

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2001 AT 1130 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson and George Smith; Local Committee Representative Matt Donnelly (Kilmarnock North); Nora Salisbury, Primary Care Trust; Superintendent Alistair McKie and Chief Inspector William Prendergast, Strathclyde Police; Susan Cockburn, Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative; Alex Craig, Enterprise Ayrshire; Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel and Michael McSorrel, RoSPA.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves, Iain Linton, James Raymond, William Menzies and Robert Taylor; Margaret McWilliams, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Disability Forum; and Dot Grieve, Ethnic Minorities Representative.

WELCOME BY WILLIAM STAFFORD, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SECRETARY TO THE FORUM

1. William Stafford welcomed those present and wished the members well in their participation in the work of the Forum.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

2. William Stafford, Secretary, invited the members to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Jimmy Carmichael be appointed Chair and that Matt Donnelly be appointed Vice-Chair.

Councillor Jimmy Carmichael then took the Chair.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 7 March 2001.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1.1 East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum Logo

There was circulated, for information, an advertisement for the Forum which featured the new logo. This advert would feature on carrier bags issued by lending libraries within East Ayrshire and included a contact telephone number and web page address.

3.1.2 Foot and Mouth Disease

The Head of Protective Services gave an update on the current position on the foot and mouth disease outbreak and made reference to a precautionary cull which had taken place within the area.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services pass on congratulations to those involved for the speed of response, for the efficiency in which the matter was dealt with and the co-operation provided by the farmer concerned.

PRESENTATION ON THE VANDALISM 2001 INITIATIVE

4. There was given a presentation on the Vandalism 2001 Initiative by Mrs Jean McFarlane, Chair, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

5.1 EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

Jean McFarlane reported:

- (i) on the Experiential Learning Day held on 24 April 2001, organised by the Panel's two youngest members;
- (ii) on a project put forward by the Panel for a competition focussing on young people by Norwich Union;
- (iii) on a presentation on drugs awareness being given in schools throughout the area;
- (iv) on a proposed schools quiz to be held in November 2001, on the same lines as the previous year.

5.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (KILMARNOCK NORTH)

Matt Donnelly reported on a new Neighbourhood Watch Group which had been set up in Gilsburn Gardens.

Mr Donnelly also asked if there were any plans to introduce first aid instruction in senior schools, as was done in other Local Authority areas.

It was agreed that the Head of Protective Services investigate this matter and report to a future meeting of the Forum.

5.3 AYRSHIRE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP

Alex Craig reported that Stewarton Academy had been runners-up in the SAPC speech-making competition, the local heat of which had been sponsored by this organisation.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services write a letter of congratulations to the Stewarton Academy in this connection.

5.4 POLICE LIAISON OFFICER

Hugh Mitchell reported on:-

- (i) the Safer Scotland Drugs Campaign which ends in August and will be the subject of a further report to Forum;
- (ii) the proposed Community Safety Open Day to be held at East Ayrshire Council Headquarters, London Road;
- (iii) activities and initiatives relating to personal safety; and
- (iv) the distribution of drugs awareness information to Schools and Community Groups.

5.5 SENIOR ROAD SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER

Gerald Cummins reported on:-

- (i) ongoing cycle training in Schools;
- (ii) the safer routes to Schools programme; and
- (iii) a current campaign to reduce parking at School gates.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Home Safety Committee held on 7 March 2001.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 28 MARCH 2001

8. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Water and Leisure Safety Committee held on 28 March 2001.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE - 9 MAY 2001

9. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Road Safety Committee held on 9 May 2001.

It was agreed that the Director of Development Services raise with the Trunk Road Authority recent reports of delays in replacing damaged or missing signage on trunk roads.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL AWARDS - FENWICK WALKING TRAIN

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Forum of the award of a Certificate of Commendation to the Fenwick Walking Train under the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Accident Prevention Awards Scheme.

WORKING GROUP ON FIREWORKS

11. The Forum agreed to appoint a Working Group to study and report to a future meeting of the Forum on firework safety, the Working Group to consist of the Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety, the Police Liaison Officer and representatives from Strathclyde Fire Brigade, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and Trading Standards.

The meeting terminated at 1302 hrs.

AGENDA

