

FRASERBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP
FRASERBURGH ACADEMY 7TH FEBRUARY 2006

PRESENT: Brian Topping, Chairperson
Anne Marr, Secretary
Therine Henderson, Treasurer
Janey Downie
Joe Gault, People's First
Alistair Melville
Mary Melville,
Bill Mowat
Christine Marr, Minute Secretary
James McLean, MIOSH
Sergeant David Dunnnett, Grampian Police
Superintendent Bill Archibald, Grampian Police
Kate Rigby, Planning Officer (Social Inclusion), Aberdeenshire Council
Malcolm McAuslin, Banff and Buchan Area Committee Manager
Jim McGruer, Senior Community Learning Worker, Broch Community

Centre

1. **WELCOME FROM BRIAN TOPPING, CHAIRMAN:** Brian welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves. Thanks to Fraserburgh Academy for allowing us to use their premises for the meeting. It was agreed that Mary and Alistair be allowed to rejoin the group.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Were received from John Anderson and the Community Wardens.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH OCTOBER 2005:** The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true record of proceedings and were motioned by Therine Henderson and seconded by Kate Rigby.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None were mentioned.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3RD NOVEMBER 2005 - SPECIAL MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE:**
Kate said that Daniel Edwards had put in his apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true record of proceedings and were motioned by Therine Henderson and seconded by Janey Downie
6. **MATTERS ARISING:** We thought we decided who got the grants. Kate said we endorse them. A Council Officer had told Brian it was nothing to do with us, this is not the case. We would like a report from everyone that received money. Kate has to get a copy from the Scottish Executive so she will pass us a copy. Our committee would like to visit some of the groups. Brian mentioned one of the groups wanted money for a singer and venue. Our committee would have preferred local singers or bands as there is a wealth of local talent. We also stated it should if events not to be held in licensed premises. Brian said it was held in licence premises, which Jim McGruer denied and said it was held in the Dalrymple Hall. Jim McGruer does not understand the blanket ban on licensed premises.
7. **SHOWING OF DVD "PASSPLUS":** .The DVD did not work. (The TV and DVD players looked old and the DVD does work) Brian wanted a replacement to show at the Academy. A suggested amount for the prize was £160, which should cover six lessons. Aberdeenshire Council contributes £45. Kate mentioned there was a list of Pass Plus instructors on the Community Safety Website. Christine suggested doing the draw at the Blue Light Festival. David suggested putting leaflets about the competition at the College

and Academy. Anne is to make up the flier for the competition. We will give some to the Community Wardens. Christine suggested giving some of the fliers to the Driving Test centre. We will give the Academy and Banff and Buchan College a copy of the DVD.

8. **C.C.T.V. FOR FRASERBURGH? BY SUPERINTENDENT BILL ARCHIBALD** .Bill Archibald is for CCTV for Fraserburgh and Peterhead. David did a review of the CCTV a few years ago which is now outdated. Aberdeen has funding for CCTV. In November, funding was announced for "safer towns". Both Fraserburgh and Peterhead are "Safer Towns". There is a million pounds up for grabs. Colin Walker and David are doing the bid and have met the 13th January deadline. Only three out of the 17 Community Bids will be successful in getting some money. Fraserburgh and Peterhead were lumped together as one bid. The CCTV will be used mostly in the town centre. Some cameras will have limited movement to elsewhere in the town. They would like to get 14 cameras of which 12 will be wire based and 2 by radio so these 2 can be moved else where. The cameras will stay in place until the troubles moves away. The cameras will be monitored instead of being recorded. The Police might not fund the people watching the cameras. People in Moray might do the monitoring. They have funding for 3 years after that it will be difficult to get money. Some business has had an increase of their insurance of £250 if they are lucky to get insurance as some companies cannot get insurance. The drug raids, which have been in the press recently, have only happened because people reported the drugs. The cameras will go where statistics suggest they go and if put on a corner can cover two streets.

13. **LOST PROPERTY FUND:** Bill Archibald said the fund is called the Community Partnership Fund. Nobody listened when he had the initial idea for it. The money used to go to the police funds but the property came from the community so the funds should go there on things like vandalism. Bill A. manages the fund of £12,000. The normal bid is for £500 but more can be bid for. The funds last until March and £9,500 has been distributed. It goes towards getting the children's off the streets and external lighting. We should speak to Allan Low or the Community Wardens and they will pass the information on. Bill A. talks to a member of the police board. The criteria are getting children off the streets.

Jim McLean asked if they receive figures about CCTV from other areas. Bill A. said they were mixed, in Moray, they found an increase but also more of them were detected.

9. **ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:** The Annual Seminar will be the same as last year. There will be a retail seminar on the 22nd February at the Leisure Centre. It is about retail crime and anti-social behaviour and is aimed at businesses in Fraserburgh and Peterhead, All the reports from "Safe Drive" event are positive so the event will be held in 2006. Brian, Anne, Therine and Janey went to an afternoon session. Minute appreciation to everyone who took part. Kate did not like the venue, as they had to buy a lot of things.

- 9b. **ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY NETWORK MEETING ON 14TH DECEMBER BY BRIAN TOPPING:** Brian mentioned the Driving Ambitions which is aimed at 6th year pupils. One of the sessions at the Annual seminar is on this subject. The next meeting will be on the 15th February at 9.30 at Gordon House, Inverurie.

10. **REPORT FROM GRAMPIAN POLICE (CRIME & STATISTICS IN OUR AREA) AND OTHER POLICING MATTERS:**

David: had no statistics as the email system had collapsed. As usual, they are good at detecting serious crime but not so good with minor crime. He has looked into crime fighting in other areas. There is not the manpower to flood areas with officers but they could target streets rather than blanket an area. He is going run campaign in streets which something positive can occur. Not many people live in Broad Street so

suggestions are High Street, Watermill Road/College Bounds and Charlotte Street. Between January and November, there were 100 incidents of vandalism in those streets. He wants to put posters in them street along with portable signs. Contact licensees to see if they can stop people vandalising cars on their way home. The problem increases at Easter. Bill says people think there are more than two incidents a week. Alistair started a diary and there were 21 incidents of vandalism from 14 December to 14 January, which included 14 broken windows and traffic lights. Alistair has made lots of calls about lighting and traffic lights. He reported 22 in one month. Not a lot of local authority incidents are reported. When he sees a broken shop window, he talks to the shop owners. The travel agent window in High Street was broken for 3 days. The ET? Chip shop does not know who boarded up their window and did not report it. Mary says there were 80 reported. Why does the crime stoppers van say "we are watching you" when they are not. Bill A. says it a police van with 4 cameras one outside facing the road for traffic offences and the other 3 facing inside the van in case of allegations of prisoners abuse. The signs CCTV is being recorded from front and back. Kate says it is a bad idea as others might get same ideas, the signs are up but cameras are moved. Jim McLean says the electricity sub stations in Ireland were targeted so they isolated the electricity in certain areas and said they could not get spares, which meant people could not watch TV therefore the attacks were reduced. David proposes buying four signs and is looking for a private sponsor. He would like £250 for the signs. The signs will say, "This happened in your street can you help". The signs will be available for us to use. Brian asked what the licensed premises were doing. David says it not fair to say they are causing the problems. Still to do photo shoot for "lights on lights off". We agreed to pay for the signs. The crime rate goes up during March/April.

11. REPORT FROM GRAMPIAN FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE: This could not be covered due to lack of representative.

12/17. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY WARDEN/LOCAL SAFETY CONCERN - MR MCLEAN AND BRIAN TOPPING:

Brian received an anonymous letter which he would usually put the bin. It said that in the path from Westray Park to Lewis Road that people were gathering and doing drugs. Brian spoke to 12 residents, going back 4 times to one house and apart from children there was no problems. Brian also spoke to the Community Wardens. Brian put a bit in the paper. Brian received money from the Community Wardens for the personnel alarms, which we gave them to sell. There has been a complaint about the steps to the Advice Centre in Commerce Street. It is a listed building so they are not allowed to put a ramp at the front. There is a door at the back, which can be used. It was agreed to write to the council asking for a handrail and putting a sign up mentioning the back entrance.

14. REPORT ON S.A.P.C. HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 7TH DECEMBER BY BRIAN TOPPING:

The meeting was discussed

15. REPORT ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONFERENCE ON 21ST NOVEMBER BY BRIAN TOPPING:

Brian attended and gave us a report

16. PROJECT PROPOSAL? (STREET FOOTBALL): A few years ago Brian, Therine and Anne went to a seminar and there was a bit on street football. It is a football pitch with the sides and for extra you get a net roof and it comes apart for storage and transportation. It can also be used for netball and basketball. The children flocked to it. It can be put up in a village hall. We have spent a lot of money on posters. We could do something like how the raising of money for the defibrillator. We should try to see it in operation. The problem is insurance and we need someone to take charge of it. Kate

said that Brian has a lot of work to do. It needs supervision. Brian was considering applying for Council top up fund for this project.. We have to see if it feasible. Bill A. says that Peterhead is getting one. Someone has to go with it. They have to vetted to work with young people. If it works in Peterhead, it should work here. James McLean says many schools are stopping activities due to health and safety. David said that Aberdeen has one at a cost off £25,000-£30,000 per year. They employ someone to look after it. Buchan group are exploring the possibility of getting one. It was decided to make no commitment now. Minute fact that matters has been raised.

- 18. FINANCE REPORT FROM THERINE HENDERSON:** We have £85.18 of which £25 has to go to Christine. Everyone is assuring us we will get our £2000. Kate says we can minute her assurance that we will get the money. The auditor has not cashed his cheque yet. The chocolate were for the person that turned the winning entries from the bonfire/firework competition into posters.
- 19. CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was received about Grampian Neighbourhood Watch. It was launched on 1st of February and they would like to join all the neighbourhood watches together. They would like a donation of no more than £50. The neighbourhood watch in our area range from the non-existent to the exact opposite. We were keen for representative to join. The Grampian neighbourhood Watch has applied for funding so we will wait and see. We have done our bit to contact them. Kate says there were tons of representatives at the beginning. David says there is still neighbourhood operating. Brian suggested we visit them but David mentioned the Data Protection Act so it will be easier to email a letter to David to pass on.
- 20. A.O.C.B AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR*:** We could do sub-let, only 2 that went to Peterhead from Banff and Buchan. The Melvilles are going as representative of Fraserburgh Community Council. The Melvilles are concerned about houses being built across the road from St. Fergus especially after the petrol thing blew up. Alistair mentioned it at the previous year meetings. Let Anne know if you want to attend. We are not entering awards this year. Alistair showed some photos of safety concerns. Minute thanks to Mary and Alistair. We are happy to do a walk about.
- 21. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Fraserburgh and District Community Safety Group will be held at the Police Station on Tuesday 25th April at 6.30pm . Note the early start and change of date . P.S. The next meeting incorporate the AGM at the beginning and there is a lift.

Minute thanks to Fraserburgh Academy..

Meeting closed.