aware that although matters are similar to the update at the previous meeting, he and Steve had been working together to rectify the issues that are there and they are confident that these will be overcome. Stuart has agreed to prepare a strategy for the website which will be shared with members in due course.

Action: Stuart to update members on strategy as soon as it is available.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled reported that he had paid the Panel's insurance for the year which left the following funds:

Small Grants account:	£348.83
General Bank Account:	£ 53.11

It was also agreed to amalgamate the Panel's bank accounts into the small grants account.

8. AOB

8.1 Christmas Leaflets/Card Protectors

Moira indicated that the numbers of Festive leaflets are running low and sought permission to cost a new batch, and this was given. It was also agreed that 400 card protectors should be purchased

Action: Moira to liaise with printer and advise members on cost.

8.2 Members' Identity Badges

Stuart Caplan handed out identity badges to all members. These were again very well received and it was agreed that Stuart was to be commended for his work on both the website and the badges.

8.3 Dru reported that there had been an increase in housebreaking and fires in the Corbieshall/Grangepans areas and it was proving difficult to have preventative information delivered to the public. Perhaps Panel members are able to assist?

9. Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and advised that the next meeting is due to take place at **7pm** at Falkirk Fire Station on:

Tuesday 28 November 2017

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Falkirk Fire Station

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To be confirmed