

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 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
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Bill Gray	NNHW/Denny Community Council
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Insp Ewan Wilson	Police Scotland
Scott Williamson	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Fire)
Donald Johnston	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Falkirk
Alex Bean	Grangemouth NHW

A short discussion on members attendance as per the constitution took place and it was proposed that in particular where a person has been a member for a number of years and was unable to fulfil their role due to ill-health, then that person should be considered for the position of honorary membership.

3. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Members present pointed out that, in regard to the seconding of the minutes of the previous meeting, Dru had been referred to as Dru Baker instead of Dru Jovanov and suggested this might be misleading to anyone reading the minutes. This anomaly will be rectified by the minute secretary. 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 9 October 2019 were thereafter approved by Stuart Caplan and were seconded by Dru Jovanov.

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 her contact at the Lottery had indicated that our application for £3100 was being amended prior to consideration and it is likely that we will hear the result of this soon. Dru suggested that if this funding is made available, would members consider purchasing a 'slide-in' board that could be used in conjunction with the Partnership vehicle. It was agreed that this proposal could be discussed at a later date.

Moira also indicated that although Funding Scotland expressed support for the Panel, it is likely that we would have to propose something different to attract funding from that organisation.

Action: Moira to report back on Lottery funding.

Tom indicated that he met with Scotmid on 30 October and although it was a good meeting, they have asked if further information on the Panel could be sent on to them. It is likely that to attract support, a specific project may have to be considered.

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

A short discussion took place regarding funding the cost of pens and pencils and Bill demonstrated a pen presently in use by NHW. It was agreed that the quality was good and Bill offered to speak to NHW regarding costs etc.

Action: Bill to liaise with NHW re cost of pens and report back.

5.4 Panel Holiday Safety Leaflets:

Stuart Caplan advised members, that he had picked up the leaflets from the Scottish Police College and apart from a minor issue that doesn't affect the content of the leaflet, he was happy with the printing. The Chair thereafter asked Dru and Stuart to liaise regarding the costs that have to be paid in regard to this project.

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

5.5 Asda, Grangemouth Event:

Moira indicated that in conjunction with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and Asda, Grangemouth, the event held in the store on 24 October was considered hugely successful. She advised that as well as receiving some donations, several alarms had been sold to the public and a large number of crime prevention leaflets had been distributed and these were well received. She also indicated that Operation Alamo had been cancelled by the partners but it likely to be revisited in 2020, possibly being led by the Police.

5.6 Winter Safety Checks:

The Chair advised that Sergeant Alan Blythe had indicated to her that in conjunction with Halfords, The Retail Park management and the Panel, it was proposed that the winter safety checks event is to take place at the same location within the Retail Park between 10am and 2pm on Monday 25 November. Due to a number of members not being present, the Chair said she would send an email message out to make them aware of the event and seek their support on the day, if possible.

Action: Chair to send email to members regarding this event.

5.7 Festive Retail Initiative:

The Festive Retail initiative is to take place in the Howgate Centre starting on Monday, 2 December through to 31 December. Staff will be located in the same premises as last year and it has been agreed that if no one is present from the Police, members will be able to obtain the key for the unit from the centre management office. It is anticipated that members will only be present on a Friday/Saturday between 10am and 1pm.

The Chair indicated that she would include this initiative in the email message to make members aware of the event and seek their support for the duration of the event.

Action: Chair to send email to members regarding this event.

5.8 Camelon Safety Group:

Despite suspicions that this group may have ceased to exist, the Chair established from her Lottery contact that it is still in existence and is being set up by the local residents' association. As a result, the Chair has offered to have a member attend the meetings if it was thought to be helpful. It was also suggested that this might be a good opportunity to try Dru's 'music and community safety' initiative out to establish if this is a format that would work in the future.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer indicated that he had received a total of £45.38p in respect of donations and sales of alarms at Asda and indicated that the bank account now held £775.19p in funds.

7. AOB

7.1 Braes HB's

Dru informed members that the residents of Slamannan and Redding were experiencing housebreaking in the area and he asked if local people could be made aware of this and reminded of the measures that can be taken to help secure their homes.

7.2 Community Safety Meeting - Denny

Bill advised members that a meeting on community safety was being held in the Baptist Church, Denny, On Wednesday 11 October between 10am and midday to discuss the use of CCTV and other safety matters. Any member who wishes to attend will be welcome. He also indicated that a defibrillator had been fitted at Gregg's the bakers and that there might be an opportunity to hold a Panel initiative in the Co-op and/or Sainsbury's in the near future. Bill will make members aware as soon as dates/locations are confirmed.

Action: Bill to circulate dates/location and times as soon as they are known.

7.3 Community Safety Leaflet:

Following a suggestion from Inspector Wilson, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Tom recently met with representative of a company who specialises in producing such products and it was agreed that this should be taken forward in the new year. There is no cost attached to the production of this leaflet and it is anticipated that it would contain our own material plus adverts from local businesses. Further information will be made available as and when another meeting date is agreed.

Action: Moira, Stuart and Tom to keep members updated on this project.

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, 9 December, 2019

The meeting will start at 7.15pm

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Meeting Monday 9 December 2019

Falkirk Fire Station

AGENDA

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3 Welcome

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5.3 Panel Funding

5.4 Panel Initiatives

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8. Date of Next Meeting