

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2001 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 Representative Matt Donnelly; Chief Inspector Hugh McKnight, Strathclyde Police; Dot Grieve, Representative for Youth and Ethnic Minorities.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Gerald Cummins, Senior Roads Safety Training Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves and George Smith and Robert Taylor; ADO John Milligan, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire North Disability Forum; Jean Smith, Cumnock and District Blind Club; and Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel.

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 6 December 2000 (circulated).

1.1 Matter Arising From Minutes

1.1.1 Community Safety Forum: Logo

It was agreed to appoint a Review Group consisting of the Chair of the Community Safety Forum, the Police Liaison Officer, the Community Safety Officer and the Roads Safety Officer to review the suggested designs for the proposed East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum logo and submit a report to a future meeting of the Forum.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

2.1 A Safer New Cumnock

On behalf of the representative from Safer New Cumnock, the Chair requested information on the payment of the grant approved for the Safer New Cumnock Closed Circuit Television Project.

The Head of Protective Services undertook to progress the payment of the grant as soon as possible.

It was agreed that future meetings of the Forum should receive reports on budget expenditure.

2.2 Police Liaison Officer

Hugh Mitchell reported:-

- (i) the Divisional Community Safety Department were presently working on a strategy to address the issue of vandalism throughout Ayrshire;

- (ii) the Police, Fire Service and Ambulance Service along with the Road Safety Department and Community Safety Department of East Ayrshire Council took part in a "mock" road accident scenario at Hillhead Primary School during National Road Safety Week; and
- (iii) East Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Forum were continuing to try to increase public participation and were focusing on youth issues in the Cumnock area and parental involvement in the Kilmarnock area.

2.3 Youth Representative Dot Grieve reported:-

- (i) on the Annual Youth Conference, this year entitled "Switch On", which was held at Grange Academy on 11 April 2001 ;
- (ii) that the Bellsbank Young People's Project Against Crime, which was part of the Peer Educational Project had received a "runner-up" award under the Evening Times Local Heroes Awards; and
- (iii) that the Fire Safety Officer had recently visited the Young Parent project and 8 discussed the preparation of fire safety plans for the home. The members of the group were also given domestic smoke alarms.

2.4 Road Safety Training Officer

Gerald Cummins reported on:-

- (i) a project being run in conjunction with Halfords over the Easter holiday whereby child seats in cars would be professionally checked for safety;
- (ii) travel surveys being carried out with a view to producing safe travel plans to allow children to walk or cycle to school safely (Safer Routes To Schools Programme);
- (iii) funds being made available for the training of lorry drivers within the East Ayrshire Council Roads Department;
- (iv) a proposed scheme for the retraining of School Crossing Patrollers;
- (v) ongoing cycle training in Schools; and
- (vi) a Safety Day held at Hillhead Primary School.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services providing an update on developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the report had been amended at Paragraph 3.7 to the effect that the proposed Community Safety Day would be held in August and not June as stated in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE HOME
SAFETY COMMITTEE OF 6 DECEMBER 2000**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 December 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the business discussed at the meeting of the SA PC Home Safety Committee on 6 December 2000.

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET
TROPHY**

5. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the outcome of the Secondary Schools Speech Making Competition.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Head of Protective Services consider and report on the feasibility of the competition being held within suitable School premises in the future;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**"MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER" CHALLENGE COMPETITION 2001/2002 -
COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the bids for funding made in respect of proposed Community Safety Projects in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the award of 2 grants totalling £25,407.00 from the Scottish Executive in respect of 2 proposed Community Safety Projects within East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: MEETING OF THE ROAD
SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 7 FEBRUARY 2001**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on matters discussed at the meeting of the SAPC Road Safety Sub-Committee held of 7 February 2001.

Councillor Daniel Coffey left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

8. The Head of Protective Services gave an update of the current position on the current foot and mouth diseases outbreak, and the measures being taken to prevent the spread of the diseases within East Ayrshire.

It was noted:-

The meeting terminated 1220 hours.