

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 27 January 2020

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
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Emma Wilson	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Bill Gray	NNHW/Denny Community Council
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

3. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair also thanked the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for once again allowing the meeting to take place on their premises. The Chair also advised members that Bill Gray had indicated that he had intended to step down from the committee due to upcoming hospital treatment but has since agreed to remain part of the group at least until his treatment has been completed. Bill will then reappraise his situation and will make a decision then on whether he feels able to carry on. In the meantime, Panel members wished him well and, health permitting, hope to see him back in the fold soon.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 9 December 2019 were thereafter approved by Madelene and were seconded by George.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

Madelene advised members that although there was nothing to report she was happy to say that local police had made her aware that Bo'ness was quiet over the Festive period.

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 reported that she was still awaiting some information from the Lottery and would report back at the next meeting. As per the previous minutes, the Vice-Chair indicated that he had looked at a number of gazebos and said that with this in mind, the members needed to consider which type of gazebo should be purchased and where it should be kept. He gave members information regarding three types of gazebos and following discussion, it was agreed a compact steel gazebo costing approximately £245 was the one favoured although this would not be purchased prior to the total cost being established. In regard to storage, Dru indicated that there would be no problem with it being stored at Falkirk Police Office where it could be easily accessed.

Action: Moira/Stuart to report back at next meeting.

The Vice-Chair also indicated although we had missed out on INEOS funding, he would make contact with David East to check their system to ensure that we are considered for community funding in the future.

Action: Stuart to liaise with David East and report back at next meeting.

Moira also reported that she had been made aware that Police Scotland had some small pots of money available for local projects which can be accessed through making application to Chief Inspector Stewart at Falkirk Police Office.

Madelene also made members aware of a Funders Fayre that was taking place in Bo'ness between 10am and 2.30pm on Tuesday 10 March. She also said that there was a presentation being made by Consulting Solutions at 12.30pm which is open to anyone wishing to attend.

5.4 Panel Initiatives:

In regard to the invoice from Police Scotland for printed material, George reported that since it still hadn't been received, he would Dru pursue it asap.

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

5. Winter Safety Checks:

The Chair indicated that she had spoken to Sergeant Alan Byth regarding the winter safety checks initiative and it was felt that if it goes ahead next year, it is likely to be in a different format.

5.6 Festive Retail Initiative:

The Festive Retail initiative in the Howgate Centre started on Monday, 2 December and Panel members have been present to support the Police on each Thursday, Friday and Saturday through to 21 December. Whilst it was deemed a success, it was felt that three days a week stretched resources and this will be revisited for this coming year. The Chair made a point of the mentioning the unique support provided by George who was there almost every day and thanked him for his dedication and efforts throughout the month. George also reported that it had been a reasonable success in terms of donations raised which amounted to £158.95p. Thanks was also given to staff at The Howgate who provided free parking for members working at this initiative.

Action: Chair to make contact with Howgate Centre and express the thanks of members.

5.7 Camelon Safety Group:

As a follow up to previous minutes, the Chair advised members that she had recently spoken with local Camelon Police Officer who although not involved, was aware that Tamfourhill was one of the areas being targeted and it will be lead by a local paid coordinator.

5.8 Denny Initiative:

In the absence of Bill, Moira and George both agreed that both the manager of the Coop and Sainbury's in Denny had had been exceptionally receptive of the events that had taken place and both agreed that it should be seriously considered for later in the year again.

Action: To be considered later in the year.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer indicated that the bank account now held £2727.09p in funds.

7. AOB

7.1 Braes HB's

Dru advised that a number of vans had been targeted in the Braes area and tools had been stolen from them. Similar crimes had also occurred in Stenhousemuir and where possible, local people should be made aware of the measures that can be taken to help secure their homes.

7.2 Community Safety Booklet:

The Chair advised that this matter is ongoing and that a meeting with the printers will be convened within the next 3 – 4 weeks and members were asked to send in suggestions for what might be included.

Action: Members to submit their proposals to the Chair prior to next meeting.

Chair to advise members of outcome of meeting.

7.3 Cosla Phones:

Pat made members aware that the phone initiative proposed by Cosla will not now be going ahead due to the costs involved.

7.4 AGM

A short discussion was held regarding a guest speaker for the AGM in May and George suggested that it might be appropriate for a representative from Fire Scotland make a presentation on the upcoming issues regarding smoke alarms. This suggestion was noted and will be picked up at the next meeting.

Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and indicated that pending agreement with the Fire Service the next meetings will be held at Falkirk Fire Station on:

Monday, 9 March, 2020

Monday 20 April, 2020, and

Wednesday 27 May, 2020 (AGM)

The meetings will start at 7.15pm

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Meeting Monday 9 March 2020

Falkirk Fire Station

AGENDA

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8. Date of Next Meeting