

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 9 October 2019

Falkirk Fire Station, Falkirk

7.15pm – 9pm

1. Present

Moira Heeps	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
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Insp Ewan Wilson	Police Scotland
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Bill Gray	NNHW/Denny Community Council
Scott Williamson	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Fire)
Donald Johnston	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Falkirk
Alex Bean	Grangemouth NHW

3. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Inspector Wilson for attending. At this point, the Chair advised members that all the dates for the forthcoming meetings within the fire station have been approved and pointed out that the meeting of 2 March is on a Monday, not Tuesday as stated in the minutes of the last meeting. The secretary agreed to amend this in the previous minutes. The Chair also thanked the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for once again allowing the meeting to take place on their premises.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28 August were thereafter approved by Pat Mason and seconded by Dru Baker.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

No 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.

5.3 Panel Funding

Moira advised members that she had received confirmation from the Lottery that our application for £3100 has been submitted and indicated that it is likely to be a few weeks before we find out if the funding has been granted.

Moira also indicated that Funding Scotland had again made contact with her and she will update members on the content of their message after she is able to access it.

Action: Moira to report back on Lottery funding and Funding Scotland update.

Tom indicated that he has to attend a meeting regarding funding with members of the Scotmid group community safety team on 30 October and will report back at the next meeting.

Action: Tom to meet with Scotmid and report back to members.

A short discussion took place regarding funding the cost of purchasing a gazebo for use at outside Panel events and it was agreed that, when funds were available, this would be considered. In the meantime, Chris indicated that she would be prepared to loan her gazebo to the Panel for future use. This proposition was warmly welcomed by members and the Chair thanked her for her generous offer.

5.4 Panel Holiday Safety Leaflets:

Stuart Caplan advised members, that he had been asked by Andy Holland at the Scottish Police College (SPC) to again forward the software containing the information on the holiday safety leaflets and this has been done. He has since spoken with Andy who indicated that the leaflets had been printed and were available to be picked up from the SPC tomorrow (10 October). Stuart agreed to arrange the pick-up of the leaflets and indicated that the invoice would be forwarded to Dru for payment by the Panel. The Chair thanked all involved in this project for their support.

Action: Dru/Stewart to report on progress at next meeting.

5.5 Asda, Grangemouth Event:

Moira has been in touch with Asda, Grangemouth, regarding a possible date for a fireworks event to be held at the store and is awaiting the store's community champion to make contact with her. Dru indicated that if this event goes ahead, he has documentation from Operation Alamo that can be used at it.

Action: Moira to make members aware of possible dates when they are known.

5.6 Winter Safety Checks:

Inspector Wilson indicated that he has charged one of his community team to liaise with management at the retail park, Halfords and the traffic department in an attempt to organise such an event, possibly to take place in mid-November. More information will be furnished when available.

Action: Inspector Wilson to furnish information when available.

5.7 Festive Retail Initiative:

Inspector Wilson reported that the Howgate and Falkirk BID are once again keen to become involved in a retail crime initiative similar to last year's event and he welcomed the ongoing support of Panel members in it. The initiative is to run from 1- 31 December possibly at the same location as 2018. A short discussion thereafter took place and it was agreed that an effort should also be made to expand the event to Denny and Grangemouth, if possible. Inspector Wilson indicated that Chief Inspector Chris Stewart, the new Area Commander, was also keen for this to take place, manpower permitting.

Action: Inspector Wilson to provide further information as and when available.

5.8 Camelon Safety Group:

Despite extensive enquiries being made regarding this group, it is suspected it no longer exists. No further action to be taken.

5.9 Panel Paper Bags:

Following a request from members to liaise with the printers in regard to price, Moira was able to have the price curtailed and has subsequently picked up 1000 paper bags which are to be used at events by members. The total cost of the bags was £404.86, which included the set-up fee.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer indicated that he had received an invoice for our annual insurance from Ladbroke's and after querying the cost, he managed to get it down to £174.18p. Members commended both the Treasurer (and the Chair, see above item) on their efforts to have the cost of the paper bags and insurance successfully reduced. George also asked members for permission to purchase 600 card defenders and 400 purse bells for future events at a cost of £290.40p and this was agreed.

The Treasurer indicated that the bank account now held £1020.221p in funds but this would change when the aforementioned accounts have been received.

7. Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and indicated that the next meeting is due to be held at Falkirk Fire Station on:

Monday, 11 November, 2019

The meeting will start at 7.15pm

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