

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Matt Donnelly (Vice-Chair), Kilmarnock North Local Committee; Councillors Brian Reeves, Jim Raymond and William Menzies; John Timpany, Kilmarnock South Local Committee; Michael McDonnell, RoSPA; Jean Smith, Cumnock and District Blind Club; and Dot Grieve, Youth Forums.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer - Licensing and Community Safety; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, George Smith and Robert Taylor; SDO Paul Nellis, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Pamela Anderson, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; Jim Kleboe, Safer Catrine; and Susan Cockburn, Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Matt Donnelly, Vice-Chair, in the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 6 June 2001.

1.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1.1.1 Michael McDonnell, RoSPA

It was noted that the list of those present at the last meeting should be amended to make reference to Michael McDonnell as the representative of RoSPA.

1.1.2 First Aid Instruction In Senior Schools (Item 5.2)

The Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety, advised that the Education Section indicated that there is scope for the provision of First Aid Instruction in senior schools and indeed such instruction has been provided from time to time through external trainers. The Principal Officer will investigate the feasibility of extending first aid training in local schools and submit a report on the matter to a future meeting of the Forum.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS

2.1 CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT BLIND CLUB

On the matter being raised by Jean Smith, it was agreed to request the Secretary to write to the Cumnock Chronicle regarding a competition which was scheduled to feature in a future edition of the paper to highlight the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

2.2 YOUTH

Dot Grieve reported on the activities of the Peer Education Group in Drongan which was working on a project to link with similar groups in other countries with a view to examination of issues relating to Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Eleanor Dewar reported on the involvement of the Environmental Health Section in the current Danger Detectives event which was due to finish and would be the subject of a further report to the Forum; and advised of the continuing work of the Section in providing talks and information to local community groups on Environmental Health and food safety related matters.

2.4 ROAD SAFETY

Gerald Cummins reported on the continuing work of the Road Safety Section including:-

- cycle safety training which was carried out at 9 schools within East Ayrshire this term and will be carried out at a further 30 schools in the new year;
- involvement in the Danger Detectives event which, again, this year had been very successful;
- the campaign to reduce parking at school gates;
- the Safer Routes to Schools programme in respect of which a survey had been undertaken at 11 schools, the findings to be analysed and used to inform future action;
- talks to senior pupils at Stewarton Academy on driving issues, with similar talks to be held at Auchinleck Academy in the new year;
- the production of a play for presentation in schools to highlight issues relating to speeding; and
- promoting Road Safety projects within primary schools and the provision of related information and literature to schools.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR: REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: MEETING OF THE HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2001

4. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of matters dealt with and discussed at the SAPC Home Safety Committee Meeting on 5 September 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to request the Secretary to arrange for a presentation on progress on the Mandatory Powers for Home Safety Sub-Committee to be made to the Forum at the next meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: CONFERENCE 2001

5.1 REPORT

There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of matters dealt with, and discussed, at the SAPC Annual Conference 2001.

5.2 ROAD SAFETY SESSIONS

There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the content of the Road Safety Sessions at the SAPC 2001 Annual Conference held on 10-11 September 2001.

Arising from discussion it was agreed:-

- (i) that Officers raise with the Agencies concerned, when appropriate, this Forum's concerns about the seemingly high incidences where children are not properly restrained within cars and this Forum's view that there is a need for an increased level of publicity on this issue; and
- (ii) to note arrangements for trunk road maintenance, and, over the winter period, gritting as outlined by the Head of Protective Services and the Senior Road Safety Training Officer;
- (iii) to note the concerns expressed by Councillor Menzies regarding issues relating to the use of service buses by pupils from Netherthird and Craigen in getting to and from Cumnock Academy, particularly with regard to the significant increase in the number of private cars which are being used for this purpose and presenting in the vicinity of the Academy at peak times;
- (iv) on the matter being raised by Jean Smith, that the Head of Protective Services draw to the attention of the Police Liaison Officer problems seemingly occurring at the junction at the Tanyard/Barrhill Road in Cumnock arising from the apparently frequent failure of drivers to obey the red light stop signal; and
- (v) that the Senior Road Safety Training Officer would raise with the Head of Roads and Transportation the possibility of funding being made available to enable existing road crossings within East Ayrshire to be upgraded to include tactile cones which are designed to assist people with sensory impairment to cross the road.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECHMAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET TROPHY

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of arrangements for the Scottish Accident Prevention Council (SAPC) Annual Public Speaking Competition and proposed that this again be linked to the local competition in which local secondary schools compete for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in the report;

- (ii) to nominate Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair, to act as a judge for the Competition; and
- (iii) to authorise the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

The meeting terminated at 1225 hours.

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