

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023

Morrison's Supermarket Community Room, Falkirk

6.30pm – 7.45pm

1. Present

Moira Heeps	Chair/Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
George Forster	Treasurer/Watson Street Area NHW
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Stuart Caplan	Vice Chair/Mungahhead Road NHW
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Donald MacDonald	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

3. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair again expressed her thanks to the management of Morrison's Supermarket for allowing members to meet in their community room on the premises.

4. Minutes of Meeting 17th January, 2023:

The minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2023 were thereafter approved by Diane Stewart and seconded by George Forster.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Police Report

Dru advised members that he had learned of the tragic passing of a serving officer out with the area command and the members present expressed their condolences at this sad news. Dru also advised that Falkirk has a new Area Commander, Lindsay Kidd, who is committed to her role in reducing and preventing crime in the area. He went on to say that there is an ongoing concern regarding HB's and car crime in the Braes area and that there has been an increase in break-ins to sheds in Denny although this was showing some sign of dissipating recently. Anti-social behaviour has also increased slightly and efforts are being made to help reduce this.

5.2 Bo'ness Community Safety Group

No report.

5.3 Panel Funding

The Chair intimated that she had attended the local Funder's Fayre where she spoke to several people who provided her with details of a number of organisations that might be prepared to support the work of the Panel and she will take this forward over the next few months.

5.4 Panel Initiatives

Zetland Church, Grangemouth:

The Chair advised members that following the recent Panel visit to Asda at Grangemouth, she had been invited to give a presentation to Zetland Church Women's Guild. This presentation, on the work of the Panel, has been delivered and was very warmly received by all who attended. Members thanked Moira for her proactivity in this matter.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that following the payment of £53.94p for renewal of the website and donations amounting to £31 from alarms provided at the Zetland Church event (see previous entry) the funds stood at £1698.52p.

7. AOB:

Scams Initiative:

The Chair advised that a possible date for this event is Wednesday, 26th April, within the Trinity Church although this has yet to be agreed. It will be a public information event and will take place between 1pm and 3pm. Brian Mackie, Falkirk Council Trading Standards Department, will chair the event and the main input will be from Mark Muirhead, RBS Customer Support in Retail Banking. Once the details of the event are confirmed, groups throughout the area will be invited to attend. Members should note that there is no parking available at this venue therefore alternative parking should be sought.

Asda Stenhousemuir:

The Panel has been invited to provide customers at Asda, Stenhousemuir, with community safety advice on Saturday, 10th April, between 10am and 1pm. George and Tom have indicated that they will attend and other members are invited to go along on the day.

Tesco, Bo'ness:

The Panel has also been invited to provide customers at Tesco, Bo'ness, with community safety advice on Saturday, 27th May, again between 10am and 1pm. Members able to attend this event are asked to make their availability known at the next meeting of the Panel on Tuesday, 11th April..

Date of Future Meetings

The Chair thanked members for attending and indicated that dates for the next few meetings have been confirmed and are as follows:

Tuesday, 11 April, 2023

Tuesday, 23 May, 2023 AGM

Tuesday, 22 August, 2023

Tuesday, 3 October, 2023

All meetings are scheduled to be held at **the Community Room at Morrison's Superstore, Falkirk.** The meetings will start at 6.30pm and will finish no later than 8.30pm

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