

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -6 JUNE 2001

SAPC AWARDS - FENWICK WALKING TRAIN

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of the award of a Certificate of Commendation to the Fenwick Walking Train under the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Accident Prevention Award Scheme.

2. SAPC AWARD SCHEME

- 2.1 The SAPC have an annual award scheme for those individuals or organisations working in the fields of home, water, road and leisure safety whose work is deserving of recognition. There are four categories in the scheme, viz: Local Accident Prevention Committees/Community Safety Fora; Voluntary/Educational Sector; Commercial Organisations; Professional Organisations.

3. FENWICK WALKING TRAIN

- 3.1 The Walking Train at Fenwick Primary School is a scheme in which a number of parents have volunteered to escort their own and other parent's children to school. The scheme has been running for one year and has proved to be very successful with 4 parents and 17 children involved. Once a child is registered they are provided with a high visibility garment and collected at a "station" near their home and then escorted to school.
- 3.2 The value of the scheme is that it allows the children to learn about roads and traffic in the real environment, to observe adults crossing correctly and to obtain the benefits of regular exercise. It also results in reduced congestion near the school as less parents are driving their children to school.

4. CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

- 4.1 The parents of the Walking Train were successful in being awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the Voluntary/Educational Sector .
- 4.2 The Certificate was presented to them by Councillor James Carmichael. Councillor James Boyd, Provost and Councillor Stephanie Young were also at the presentation.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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AGENDA