

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2001 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson, George Smith and William Menzies; Maurice Ashbridge, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee; John Timpany, Kilmarnock South Local Committee; and Matt Donnelly, Kilmarnock North Local Committee; Michael McDonnell, ROSPA; ADO Paul Nellis, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Susan Cockburn, Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative; and Jean MacFarlane, Crime Prevention Panel (North).

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Sergeant James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Iain Linton and Robert Taylor; Superintendent Alistair McKie, Strathclyde Police; Norah Salisbury, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust; and Pamela Anderson, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; Jean Smith, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, 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 26 September 2001.

##### **1.1 Matters Arising from Minutes**

It was agreed to note (a) that the designation of Paul Nellis of Strathclyde Fire Brigade is ADO; and (b) that the list of apologies for the last meeting should be amended to include Jean MacFarlane of the Crime Prevention Panel (North).

#### **ACTIVITIES OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS**

##### **2.1 MATTERS ARISING**

On the matters being raised by Matt Donnelly, it was agreed to request the Director of Community Services (a) with regard to the disposal of ash at the Garlaff Landfill site near Cumnock, to make appropriate representations in respect of this Forum's concerns on the delivery of ash to the Landfill site apparently outwith the specified operating times and at the fact that some of the sealed bags of ash had burst; and (b) to seek information from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board on the outcome of a study into the incidence of cancer within the local area.

##### **2.2 ROSPA/SAPC**

Michael McDonnell reported on:

- the campaigns which will take place over the festive period to combat speeding, drink driving and drug driving; and

- the continuation of the annual public speaking competition which is supported by this Forum; and
- the Scottish Accident Prevention Awards 2002 for which invitations would be issued shortly to seek nominations.

### **2.3 CRIME PREVENTION PANEL (NORTH)**

Jean MacFarlane reported on:

- a community safety award which the Crime Prevention Panel (North) had recently received;
- the recent Danger Detectives event which again had been very successful;
- the success of two young members of the Panel in achieving recognition in respect of a project on Neighbourhood Watch Schemes;
- the involvement of the Panel in the Vandalism 2000 event;
- arrangements for a quiz for Primary 7 pupils which had been re-arranged from December 2001 to March 2002, with separate events anticipated for the North and South areas;
- a proposed experiential learning day for adults which is intended to take place at Kilmarnock College some time during 2002;
- liaison between the Panel and the local Police on drugs related issues; and
- a proposed visit by the Panel, probably in January of next year to the "UP2U" bus.

### **2.4 KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVE**

Susan Cockburn made reference:

- to the recent firework and bonfire safety campaign with particular regard to the fireworks display organised by East Ayrshire Council and held in the Kay Park, Kilmarnock, on Saturday 24 November 2001 which tied in with the switching-on of the Christmas lights in Kilmarnock Town Centre on the same evening;
- to the problem of vandalism in the town centre and confirmed that the Initiative liaises with East Ayrshire Council and Strathclyde Police in order to endeavour to combat this problem;
- a proposed Festival event to be held in Kilmarnock Town Centre in the New Year and advised that the Initiative would welcome suggestions from members of the Forum on events which could form part of the Festival; and
- on the matter being raised, the recent power cut which had affected Kilmarnock Town Centre as well as many other surrounding areas and had led to difficulties for retailers relating to security and safety.

### **2.5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Eleanor Dewar reported on:

- a Europe wide focus on health and safety issues which took place during October 2001 and, in this connection, work undertaken by the Environmental Health

Section to endeavour to minimise accidents in the workplace, e.g. as part of the “Working Backs” and “Slips, Trips and Falls” initiatives;

- efforts made by the Service to deal with health and safety issues associated with this particular time of year, e.g. temperature and noise levels in shops;
- the provision of health and safety training through the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Training Scheme;
- ongoing Food Safety training work; and
- the favourable outcome of an audit of the Council’s Food Safety inspection procedures by the Food Safety Authority.

## **2.6 ROAD SAFETY**

Gerald Cummins reported on relevant areas of work of the Road Safety Section, viz:-

- Road Safety Plays in schools;
- Road Safety Plays for the elderly;
- A Driver Safety evening which had been well attended by the public;
- Distribution of new material provided by the Children’s Traffic Club in Scotland to Pre-Five Groups and to libraries;
- Supporting the drink driving and drug driving campaigns; and
- involvement in the Scottish Road Safety Forum’s display at the Scottish Motor Show at the SECC in November.

Arising from discussion, it was agreed (a) to request the Senior Road Safety Training Officer to obtain further information on the availability and cost of goggles which, when worn, simulate on the individual, the effects of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol; and (b) that the Senior Road Safety Training Officer provide further information to Councillor Coffey with regard to the proposed introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on the Western Road, Kilmarnock between Southcraigs and Munro Avenue.

## **2.7 STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE**

ADO Paul Nellis reported that within Ayrshire during 2001 a total of thirteen fire related deaths had occurred so far, of which one of these was in East Ayrshire, and of the total figure, five had been the result of chip pan fires; and advised of a campaign which was due to run between 10 and 21 December this year highlighting the danger of chip pan fires and of a further fire safety campaign due to take place between 19 and 25 January 2002.

## **2.8 POLICE LIAISON OFFICER**

Sergeant Jim Richmond made reference to:

- the Big World event held at the Magnum during November and which focused on a range of issues relating to personal, driver and drugs safety;
- a recent initiative relating to dog fouling with a report on the outcome to be submitted to a future meeting of the Forum;

- the provision of personal awareness safety advice and information to Council Officers and others.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR: REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that invitations to the East Ayrshire Secondary Schools Speech Making Competition would be issued to Forum Members within the near future;
- (ii) that Forum Members could submit any suggestions which they might have in relation to the Community Safety Folders, which will be issued in the near future, to the Community Safety Co-ordinator as soon as possible; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

### **FIREWORK AND BONFIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Firework and Bonfire Safety Campaign which took place during October and November 2001.

Arising from discussion it was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Community Services would endeavour to obtain from the Health Authority statistics on injuries caused by fireworks and/or bonfires within the local area and provide this to Councillor Coffey;
- (ii) having regard to concerns expressed by members of the Forum on safety issues and disturbance resulting from the setting-off of fireworks in recent weeks, to note that a report dealing with a range of issues relating to fireworks would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council's Community Services Committee and that an update would be submitted to this Forum on the outcome of the Committee's deliberations, in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

### **RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS: A BILL FOR SCOTLAND'S PARLIAMENT: CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised members of, and sought their views in relation to, a consultation document in respect of a Scottish Parliamentary Members Bill proposal for the introduction of residential sprinklers.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that Forum members could, if they so wished, submit any comments which they might have on the Bill to the Community Safety Co-ordinator as soon as possible for onward transmission to Michael Matheson, MSP, along with

comments by the appropriate Departments of the Council, no later than 12 December 2001.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2001**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of matters dealt with and discussed at the SAPC Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 26 September 2001.

Arising from discussion it was agreed that the Director of Community Services would provide further information to Councillor Coffey on the arrangements for the provision of swimming lessons to primary school children.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL: ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE: MEETING ON 7 NOVEMBER 2001**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 November 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of matters discussed at the most recent meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Road Safety Sub-Committee which was held on 7 November 2001.

**NEXT MEETING**

8. It was reported, and noted, that the next meeting of the Community Safety Forum would take place on Wednesday 6 March 2001 at 1130 hours in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

Arising from discussion, it was noted that the Director of Community Services would be communicating with those organisations which are represented on the Forum with a view to facilitating and promoting attendance by the organisations' representatives at Forum meetings.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM: COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2002/2003**

9. The Head of Protective Services reported and it was noted that the Council's Community Safety budget for the 2002/2003 financial year was anticipated to be £94,000 and that while much of this sum would require to be committed in respect of the identified Community Safety Programme, CCTV funding and drugs related issues, it was suggested that a sum of up to £10,000 be set aside to allow support for new small scale locally based community safety related projects, in respect of which local organisations may wish to seek funding for appropriate projects.

The meeting terminated at 1250 hours.

**TO RETURN TO PREVIOUS PAGE  
PLEASE PRESS THE BACK BUTTON  
AT THE TOP LEFT OF THE PAGE**