

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Gordon Cree, Harry Wilson, John Campbell, William Menzies, and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives: Maurice Ashbridge (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee); William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee); Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee); Frank Dawson (Irvine Valley Local Committee); and Charles M Lindsay (Northern Area Local Committee); Linda McFadzean (Ayrshire and Arran Health Board); Nora Solesbury (Primary Care Trust); Gary Milne (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); Sergeant Paul Martin (Strathclyde Police); Jean Smith (East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime); Jean McFarlane (East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel); and Bob Paterson (Victim Support).

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; William Petherick, Assistant Community Safety Co-ordinator; John Pilkington, Best Value Officer; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Daniel Coffey and Jim Raymond; Karen Gardiner (Domestic Abuse Forum); Isabelle MacDonald (Women's Aid); and Bill Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee); and Angela Shevlin, Local Health Care Co-operative.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2003.

### **ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS**

#### **2.1 East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime**

Jean Smith reported:

- on the appointment of a new Panel Secretary, PC Robert Stewart;
- on discussions which were ongoing with the Social Work section with a view to including a bogus caller logo on their service information cards;

#### **2.2 East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability (EASFOD)**

Jean Smith reported:-

- that following requests locally she would be writing as the Secretary of EASFOD to Cathy Jamieson, MSP, requesting an extension of the footpath from the Skerrington roundabout to New Cumnock. The forum also noted the information reported by Councillor Menzies with regard to a funding possibility for such a path.

- on the competition which had been organised for the Primary 5 pupils of Castle Primary School, New Cumnock, through the local Blind Club. The prize-winning entries were available for Members to view after the meeting.

Having noted Jean Smith's reports it was agreed with a view to highlighting the "pavements are for people" initiative, that the Senior Engineer (Roads) liaise with Jean Smith with a view to targeting as appropriate "pavements are for people" leaflets.

There followed a discussion about cars parked on pavements and it was agreed that the Assistant Community Safety Co-ordinator submit a report to the next meeting on the rules and regulations covering this area.

### **2.3 Cumnock Area Local Committee**

William Lees reported:

- in respect of the Twenty's Plenty scheme and the traffic lights which were being sought for the trunk road at Castle Primary School, New Cumnock, that the Community Council had established that no works would commence in New Cumnock until the spring of next year.

Arising from this point the Senior Engineer (Roads) was able to further report that following an approach by the Roads Section, AMEY had been in touch and were looking to set up a meeting in the near future, to discuss proposals for this area.

- on street lighting on the B741, requesting that the street lighting be extended to the two new dwellinghouses at Craigbank.

Arising from this point the Senior Engineer (Roads) reported that the Community Council should write formally to the Roads Section with this request.

- in relation to the B741, the flashing lights were largely being ignored. It was agreed that Strathclyde Police would be requested to do further spot checks here.

### **2.4 East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel**

Jean McFarlane reported:

- a thank you to the Forum for the nomination of the Crime Prevention Panel for a Community Safety Award;
- on the fireworks mini conference she had attended on 31 October 2003;
- on her visit to "The Big World" an Ayrshire-wide initiative held recently for 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils, which had highlighted the dangers to youngsters' personal safety;
- that initiatives were being proposed for the festive season to highlight good practices the public should adopt for crime prevention, through a newsheet and a bookmark;
- that the Panel was supporting the purchase of attack alarms so that they were always available for purchase from the Community Safety branch at Kilmarnock Police Station;
- that an inter-schools quiz was being planned as a spring initiative; this quiz would also be held by East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime.

## **2.5 Kilmarnock South Local Committee**

Joan Wark reported:

- on the success of the recent official firework display in Kilmarnock, recording her thanks to the event organisers;
- that she was pleased to note that Marchdyke Crescent and Townhead had been included for a decision within the additional funding programme for street lighting.

## **2.6 Irvine Valley Local Committee**

Information was provided at the meeting to Frank Dawson who had inquired about referrals for home security systems in the Galston area.

## **2.7 Primary Care Trust**

Nora Solesbury reported that the Trust had received an award for premises being made suitable for people with a disability.

## **2.8 Northern Area Local Committee**

Charles Lindsay raised the matter of (i) speeding in David Dale Avenue, Stewarton and (ii) the corner of David Dale Avenue, and inquired whether this could be widened.

The Senior Road Safety Training Officer agreed to look into these matters and advise Mr Lindsay.

## **2.9 Victim Support**

Bob Paterson reported:

- a thank you to the Forum for the nomination of Victim Support for a Community Safety Award;
- that from 1 April to date Victim Support had dealt with over 2,000 referrals;
- that the Scottish Executive pilot scheme for taking statements from victim witnesses was to commence between Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and Ayr Sheriff Court. A new appointment had been made to lead this project with the person taking up their post at Christmas. The pilot scheme would be for 2 years.

## **2.10 Environmental Health**

Eleanor Dewar reported:

- Christmas food safety messages were being prepared for Council magazines and the Odeon Cinema magazine;
- on the preparations for the introduction of the three-bin collection system;
- on new measures to ban smoking in public places.

## **2.11 Homes and Technical Services**

John Pilkington reported:

- on the Scottish Executive initiative of Community Wardens;
- on the pilot scheme for the introduction of acceptable behaviour contracts (ABCs) and unacceptable behaviour notices (UBNs).

## **2.12 Strathclyde Police**

Sergeant Paul Martin reported:-

- on the recent "Big World" event and the issues covered. One thousand two hundred pupils had taken part;
- on the festive season drinking campaign;
- on the reduction in the figures for violence in Kilmarnock Town Centre.

## **2.13 Strathclyde Fire Brigade**

Gary Milne reported:

- on the secondary school health fairs held in local secondary schools;
- on the firework safety projects carried out in local primary schools;
- on the brigade's vulnerable persons policy which was achieving good results as was the better liaison arrangements with the Council in identifying vulnerable persons;
- on funding bids which had been successful in respect of the Wise project and targeting the pre-fives.

Arising from discussion of this report it was agreed that Gary Milne together with the Community Safety Co-ordinator work towards including an article in the Kilmarnock Standard about the importance of fire alarm checks, especially over the festive period.

- 2.14 Councillor Menzies, as Chair of the Women's Forum, highlighted the White Ribbon campaign against violence to women and referred to the exhibition in the Dick Institute which he recommended as worthwhile visiting.

### **ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 November 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Forum of Road Safety Education Initiatives which were currently being carried out by the Director of Development Services.

### **SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 November 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the business conducted at the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's (SPAC) Annual General Meeting which had been held on Wednesday 24 September 2003.

### **SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 1 OCTOBER 2003**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 November 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum of the business which had been dealt with at the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Water and Leisure Safety Committee held in Glasgow on 1 October 2003.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR – REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 November 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Forum Members of developments and initiatives which had been undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

Bob Paterson left the meeting at this point.

### **SAFETY CAMERAS**

7. There was submitted a report (undated) (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum of the criteria used for the siting and usage of Road Safety Cameras following a question which had been raised at a previous meeting regarding the possibility of using mobile speed cameras in Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Roads Division would investigate the Road Traffic Accident historical data for Dundonald Road to determine whether consideration as a possible safety camera site was merited, and that a final report would be submitted to the Development Services Committee, and thereafter to the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.