

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM –6 DECEMBER 2000**

### **SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 27 SEPTEMBER 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 27 September.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 Bob Calvert of the McLaren Community Leisure Centre in Callander was nominated, seconded and elected, unopposed, to the office of Chair. The election of a vice-chair was postponed given the poor attendance at the meeting.
- 3.2 Prior to vacating the Chair, Councillor Shaw spoke of how he, as newly elected President of the SAPC, proposed to promote the work of that organisation by the distribution to every household in Scotland of a composite leaflet. The leaflet would comprise contributions from each of the three committees, Home, Road and Water and Leisure Safety.
- 3.3 Councillor Shaw reported on the business discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on 2 August 2000. He indicated that two corporate members may be invited to join each Committee and that the Treasurer's report had indicated a healthy financial position as a result of external funding.
- 3.4 There was considerable discussion of Conference 2000, particularly in relation to the duration of the parallel workshop sessions. In addition it was agreed that the venue should continue to be in the central belt.

3.5 The Chair referred to the Committee's programme for the year 2001 and asked for suggestions of issues to pursue and possible speakers. Suggested topics and themes included:

- Dangers of garden ponds, pools and other water features.
- Dangers of home swimming pools and hot tubs.
- Promotion of water safety issues to primary school children.
- New safety requirements in respect of commercial vessels and recommendations to the leisure boating industry.
- Blue Flag beaches and life-guard training.
- Sub-aqua diving.
- Pool life-guarding and implications of the new Code of Practice.
- Royal National Lifeboat Institute may be able to provide a speaker.

3.6 Committee members considered how this year's £5,000 grant from Sportsotland could be utilised. Suggestions included support for the proposed SAPC leaflet, a contribution to the National Water Safety Committee Conference 2001, ongoing costs of supply and reprint of the Water Safety Leaflet and a specific project to be discussed at a future date.

3.7 It was agreed that the Chair contact all members seeking nominations for the office of Vice-Chair, inviting ideas relating to areas other than water safety and urging members to attend future meetings. Arising from the Chair's comments members were reminded that the remit of the Committee is wider than water safety and it was agreed to approach a speaker on the subject of country parks.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 27 September, although not well attended, provided an opportunity for those who did attend to discuss issues arising from the Conference and matters to be considered in the future.

#### **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 27 September 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](mailto:john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk).

**AGENDA**

