

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, 14 May 2024
Morrison's Community Room
Falkirk**

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AGENDA

1. Welcome Moirra Heeps, Chair
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of AGM 2023
4. Chair's Report Moirra Heeps
5. The Future
6. Treasurer's Report George Forster, Treasurer
7. Close of Meeting

Date of Next meeting:

The next meeting of Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel will be held **at Morrison's Community Room, Falkirk, at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 20 August, 2024.** In accordance with the constitution, this meeting will be used to elect the office bearers for the next year. Please feel free to come along and support the work of your local crime prevention panel.

AGM 2023 Attendance List

Moirra Heeps	Chair, F&DCSP
Stuart Caplan	Mungallhead Road NHW
George Forster	Treasurer, F&DCSP/Watson Street Area NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness & Blackness Neighbourhood Watch
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

Apologies Received

Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Andrej Jananov	Police Scotland

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2023

Braes Community Hall, Falkirk

Welcome & Introduction:

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked members for attending. She intimated that no guests had been invited to attend due the recent pandemic.

Minutes of AGM 2023:

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved by Madelene Hunt and seconded by Stuart Caplan.

Chairperson's Report:

I am delighted to welcome you all to another AGM of Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel.

This has been another challenging year for the Panel but nevertheless, we have worked hard with partners in an effort to support our local communities. This year, we held a hugely successful initiative at Morrison's Supermarket, Falkirk, and Panel members have welcomed support from the company who have graciously permitted the group to utilise their community rooms for meetings for the past few months. The Panel have also attended at similar successful events with Asda Supermarkets in Grangemouth and Stenhousemuir and I presided over a very successful event with a women's group in Grangemouth. Members also once again, supported the Police with Operation Christmas which was held in Falkirk Town Centre during the month of December.

Looking forward, we in the process of arranging a scams initiative which is due to take place at Trinity Church, Falkirk, in August and will be supported by a representative from the Royal Bank of Scotland and Falkirk Council.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee of the Brightons Community Hall for allowing the Panel to have the use of their hall during the early part of the year, Morrison's for their continued support with our meetings thereafter, my Vice-Chair Stuart Caplan and Treasurer, George Forster for their energetic support and all members of the Panel who have worked very hard to support me in my role as Chair throughout the year. The Chair's report was

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer began his report by thanking Willie Scott for again independently examining the accounts and Panel Members for their support throughout the year. He then presented his report which indicated that Panel funding now stands at £1555.00p and was taken as read. It was approved by Stuart Caplan and seconded by Stuart McAllister.

Election of office bearers to take place at next meeting:

As per the constitution of the Panel, the office bearer positions were not decided at the AGM. However, the following proposals were offered for consideration by members at the next meeting of the group:

Chair:	Moira Heeps
Vice-Chair:	Stuart Caplan
Treasurer:	George Forster
Minute Secretary:	Tom McDougall

In the absence of other nominations, all were invited to consider these proposals prior to the next meeting of the Panel taking place.

Vote of Thanks

Stuart Caplan thanked the Chair for her report and members for their continued commitment to the panel over the past 12 months.

Close of Meeting:

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and with there being no further business, closed the meeting.

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Chair's Report 2023/4

Moira Heeps MBE, Chair

I am pleased to welcome you to another AGM of Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel.

I would like to thank my fellow members as well as office bearers, Stuart Caplan as Vice Chair, George Forster as Treasurer and Tom McDougall as Minute Secretary for their input over the past year. Our condolences were passed to the family over the passing of long time member Pat Mason who passed away in August, 2023.

We have had a very difficult time this year to try and keep the Panel going. It has been hard to get going again after Covid. We have not had the support from the Police, Falkirk Council or the Fire Service which is very disappointing.

Unfortunately, the Fraud & Scams initiative which we held in Trinity Church in Falkirk in August was not a great success. The Panel did get a lot of information and thanks to Mark Muihead of RBS and Bryan Mackie of Trading Standards for everything they did and all the information they gave us.

We again offered our support to the Police on Operation Christmas but due to the weather this was cancelled. After getting notification from the Police about purse thefts in Asda Grangemouth we went into the store in April 2024 and handed out leaflets to shoppers. We were sorry to hear that Bo'ness Community Safety Group has ceased. This was the last local community safety group.

The Chair reported to the Panel that she had met with Inspector Andrew Tough and Sgt Iain Duncan at Falkirk Police Office. They were keen to support us and felt there was still a need for the Panel to continue. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

There were no nominations for the Tom McDougall Trophy this year. This will be looked at in the future.

I would like to pass on our thanks to the management of Morrison's Supermarket for allowing us to continue meeting in their community room.

We are looking forward to see what our next year be. I thank you all for your help and support and hope we can continue as a safety panel.