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**Minute of the South Marr Community Safety Group
held on Thursday, 17th August 2017 at 7.00 pm
in Aboyne Community Education Centre**

Present:

Norma Makin,
Acting Chairman
Fiona Stalker,
Vice Chair
Cllr Eileen Durno
Insp Matt Smith,
Police Scotland

Colin Westwood,
Station Manager Marr North & South, SFRS
Nicole MacDonald,
SFRS & Community Support & Safety Officer for Upper Deeside
Lucy Styles,
Community Planning Officer, Aberdeenshire Council

1	Apologies & Welcome	Acting Chairman, Norma, welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Elizabeth Wilson, Hamish Booth and Mary Lennox of Banchory Community Council.	Action
2	Police Service Review	<p>Inspector Smith said a lot of Police time had been spent on planning for the summer shows and games and on Royal duties. He complimented the organisers of the events on being well run.</p> <p>There was a spike in vandalism in Banchory during the Easter holidays, mainly at the golf club. Prevention measures had been put in place for the start of the summer holidays and these have proved successful.</p> <p>The banners recently provided by South Marr and Garioch and North Marr CSG's will be placed at selected schools at the start of the new school term to prevent illegal and dangerous parking.</p> <p>Speeding continues to be a regular complaint and the 'smiley face' signs can record speeds. There is a new 40mph speed zone at Campfield garage near Glassel, due to the increase in RTC's in the vicinity. There has been a noticeable dip in robberies.</p> <p>Inspector Smith will give some thought as to how the Group can help by way of purchase of specific items to aid safety which are not provided for in the Police Scotland budget.</p>	

3	Fire & Rescue Service Review Colin Westwood	<p>Crash Live Colin said that the £500 donated by the Group last year to Aboyne CLD was to be used for 2 “Crash Live” events on 17th and 24th September in Braemar and Ballater, aimed at over 16’s. This is being co-ordinated by Nicole MacDonald. It is hoped to hold similar events in Aboyne and Banchory and it was agreed that the South Marr group could provide more funding. Colin commented that it was easier to hold such events in schools as there was a captive audience. 4th years are targeted (5th and 6th years attend Safe Drive Stay Alive)</p> <p>Recruitment Recruitment of retained staff continues to be very positive. Currently all have full establishment with the exception of Ballater which is one down and Balmoral which is three down.</p> <p>Community Safety There have been several deliberate grass fires during the recent spell of dry weather. Dwelling fires have increased but sometimes only the toast is burned. Wood-burning stoves can be hazardous, particularly if the fuel is stored close to the stove. Special services (other than fires) have decreased but there is an increase in RTC’s. Grampian has the highest rate of RTC’s in Scotland due to the type of road, high population and high commuting rates. The new Local Plan for Aberdeenshire is out for consultation until mid September.</p> <p>CPR Training The British Heart Foundation have set a target of 500,000 people to be trained in CPR by 2020.</p>	
4	CPR training	Colin and Nicole instructed those present in how to carry out CPR. The session was very informative and thought-provoking.	
5	Minute of 25th May 2017	This was agreed to be a true record.	
6	Matters Arising	a) New members. This discussion was left until the end of the meeting	
7	Financial Report	9 Pass Plus sponsorships have been paid, 5 in South Marr and 4 in Kincardine & Mearns. There is £2405 in the account.	
8	Network Minutes	These were noted. It was commented that since the Network covered the whole of Aberdeenshire then a meeting should be held in the centre of the area, i.e. Inverurie. None of the current members are willing to spend time travelling to and from Ellon.	

9	AOCB Future of the Group	<p>Currently the group has four members. Geoff Feeney will not be returning as he felt “there was a lack of support” from some of the partners. Norma felt the group had been abandoned. The job remit of the new Team Leader (Community Safety) was different to her predecessor who attended all the meetings and kept the group informed about what was happening and how they could help.</p> <p>It was difficult to recruit new members, despite many efforts.</p> <p>Fiona commented that changes are made without much consultation, if any, and highlighted the surprise change in logo.</p> <p>On the positive side those present supported the continuation of the group as it was useful to be able to distribute funding where needed when no other source was available. Lucy, the Community Planning Officer, suggested recruitment could be canvassed via the Fountain Magazine in Aboyne and the Ballater Eagle magazine.</p> <p>It was agreed to keep going for a while to see what the future months bring.</p>	Norma
10	Date of next meeting	19 th October at 7pm in Aboyne community education centre.	