

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 6 DECEMBER 2000

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 22 NOVEMBER 2000

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of the business discussed at a meeting held at East Renfrewshire Council Offices, Eastwood Park, Giffnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Water and Leisure Safety Committee is one of three organised by the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to deal with specific matters. East Ayrshire Council is represented at the quarterly meetings of the Water and Leisure Safety Committee by Councillor Jimmy Carmichael and William Stafford, Director of Community Services. Alison J Smith, Principal Officer – Licensing and Community Safety, deputised for William Stafford at the meeting on 22 November.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, East Ayrshire Council, was nominated and elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- 3.2 Attendance was considerably improved upon that at the September meeting and those present, including new members, introduced themselves.
- 3.3 SAPC President, Councillor Shaw, spoke in more detail of his proposal to promote the SAPC by way of an eight page booklet which would be distributed to every household in Scotland in 2002 with the Council Tax notices. A lively discussion then took place concerning the format of the leaflet, inclusion of contact points and web-sites and whether it would be more appropriate to launch a web-page or issue a CD ROM.
- 3.4 The Chair briefly referred to matters discussed at the Executive Committee meeting he attended on 1 November 2000 and also indicated that he would, the following day, attend a meeting of the National Water Safety Committee in London.
- 3.5 The Chair indicated that he would ascertain whether the £5,000 grant from Sportscotland required to be actually spent in the current financial year. There then followed much discussion on how the money could be best

utilised. It was agreed to establish a small working group to investigate options available and also to consider the Committee's contribution to the proposed SAPC leaflet.

- 3.6 Suggestions were made for issues to be taken up by the Committee in the coming year including the issue of mountain safety.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 22 November generated very lively debate on a number of issues and highlighted the need to identify areas of concern and prioritise actions.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Forum is invited to note the contents of the report.

William Stafford

Director of Community Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Agenda and papers issued in respect of Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 22 November 2000.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers detailed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or email at john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

AGENDA