

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill (Chair), Helen Coffey, Gordon Cree, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, George Smith and William Menzies; Community Representatives John Mclvor (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee) and William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee); Mary Fraser, East Ayrshire Elderly Forum; Karen Gardiner, Domestic Abuse Forum; June Lawrie, CVO; Jean Smith, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime; Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel; Wilma Hunter, Women's Aid; Acting Chief Inspector Ian Thomas, Strathclyde Police; and Lesley Callaghan, Administrative Assistant, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Arnott, Community Safety Analyst; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Eleanor Bell, Environmental Health Officer; Jim Melville, Senior Road Safety Officer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves, Robert McDill and Elaine Dinwoodie; Frank Dawson (Irvine Valley Local Committee); Bill Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee); Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee); Bob Leitch, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; Hazel Leith, RoSPA; and Doug Whitton, Victim Support.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Helen Coffey to her first Community Safety Forum meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There was submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2006 (circulated).

2.1 MATTER ARISING

Mr Mclvor reported that he was awaiting a response from Strathclyde Police in relation to the cycling on footpaths issue he had raised, and it was agreed that a reminder would be issued.

PRESENTATION

3. The Committee received a full presentation from Chief Superintendent John Carnochan of the Scottish Executive Violent Reduction Unit.

Thereafter the Forum members had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair then thanked John Carnochan for a very interesting and informative presentation and wished him well with his work for the future.

Councillor James Raymond left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - COMPOSITE REPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum of the issues and initiatives which related to the Community and Voluntary Groups represented on the Forum.

The Forum noted the report and the updates provided by the Chair at the meeting, on the issues raised therein.

The meeting terminated at 1135 hrs.