

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Falkirk Fire Station

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
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Councillor Jim Blackwood	Falkirk Council Public Protection Portfolio
Stuart Caplan	Mungahhead Road NHW
Alex Bean	Grangemouth NHW
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Dru Baker	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Robert Thomson	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Fire)
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologie

Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Mark Cameron	Safer Langlees and Bainsford

3. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting by wishing all members a very happy new year and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair also thanked members for what was a very healthy turn out at our Festive event held at the Howgate Centre in November (See item under Panel Initiatives). At this juncture, through the Chair, Robert Thomson, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Liaison Officer to Falkirk Council took the opportunity to thank members for donating the flame retardant clothing which will be used at some date in the future to protect people that are identified as being at possible risk to fire in their home.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2016 were approved by Madelene Hunt and were seconded by Chris McNaught.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

Madelene indicated that BCSG recently held a meeting at which the group's accounts had been approved and sent off to OSCR. Madelene also indicated that a valuable member of the group, Bill Kelly, had resigned. She also advised members that there had been an issue with the décor in the porta-cabin but this has been addressed and more local groups are beginning to use the facility.

5.2 Schools Quiz

Moira advised members that due to other pressures, she had nothing to report in regard to the schools quiz. A short discussion then ensued and Moira asked Drew if he had any ideas regarding the possible direction of this initiative and it was suggested that efforts should be made to hold the quiz in October/November. Moira agreed that she would endeavour to send emails out to the schools to this effect.

Action: Moira to send email to school cluster group and report back.

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5.3 Panel Funding

Moira was delighted to advise members that Falkirk Council had forwarded the grant of £1332 to the Treasurer and this was now in the Panel's funds. Moira also indicated that she had nothing else to report in regard to further funding for the current year.

6.4 Panel Initiatives

Festive Initiative:

As previously reported in the minutes, the event held at the Howgate Centre had been well attended by members. It was generally agreed that although not as busy as previous years, a large number of crime prevention leaflets, including the identity theft sleeves had been handed out. It was also pointed out that the presence of a Community Fire Officer proved to be a welcome addition to the team on the day.

At this point it was suggested by Stuart Caplan that an approach should be made to The Falkirk Herald to ask if they would run an article on the workings of the Panel and thereby raise the profile of the group. Following a short discussion, it was agreed this should be done.

Action: Stuart to make contact with The Falkirk Herald and report back.

In regard to raising the profile of the Panel, the Chair advised members that the Dawson Bike Club would be attending the 'Wee Jaunt' cycle event that is due to be held in Falkirk in May and suggested that attendance at this event would also help to raise our profile, although the date and venue was still to be agreed.

With that in mind, a crime prevention leaflet on cycles was tabled and Dru was asked to take it to Police Scotland for comment with the possibility that it could be printed for this event. Stuart Caplan suggested that if this was to be done, it would be a good idea to link it into shed security and this was agreed. Stuart was then asked if he could revitalise this leaflet to include shed security and thereafter send it out for comment before bringing it to the next meeting for approval to print it.

Action: Stuart to revitalise the document to encompass cycle security and shed security and send it out for comment. Dru to report the thoughts of Police Scotland at next meeting.

Robert also suggested that the Panel should also consider attending the Emergency Services Day event that is organised by the Falkirk BID. This event is to be held in August.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer then reported the following:

Small Grants account:	£1062.79
General Bank Account:	£ 67.21

8. AOB

Mobile Phone/Purse Theft Leaflets – Bo'ness

Chris advised members that her daughter Debbie had distributed a number of mobile phone/purse theft leaflets to a number of households in the Bo'ness area.

Panel Facebook Page

Emma made members aware that the Panel's Facebook page had more than 80 'likes' and hoped that this might improve in the months ahead. Robert asked Emma to share future posts with him and indicated that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would share any information supplied with its own followers. Stuart Caplan showed an interest in this initiative and asked Emma to liaise with him regarding it.

Action: Emma/Stuart to report on progress of Facebook page.

Breas High School

Moira indicated that the Breas High School was soon to hold an event at which pupils will be allowed to raise any issues they may have with various organisations that are attending and suggested that members might wish to attend to lend their support. The date of this event is to be ascertained.

Action: Moira to advise members of date and location of this event.

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AGM

George raised the subject of the AGM and it was agreed that he should liaise with Falkirk Council in an effort to book Falkirk Chambers for the AGM which is proposed to be held on 6 June 2017.

Action: George to liaise with Falkirk Council and report back.

Minutes

Tom suggested that the minutes should be sent out 3 or 4 weeks in advance of meetings and this was agreed. He also agreed that he would send out a reminder of the meetings to members a week in advance.

9. Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and advised that the next meeting is due to take place at **7.15pm** at Falkirk Fire Station on:

Tuesday 7 March 2017

Future meeting dates were also agreed and these are as follows:

Tuesday 18 April 2017

Tuesday 30 May 2017

All meetings will take place at Falkirk Fire Station starting at 7.15pm.

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Meeting Tuesday 7 March 2017

Falkirk Fire Station

AGENDA

1 Present

2 Apologies

3 Welcome

4 Minutes of Meeting on 24 January 2017

5 Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

5.2 Schools Quiz

5.3 Panel Funding

5.4 Panel Initiatives

5.5 AGM

6. Treasurer's Report

7. AOB

8. Date of Next Meeting

18 April 2017