

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Falkirk Fire Station, Falkirk

7.15pm – 9pm

1. Present

Moira Heeps	Vice-Chair/Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Stuart Caplan	Vice Chair/Mungahhead Road NHW
George Forster	Treasurer/Watson Street Area NHW
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Yvonne Blair	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Community Fire Safety Department
PC Dru Baker	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Inspector Ewan Wilson	Forth Valley Division, Community Policing Department
Willie Clark	National Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Tracy Cameron	Safer Langlees and Bainsford
Scott Williamson	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Fire)
Donald Johnston	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Falkirk
Alex Bean	Grangemouth NHW

3. Welcome

The Vice Chair opened the meeting by announcing that it was with regret that she had received information from the Tracy that she was not in a position to continue as Chair of the Panel. The Vice Chair made comment on the commitment that Tracy had shown to the Panel over the past ten years and members paid tribute to the work that she had undertaken on the Panel's behalf. The Vice Chair then thanked members for attending and reminded them that this meeting was to be used to elect the office bearers for 2018/19. The Vice Chair also welcomed Chris McNaught back to the Panel after undergoing a serious operation on her knee and introduced Yvonne Blair and Inspector Ewan Wilson as guests for the evening. The Vice Chair also thanked the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for once again allowing the meeting to take place on their premises.

4. Election of Office Bearers

To facilitate the election of the office bearers for the coming year the Vice Chair stepped down. This part of the meeting was then conducted by Willie Clark and the following nominations were approved:

Chair: Moira Heeps	- Proposed by Madelene Hunt; seconded by Stuart Caplan
Vice Chair: Stuart Caplan	- Proposed by Tom McDougall; seconded by Pat Mason
Treasurer: George Forster	- Proposed by Moira Heeps; seconded by Madelene Hunt
Minute Secretary: Tom McDougall	- Proposed by Pat Mason; seconded by Stuart Caplan

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All those nominated accepted their respective roles for the year and the meeting was handed back to the Chair to resume business. The Chair thanked Willie Clark for his help with this part of the meeting and for his ongoing support to the Panel.

The Chair thereafter introduced Inspector Ewan Wilson from Falkirk Police who immediately indicated that he had picked up that Panel members had been disappointed by recent events. However, he struck a positive note by inviting Panel members to become involved in the upcoming Operation Christmas/Drop in Community Hub that was to operate in Falkirk town centre from 1 December 2018 until 2 January 2019. This would entail members helping the Police and their partners provide support and advice to the local community and members demonstrated their keenness to support this initiative. Inspector Wilson also indicated that there would be a photoshoot opportunity to launch this initiative to which the Panel would be invited.

Inspector Wilson came across as very sincere in his support of the Panel, and following a number of pertinent questions and suggestions, he indicated that he was looking to engage with members more positively in the future and was keen to have a productive partnership with Panel members.

Inspector Wilson Was thanked by the Chair for his positive and proactive input and left the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 7 August 2018 were approved by Madelene Hunt and seconded by George Forster.

Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

Madelene advised members that on this occasion, she had nothing to report

Action: Madelene to update members at next meeting.

5.2 Schools Quiz

No report.

Action: This item is to be kept on hold meantime.

5.2 Panel Funding

Maira indicated that she had nothing to more to report regarding funding.

Action: Maira to advise members of any further developments.

6. Panel Initiatives

6.1 Future events – Personal Safety:

Tom again indicated that he had spoken with management at the SDM and they are keen to become involved in this type of initiative. He impressed on members that its success depends on the support of the Police in respect of delivering a presentation on personal safety to attendees that addresses these issues when they are out and about and whilst driving. At this juncture Dru indicated that he would speak with the local Inspector in the Traffic Department but it was suggested that there may also be a role for the Police Community Safety team to play in this. Dru thereafter indicated that he would make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Dru to liaise with Police colleagues and report back to the next meeting.

6.3

Learnpro App:

The Vice Chair reiterated his opinion that the Learn Pro App was mostly unsuitable for the Panel's website and this was supported by Yvonne Blair. No further action to be taken. There was no information available regarding future course dates or transportation.

Action: Meeting dates and transportation information on hold until next meeting.

6.4 Website Update:

Stuart Caplan made members aware that we continue to receive hits on the website and our Facebook page. Stuart also advised members that the You Tube video which provided relevant and sensible advice on the use of contactless cards had been added to the Panel's website.

Action: Stuart to update members at next meeting.

6.5 Panel Holiday Safety Leaflets:

Dru indicated that he had spoken with his colleagues at Police Scotland and it was their opinion that the leaflet required to be updated. Whilst members expressed their disappointment that it had taken so long to reach a decision on this, it was agreed that the updates should be done at some time in the future.

Action: To be kept on hold.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled a report and indicated that the account held the following funds:

General Bank Account:	£313.18p
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George also indicated that after allowing for payment of our annual insurance, the funds will be £122.11p.

George also advised members that, with Tracy resigning as Chair*, this would require the bank signatories to be changed as well. *this has since been done.

8. Willie Clark, Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Following an invitation from the Vice Chair to attend our meeting and advise on possible finding outlets, our good friend Willie Clark once again came along to provide support to our efforts. Willie began by speaking about how expansive NHWS had become and said that there were now more than 1800 community groups registered with the organisation, most of whom were receiving alerts through the NNHW Alerts system.

Willie then advised members that he had spoken with the Scottish Government on our behalf and it was possible that the Panel may fit into some of their potential funding streams although that has yet to be fully investigated. He indicated that Gordon Paterson was the contact and promised that he would liaise with Moira when further information is available.

Willie also indicated a willingness to raise the profile of the Panel by involving them in local NHW launches in the area.

Action: Moira to update members on any new information that comes to hand.

As an offshoot of this presentation, and in regard to funding, Madelene suggested that any monies held by locally defunct NHW's may also help to add funds for the Panel and, although this was supported, it was felt that any monies offered would have to come from the respective groups themselves.

9. AOB

9.1 Camelon Community Safety Group:

No report.

Action: On hold.

9.2 TouchCall Telephone System

Following a query from Madelene regarding the above, Yvonne advised members that they were still waiting to hear from COSLA regarding possible training days. Thereafter, someone will be in touch with the Panel regarding this.

9.3 Tom McDougall Trophy

Nominations are invited for members who wish to nominate someone for this trophy.

10. Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending reminded members that all meetings will be on a **Wednesday** at **7.15pm** at Falkirk Fire Station:

Wednesday 31 October 2018

Wednesday 5 December 2018

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Meeting Wednesday 31 October 2018

Falkirk Fire Station

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8. Date of Next Meeting