

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 5 DECEMBER 2001
SAPC ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE 7 NOVEMBER 2001

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of matters discussed at the most recent meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Road Safety Sub-Committee, which was held on 7 November 2001.

2. SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL (SAPC)

- 2.1** The SAPC is a national organisation which promotes home, water, road and leisure safety. Its membership is made up of Elected Members and officers from local authorities as well as other organisations involved in accident prevention. Sub-committee meetings are held quarterly.

3. ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

- 3.1** Twenty-one members attended the meeting. Business was conducted under the following headings.

3.2 Matters Arising

It was clarified that although school gate parking was not a specific offence an obstruction charge could be used.

A meeting of a working group to progress the idea of a Scottish equivalent to the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety would be arranged shortly. Karen Gillon MSP had been approached so far and had asked for more information to be sent.

3.3 National Road Safety Committee

The NRSC has not met since the last meeting.

The Secretary tabled information on the next RoSPA Road Safety Congress, which will be held in Stratford on 4-6 March 2002. Entitled, "Safer Driving the Road to Success", there will be several presentations from Scottish speakers.

3.4 PACTS

A representative of the group would attend the Westminster Lecture in December and report to the next meeting.

3.5 DTLR

The Secretary tabled the Road Accidents Great Britain 2000, the latest Think Campaign magazine and a consultation paper on European Transport Policy. It was agreed to draft a response to the section on road safety included in the paper.

3.6 Scottish Executive

The Secretary tabled reports from the Central Research Unit on:

Cycle Training in Schools
Tourist Road Accidents
The New Driver Project.

3.7 ACPOS

The Road Policing Strategy had been launched on the first day of the Annual Conference.

3.8 Correspondence

Requests for Committee Places from West Dunbartonshire Council (Cllr Syme), and Greater Glasgow Health Board (Mr David Radford) were agreed.

Adam Ingram MSP had written asking about accidents caused by slow moving vehicles. It was agreed to contact the Transport Statistician at the Scottish Executive to see if any such data was available.

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary had written about the audible warning on shopmobility booster scooters being very similar to that on pedestrian crossings. It was agreed to write to the DTLR about this.

Newsletters and press releases had been received from various bodies.

3.9 Annual Conference 2001

Feedback from the Conference had been good, and the Secretary reported that organisationally it had gone well. The next Conference will be on 9-10 September 2002, and the Secretary asked for members to provide suggestion for speakers.

3.10 AOCB

It was noted that one local authority was looking at possible use of yellow school buses.

3.11 Presentation On Intelligent Speed Adaptation

Dr Oliver Carsten from Leeds University gave a presentation on Intelligent Speed Adaptation which generated many questions on the various issues surrounding the project. Copy of presentation is attached as Annexe 1.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report.

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ANNEXE

1. INTELLIGENT SPEED ADAPTATION

AGENDA