

Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 9 January 2024

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

3. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair began the meeting by indicating how the Panel was now few in numbers and, although cognisant of the dedication and commitment of those present and those unable to attend at this time of year, how disillusioned she was at the apparent lack of interest in, or support, the group was receiving from other agencies. The Chair and Vice Chair both indicated that they felt the change in technology and the vast number of scams taking place, allied with a lack of members available was causing an issue with the delivery of any community safety messages we were able to deliver. Thereafter, a discussion began and the Vice Chair suggested that the introduction of the internet, where people could access information relevant to their needs, was partly the cause of the problem as was clearly evident on the local scams day held by the Panel in Falkirk recently where only one member of the public attended despite the quality and knowledge of the expertise of the experts present to deliver the message..

George Forster indicated how he was keen to try and resurrect the fortunes of the Panel and it was suggested and agreed, that the Chair invite Sergeant Neil Forsyth, the local crime prevention officer, along to the next meeting to discuss whether or not there was role for the Panel to play in modern day crime prevention. With these comments in mind, the meeting continued.

4. Minutes of Meeting 14 November, 2023:

The minutes of the meeting of 14 November, 2023 were thereafter approved by George Forster and seconded by Stuart Caplan.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Police Report

No report available.

5.3 Bo'ness Community Safety Group

Following the absolution of this group the item is to be removed from the agenda.

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 any progress with this.

Operation Christmas:

The Chair indicated that although Panel members were keen to support this initiative, their attendance on 1 December was cancelled due to the weather and the event on 21 December was cancelled by the Police.

Asda Grangemouth/Morrison's Falkirk:

The Chair advised that she had liaised with Charlie, the community champion at Asda Grangemouth and with no dates currently available, a new date was yet to be arranged.

Bo'ness Meetings:

Stuart MacAllister indicated that he is still investigating a possible use of a local venue in Bo'ness.

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, 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

Tuesday, 20 February, 2024

The Community Room, Morrison's Superstore, Falkirk

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8. Date of Next Meeting