

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2004 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, Harry Wilson, John Campbell, George Smith, William Menzies, and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives: William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee); Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee); and Charles M Lindsay (Northern Area Local Committee); Jean McFarlane (East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel); Jean Smith (East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability and East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime); Gemma Sim, Lynsey Mitchell and Alan Williams (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); Sergeant Hugh Mitchell (Strathclyde Police); Karen Gardiner (Domestic Abuse Forum); and Margaret Campbell (Safer Barshare).

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Pilkington, Best Value Officer; Sandy Gillatt, Chief Engineer (Roads); Anne Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Tommy Johnston, Environmental Health Technician; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jim Raymond; Isabelle MacDonald (Women's Aid); Bob Paterson (Victim Support); Maurice Ashbridge (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee); April Bryson (Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board); Jim Kelso (Council for Voluntary Organisations); Frank Dawson (Irvine Valley Local Committee); Fiona Andrew (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability); Nora Solesbury (Primary Care Trust); William Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee); and Garry Milne (Strathclyde Fire Brigade).

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

#### **WELCOME BY JOHN F CRAWFORD, HEAD OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

1. John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services welcomed those present on behalf of William Stafford Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Secretary to the Forum who had been unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

2. John F Crawford invited Members to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Jimmy Carmichael be appointed Chair and that Jean McFarlane be appointed Vice Chair.

Councillor Jimmy Carmichael then took the Chair.

#### **PRESENTATION ON SPRINKLER SAFETY**

3. It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

#### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

4. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2004.

## ACTIVITIES OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS

### 5.1 East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime

Jean Smith reported:

- on the quiz which had been held for local Primary Schools (Primary 7s) with 14 schools participating. First place had gone to Greenmill Primary, second place to Cairnhill Primary and third place to Barshare Primary;
- that the LOCH Watch Initiative was on-going, with new promotional materials being sourced;

### 5.2 East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability (EASFOD)

Jean Smith reported:

- that she was to attend Castle Primary School, YIP World and Women's Aid to give a talk on visual impairment.

### 5.3 East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel

Jean McFarlane reported:

- on the presentation of her award from the SAPC for 2003 under the "voluntary" category for her work in the field of Crime and Accident Prevention. Jean then passed the plaque round as well as a caricature by Bill Petherick which had been presented to her by the Panel;
- on the Primary 7s school quiz which had been participated in by 17 schools. The winner was Kirkstyle Primary, second Dunlop Primary and third Galston Primary;
- that the Panel had participated in an event at Cessnock Castle, Galston to promote community safety and publicise the work of the Panel;
- on the presentation and lunch attended on the Nominated Neighbour Scheme;
- on her attendance at the Criminal Justice Day on 23 May 2004 with various talks given by the police, Procurator Fiscal Service and the Court Service;
- a concern regarding the operation of the new traffic lights in Fowlds Street, Kilmarnock (at Tescos) as well as a complaint that the traffic lights on John Finnie Street do not give enough time for pedestrians to cross;
- her praise of the emergency services in respect of the work done following the explosion at the plastics factory Stockline in Galsgow.

It was agreed that the concerns that had been raised with regard to the traffic lights would be passed to the appropriate Department/police.

### 5.4 Kilmarnock South Local Committee

Joan Wark reported:

- on an unpleasant odour in the Kilmarnock town centre, possibly from the drains, and it was agreed that the Environmental Health Service investigate.

### 5.5 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Gemma Sim updated the meeting on the projects being carried out by the Community Safety Co-ordinators.

Alan Williams:

- reported that Garry Milne was taking up a new post, and had therefore been unable to give the presentation on Fire Sprinkler Safety however literature on sprinkler safety would be made available to Members at the conclusion of the meeting;
- expanded on the work of the Mobile Incident Unit based at Kilmarnock Fire Station;
- reported on the refurbishment of Cumnock Fire Station;
- reported that following the incident at Rosepark Nursing Home that all such establishments within East Ayrshire had been inspected.

Following a point raised by the Chair, the Committee agreed that letters be sent on behalf of the Forum to the Firemaster and Chief Constable conveying the Committee's appreciation for their response following the explosion at the plastics factory in Glasgow.

## **5.6 Cumnock Area Local Committee**

William Lees reported:

- on a petition to extend the footpath from Cumnock to New Cumnock which was being presented to the Transport Minister;
- Amey were surveying the trunk road with a view to introducing traffic calming; hopefully the works to be completed by the end of the year.

## **5.7 The Safer Barshare Group**

Margaret Campbell reported:

- that the Group was now up and running again;
- on a recent clean up campaign which had been carried out.

The Head of Protective Services commended the clean up campaign and stated that every support would be given by his Department to Local Groups wishing to carry out local clean ups.

## **5.8 Northern Area Local Committee**

Charles Lindsay referred:

- to the response he had received from the Head of Roads and Transportation with regard to the issues he had raised at the last meeting regarding David Dale Avenue, Stewarton;
- to the problem of cars parked near the corner of David Dale Avenue, and whether consideration had been given to introducing double yellow lines.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the parking issue was a matter for the police; and
- (ii) that the Head of Roads and Transportation contact Mr Lindsay regarding the double yellow lines issue.

Councillor John Campbell joined the meeting during discussion on this item.

## **5.9 Environmental Health**

Eleanor Dewar reported on the Management of Asbestos at Work Regulations and the impact thereon for businesses.

Information had been issued to local businesses, and was made available to Members at the meeting.

## **5.10 Domestic Abuse Forum**

Karen Gardiner reported:

- on funding received which was being used to carry out a training initiative and a public awareness campaign to spread the message of domestic abuse;
- on a series of seminars for employers to establish how they could support their employees; and
- on the development of a website.

## **5.11 Neighbourhood Services**

John Pilkington:-

- provided an update with regard to progress on the Building Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities Initiative and the recruitment of Community Wardens; and
- reported on the Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) Scheme which had been piloted in the Irvine Valley to great success and was now about to be rolled out to the whole of the Local Authority area.

## **5.12 LHCC**

Angela Shevlin:-

- reported on the development of a pilot course to reduce falls/accidents amongst older people.

### **SPEED CAMERA CRITERIA**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised the Forum of the status of the criteria used to determine the locations where a speed camera should be installed.

### **ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed the Forum of Road Safety Education Initiatives which were currently being carried out by the Department of Development and Property Services.

### **SAPC HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – 3 MARCH 2004**

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum of the business dealt with at the last meeting of the SPAC Home Safety Committee.

## **STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum of funding received from Strathclyde Fire Brigade Community Partnership Fund.

## **BOGUS CALLERS INITIATIVE**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum of the “Who’s that Knocking at Your Door” bogus callers initiative and launch of the Nominated Neighbour Scheme which had taken place at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on 15 April 2004.

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

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised Forum Members of developments and initiatives which had been undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

## **FUNDING FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Forum of “Community Safety Partnership – additional funding for sport, leisure and transport initiatives targeted at 12-16 year age group over the school summer break” and the way in which the funding had been utilised.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the PEACE organisation be provided with information regarding this funding initiative in order that they might apply next year;
- (ii) to note that the Community Safety Co-ordinator be authorised to consider a Christmas initiative with arrangements being remitted in this regard to the Community Safety Co-ordinator; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

13. The Chair reported and it was noted that meetings of the Forum would take place on Wednesday 22 September 2004 at 1000 hours and on Wednesday 1 December 2004 at 1000 hours, both meetings in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1112 hours.