

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2006 AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill (Chair), Brian Reeves, Helen Coffey, Harry Wilson, George Smith and William Menzies; Community Representatives John McIvor (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee), Charles M Lindsay (Northern Area Local Committee), Frank Dawson (Irvine Valley Local Committee) and William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee); Michael Davidson, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Superintendent Elizabeth Weir and Inspector Derek Ireland, Strathclyde Police; Jean Smith, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime; Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel; Heather Baillie, CVO; Mary Fraser, East Ayrshire Elderly Forum and Heather Galbraith, Kilmarnock Forum on Disability.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Secretary to the Forum; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; Keith Orton, Acting Chief Engineer (Roads); David Arnot, Community Safety Analyst; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; David Johnstone, Licensing and Community Safety Manager; Donald McIntosh, Police Liaison Officer and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Alistair McKie, Communities Scotland.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon Cree, Jim Raymond, and Elaine Dinwoodie, Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee); Bill Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee) and Bob Leitch, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair agreed to alter the order of business to that as detailed hereafter.

EAST AYRSHIRE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY – JOINT INFORMATION PROTOCOL

2. The Chair referred to the commitment by East Ayrshire Council and its Community Planning Partners to tackle Antisocial Behaviour.

The Chair advised that the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004 had provided the Community Planning Partners with a range of measures designed to effectively tackle antisocial behaviour. The Chair further advised that in order to implement these measures three sets of protocols had been written in consultation with the Community Planning Partners which clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the relevant parties and demonstrated their strong commitment to effectively tackle antisocial behaviour in East Ayrshire.

The Chair then invited the Council's Chief Executive, Fiona Lees and Superintendent Elizabeth Weir to sign the Protocols on behalf of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Partners.

The Council's Chief Executive, Fiona Lees and Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police then stepped forward to sign the joint information protocol on behalf of the two organisations.

The Chief Executive and Superintendent Weir each then spoke a few words on the significance of the Joint Information Protocol, while thanking the staff involved in all the hard work in its preparation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There was submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 September 2006 (circulated)

PRESENTATION

4. The Committee received a presentation from Alistair McKie, Scottish Executive, Justice Department on the work of the Vulnerable Witness Programme.

Thereafter the Forum Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chair then thanked Alistair McKie for a very interesting and informative presentation.

It was noted that information booklets would be provided at the conclusion of the meeting for interested individuals/groups. Alistair McKie also advised that he was available to come out and speak to any interested organisations.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

5. The Chair welcomed Derek Ireland, newly appointed Inspector – Community Policing; Heather Baillie, CVO and Heather Galbraith, Kilmarnock Forum on Disability to their first Community Safety Forum Meeting.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - COMPOSITE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 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 and Officers on the issues raised therein, and also at the meeting.

TACKLING ALCOHOL RELATED VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum Members of funding which had been made available to help reduce alcohol related violence and disorder in Kilmarnock Town Centre under the terms and conditions of the Community Safety Award Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the invitation to Forum Members to attend the launch of the Initiative for more in-depth information; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FIREWORKS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 November 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum Members of the Firework Display incorporating a Fireworks Safety Initiative on 5 November 2006.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR – REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 November 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum Members of developments and initiatives which had been undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 30 November 2006 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of road safety education initiatives which were currently being carried out by the Department of Development and Property Services.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

11. The Chair thanked the Members for all their hard work both on the Forum, and in terms of the initiatives their groups had been involved in throughout the year. He then wished everyone a good and safe new year.

The meeting terminated at 1130 hrs.