

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 15 August 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
Chris McNaught	Bo'ness NHW
Madelene Hunt	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Stuart McAllister	Bo'ness Community Safety Group
Tom McDougall	Minute Secretary

2. Apologies

Diane Stewart	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
Pat Mason	Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel
PC Andrej Jovanov	Falkirk Council Community Liaison Officer (Police)

3. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was with great sadness that the Chair announced she had learned from an announcement in the Falkirk Herald that our long term and valued member Pat Mason had passed away on 1st August. Pat had been a loyal member of the Panel since 1998 and had attended many meetings and events throughout the years. She advised members that Pat's funeral was to take place at Falkirk Crematorium on Friday 18 August and urged as many members as possible to attend. All members agreed that Pat had been a positive influence in his support of the Panel and expressed their heartfelt sorry at his passing. After a minute of silence for reflection in memory of Pat, 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 10 April, 2023:

The minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2023 were thereafter approved by the Chair and seconded by George Forster.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Election of Office Bearers:

It was unanimously agreed that the office bearers presently in post should continue for the forthcoming year. This was proposed by Madelene and seconded by Stuart McAllister.

5.2 Police Report

No report although Dru has intimated that he had emailed the town centre manager and had established that the Charities Day was to be held in the town centre on 16 September. The Chair intimated that due to a lack of manpower she had reluctantly advised of our non-attendance at this event.

5.3 Bo'ness Community Safety Group

Madelene advised members that the Bo'ness Community Safety Group had officially passed into absorption and the keys for the hut had been handed to another group in the area. Madelene indicated that the monies available from their funds would stay in Bo'ness for future initiatives.

The future of her attendance, and that of member Chris McNaught, was discussed and whilst it was understood that their attendance during the darker evenings would be minimal, the Panel would endeavour to hold some meetings during daytime hours. It was appreciated that this would not suit every member but it was a means of keeping as many members as possible.

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 after donations and paying an invoice for £383.30p for insurance and posters the funds available currently stand at £954.03p.

7. AOB:

Scams Initiative:

The Chair advised that the scams event held at the Trinity Church Falkirk on 2 August was not very well attended despite being well advertised through a number of mediums with only one member of the public attending. That said, a number of excellent snippets of information were made known. The number 7726 is a good number to remember to dial in the event of suspected scams, and dialling 159 will provide a direct link to individual banks for scam support. Interestingly, it was noted that the TSB is the only bank that guarantees money obtained by fraud being returned to its customers although the other banks will do what they can to support their customers. The way forward was also discussed and it was agreed that an approach be made to Ian Livingston, Rector of the Braes High School to examine the possibility of holding a similar type event there.

The Chair and all those present thanked Mark Muirhead and Brian Mackie for their support and the valuable information they had provided.

Asda Grangemouth:

The Chair advised that Charlie, the community champion at Asda Grangemouth had been in touch to ask if the Panel would be interested in attending at the store again albeit this was tempered with a possible move she may make to the Falkirk store. After discussion, it was agreed in principle.

Police Invites

The Chair advised members that Chief Inspector Lindsay Kidd and Sergeant Neil Forsyth had indicated that they would like to attend a future meeting and this was overwhelmingly agreed.

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, 3 October, 2023 (postponed)

Tuesday, 14 November, 2023

Tuesday, 9 January, 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

Tuesday, 14 November, 2023

The Community Room, Morrison's Superstore, Falkirk

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8. Date of Next Meeting