

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 14 November 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
Stuart Caplan	Vice Chair/Mungahhead Road NHW
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

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

3. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. In her opening remarks she stated that if she had remembered that this was the last meeting before Christmas, she would have written cards to bring with her and suggested that, due to the cost of posting cards, it might be better served if this was done through email but that it was a personal choice. The Chair 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 15 August, 2023:

With the scheduled meeting in October cancelled, the minutes of the meeting of 15 August, 2023 were thereafter approved by the Stuart Caplan and Seconded by George Forster.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Police Report

In his absence, Dru submitted a report to members via email. In it, he indicated that car theft was again causing concern in the Braes area where a well-known team of thieves targeted high value vehicles that were stolen and subsequently recovered both having tracking devices fitted to them. He indicated that there had been other cars stolen in the area and suggested that members of the public should be advised to keep cars locked, house doors locked and preferably, keep keys tucked away somewhere hard to find. Dru also advised that the Falkirk Community Safety Partnership vehicle is now the property of the Safebase initiative and may be a potential resource for members to consider for future partnership events.

5.3 Bo'ness Community Safety Group

Stuart McAllister indicated after the dissolution of the group that the monies held by BSCG had been split between other local social groups to be used for the general good of the people of Bo'ness.

5.4 Panel Funding

The Chair intimated that she had nothing more to report so far.

5.5 Panel Initiatives

See below.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the funds currently available are £954.03p.

7. AOB:

Scams Initiative:

The Chair indicated that due to time constraints she had been unable to make an approach to Ian Livingston, Rector of the Braes High School regarding the possibility of holding a similar type event there but she will do so as soon as possible. Stuart Caplan also indicated that there no movement had been made on developing a leaflet mainly due to the enormous amount of information already available. The Chair indicated that she would liaise with Brian Mackie re this.

Operation Christmas:

The Chair advised that IPC Andrew Stark was hosting Operation Christmas in Falkirk this year on 1st, 7th, 21st and 23rd December, 2023 and would liaise with him regarding the venue of this initiative before liaising with members who are available to attend. After conversation, it was agreed that Stuart MacAllister and George Fortser would both attend on 1 December and Tom McDougall would join them on 21 December.

Asda Grangemouth/Morrison's Falkirk:

The Chair advised that she had liaised with Charlie, the community champion at Asda Grangemouth and it was suggested that an event could be held there on either 20th or 27 January 2024 but this has yet to be confirmed. It was also suggested that a similar event could be held at Morrison's Falkirk on 27 March and, again, this has to be confirmed.

Police Invites:

The Chair suggested that she should invite Sergeant Neil Forsyth to the next meeting and this was unanimously agreed.

Bo'ness Meetings:

In order to make it easier for members from the Bo'ness area to attend meetings, the Chair suggested that consideration should be given to holding a meeting there. This was agreed by members present and Stuart MacAllister is investigating a possible use of a local venue for this purpose.

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, 9 January, 2024

Tuesday, 20 February, 2024

Tuesday, 2 April, 2024

At this time, 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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Meeting

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