

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2022

Brightons Community Hall, Falkirk

7.15pm – 8pm

1. Present

Moira Heeps	Chair/Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Stuart Caplan	Vice Chair/Mungahhead Road NHW
George Forster	Treasurer/Watson Street Area NHW
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Willie Clark	Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Pat Mason	
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)

3. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and reflected on the previous minutes where it was suggested that that Panel members might be able to lock in to a number of local events and it was agreed that it was probably too late for this year. She also advised members of a family matter that might restrict her activities with the Panel over the coming months.

4. Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting of 2 March 2022 were thereafter noted by those members present at this meeting.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 The Chair thereafter invited Willie Clark to address the meeting and he started by talking about the affect scams were having on the community. Willie reminded members that Neighbourhood Watch Scotland sent out regular bulletins on scams and suggested that there was an opportunity for members to become involved in some local campaigns through Trading Standards and Mark Muirhead from RBS who sits on the local TS group. Willie suggested that Mark would be a good contact and offered to make contact with him on our behalf. Willie also indicated that fly tipping is a major issue for all councils and said there was an opportunity to link into the national strategy if we wished. He continued by saying that deliberate fire raisings were causing an issue and this could be addressed in partnership with the Scottish Fire Service. One of the other major issues is water safety and Willie indicated that the Scottish Government have a new strategy on this subject and that we may be in a position to link in with this through ROSPA. He suggested that Liz Lumsden, who is local to the area and works with ROSPA, might be a good contact for this initiative. There is a 'Big Lunch' taking place between 2 – 5 June, but it is possibly too late to be involved with it.

He also indicated that Police Scotland are creating a new acquisitive crime strategy and there will be some clear opportunities to be involved with that at a later date. He concluded by indicated that ROSPA are also involved in the issue of preventing young children from serious harm through swallowing button batteries

5.2 Police Report

No report available.

5.3 Bo'ness Community Safety Group

Stuart McAllister advised members that the CCTV cameras in Bo'ness town centre were now operational albeit on a recording only basis and have been used to help detect crime in the town.

5.4 Panel Finances

George indicated that the there was no change to the Panel's bank balance which stood at £2,359.50p as of 27 January 2022.

7.4 AGM

The Chair reminded those present that the AGM is scheduled to take place on 18 May at a venue yet to be agreed although it is likely to be Brightons Community Hall. The Vice-Chair was asked if he could advertise the AGM on the Panel's website and the Chair indicated that she would endeavour to make contact with local councillors and invite them to attend. The Treasurer advised members that he had emailed Willie Scott to ask if he would again audit the accounts and that he requires a signed report from the Chair to send on to ASCR.

Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and indicated that the next meeting will be held at Brightons Community Hall on

Wednesday 18 May (AGM)

The meetings will start at 7.00pm

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Meeting

Wednesday 24 August, 2022

Brightons Community Hall, Falkirk

AGENDA

1 Present

2 Apologies

3 Welcome

4 Minutes of Meeting on 13 April 2022

5 Matters Arising

5.1 Police report

5.2 Bo'ness Community Safety Group (BCSG)

5.3 Panel Funding

5.4 Panel Initiatives

5.5 AGM

6. Treasurer's Report

7. AOB

8. Date of Next Meeting