

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson and William Menzies; Local Committee Representatives: Andrew Nisbet (Irvine Valley); John Milligan Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight and Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police; Jean McFarlane, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel and Jim Kleboe, Safer Catrine.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing and Community Safety); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Training Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves, James Raymond and Robert Taylor; Local Committee Representative: Linda Blackwood, Finvola Barnes and Matt Donnelly; Alex Craig, Enterprise Ayrshire, Pamela Anderson, Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability; Dr Iain Brown, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Jean Smith, Cumnock and District Blind Club; Dot Grieve, Youth Representative; and Margaret Booth, Safer Barshare.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. There were submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 14 June 2000 (circulated).

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

2.1 Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel

Jean McFarlane:-

- (i) reported that there had been a 100% uptake from Schools on a Crime Prevention quiz organised by the Panel and that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum;
- (ii) that the adult experiential learning project had been postponed. A Steering Group had been set up in this connection and further progress would be reported to a future meeting;
- (iii) provided details of the proposed Youth Safety Initiative Event to take place at Easter 2001;
- (iv) reported that a personal computer had been gifted to the Community Police; and
- (v) that a booklet on youth safety would be produced for circulation at the next meeting of the Forum.

2.2 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

John Milligan:-

- (i) reported progress on the Phoenix project; and
- (ii) reported on a recent Seminar on residential sprinkler systems.

It was agreed that a Presentation to be made to the Forum at their next meeting on Sprinkler Systems.

2.3 Strathclyde Police

Hugh Mitchell:-

- (i) introduced Chief Inspectors Colin Campbell, William Prendergast and Hugh McKnight;
- (ii) reported that Safer New Cumnock Group had received a grant from the Strathclyde Joint Police Board Community Safety Initiative Fund for CCTV projects within the community;
- (iii) asked Forum members to bear in mind the availability of grant from the above Fund when planning local projects; and
- (iv) provided details of a proposed Education Day to be held at the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock.

In connection with (ii) above, the Chair intimated that a full report on the CCTV Project would be made to the Forum in six months time, and an interim report to be made at the next meeting.

2.4 Environmental Health

Eleanor Dewar reported on progress with the "Danger Detectives" Initiative.

2.5 Road Safety

Gerald Cummins reported on progress on cycle training.

2.6 Local Committee Representative Jim Kleboe

Jim Kleboe referred to a recent change in the arrangements for refuse collection in Road, Catrine. Residents in the street in question had been asked to deposit their wheeled bins at a collection point at the end of the road and he thought that this was a safety issue for the individuals concerned.

John Crawford explained that a risk assessment had determined that it was unsafe for the refuse collection vehicle to reverse into the road in question and this was the only way in which the vehicle could access the street, as there was no turning area. Accordingly, residents had been asked to leave their wheeled bins for collection at a point at the end of the road. He also intimated that the Council's policy for assisting households where there was no able-bodied adult had already been implemented in the area.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing an update on developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET TROPHY

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the arrangements for the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's (SAPC) Annual Public Speaking Competition and proposed that it again be aligned to the local competition in which local Secondary Schools competed for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the arrangements for the competition, as set out in the Director's report;
- (ii) to invite Mr Andrew Nisbet to present the Trophy;
- (iii) to nominate Councillor Carmichael as a judge; and
- (iv) that the Secretary in consultation with the Chair proceed with the necessary arrangements.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE 2000

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 September 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of matters dealt with at the SAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference which had taken place on 11 and 12 September 2000.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 September (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on matters discussed at the meeting of the SAPC Road Safety Sub-Committee held on 2 August 2000.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM: LOGO

7. There were circulated copies of a suggested Logo for East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum and the Forum was asked to consider its adoption.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter at the next meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1235 hours.

AGENDA