

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, John Campbell, George Smith, William Menzies and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives: Maurice Ashbridge (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee), William Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee), William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee), and Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee), Norah Solesbury (Primary Care Trust), Stephen Logan and Alan Williams (Strathclyde Fire Brigade), Jean McFarlane (East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel), Bob Paterson (Victim Support) and Karen Gardiner (Domestic Abuse Forum).

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; John Pilkington, Best Value Officer; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Mike Padley, Health and Safety Manager; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves and Harry Wilson; Community Representative Frank Dawson (Irvine Valley Local Committee), Michael McDonnell (RoSPA); Isabelle MacDonald (Women's Aid); David Mann (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce); Jean Smith (East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability); and Bill Petherick (Strathclyde Police),

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael (Chair).

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. Councillor Carmichael reported that in future, meetings of the Forum would commence at 1000 hours.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 4 June 2003.

MATTER ARISING

2.1 Vehicles Speeding in Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock

The Head of Protective Services reported, and it was noted, that as information was still awaited from Strathclyde Police, his intention now was to submit a report to the next meeting, following concerns which had been expressed at the meeting held on 5 March 2003.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

3.1 Cumnock Area Local Committee

William Lees reported:

- That a twenty's plenty scheme and traffic lights were still being sought for the trunk road at Castle Primary School, New Cumnock.

It was agreed to note Councillor Carmichael's undertaking again to contact AMEY whilst noting that it would be helpful if the Community Council would also contact AMEY to pursue this issue.

3.2 East Ayrshire (South) Crime Prevention Panel

Jean McFarlane reported:

- on the Danger Detectives initiative for primary school children held recently at Dean Castle Country Park, which she had attended. Photographs of the various scenarios highlighted on the day were tabled for members' perusal.
- On the Victim Support AGM which she had attended on behalf of the Panel, with a talk given by Chief Superintendent Corrigan on supporting victims of crime.
- On a recent Panel meeting where Constable Bill Petherick had been wished a long and happy retirement. His contribution to the work of the Panel was appreciated. WPC Nichol had then been introduced as the new Panel Secretary.
- On Panel initiatives towards a primary 7 school quiz and a Christmas newsletter.
- That discussions were ongoing with a view to Panel recruitment with young members in particular being targeted.

3.3 Kilmarnock Central Local Committee

Maurice Ashbridge highlighted a recent incident within the Bonnyton area where an elderly gentleman had been knocked down, whilst on the pavement, by a young girl on a bicycle.

The Committee then went on to discuss other safety issues concerning pavements and people, including wheely bins causing problems for partially-sighted persons, and the use of motorised scooters and motorbikes on pavements.

The Committee then agreed to issue a press release from the Forum highlighting the issue that pavements were for people, whilst also raising the matter with Strathclyde Police.

3.4 Kilmarnock South Local Committee

Joan Wark referred to

- The success locally of the CCTV scheme in sheltered houses which enabled occupants to view callers at the door.
- The inadequate street lighting at Marchdyke Crescent.

Ann Williams reported that funding for street lighting had been made available through the Council's Quality of Life funding and Scottish Executive's Community Safety Award funding. Accordingly this site would be taken forward as a proposal to receive funding.

- The grassed area between the blocks of flats at Caprington Gardens, and requested that some of the grass be converted to car parking.

It was agreed to contact the Head of Roads and Transportation in this regard.

3.5 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Alan Williams introduced himself to the Forum. This was the first meeting he had attended, replacing William Houston.

Stephen Logan then reported on:

- Sprinkler safety seminar which would be held at headquarters in Hamilton on 21 October.
- The nature and purpose of vulnerable persons packs.

3.6 Primary Care Trust

Norah Solesbury reported on the Trust's new monitoring system for monitoring incidents and accidents.

3.7 Victim Support

Bob Paterson reported on the Scottish Executive's pilot scheme for taking statements from victim witnesses.

3.8 Domestic Abuse

Karen Gardiner reported:

- That plans for the new Refuge in Kilmarnock were going well.
- That domestic abuse was gearing up for a number of activity events which would mark the 25 November as a day against violence towards women and girls.
- That in relation to the identification of possible street lighting projects, suggestions would be sought from women who use the centres, as well as the Rape Centre.

3.9 Environmental Health

Eleanor Dewar reported:

- On the Danger Detectives initiative.
- That October 13 was the start of the Environmental Health and Safety Week. The topic this year was "Hazardous Substances".

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

- 4 There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 September 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed the Forum of work carried out by road safety training staff in the Department of Development Services.

Arising from discussion of this report the Committee agreed that abbreviations should not be used in reports unless with an accompanying explanation.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR – REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of developments and initiatives which had been undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the information reported by the Head of Protective Services with regard to anticipated legislation on firework safety, which would not be in place before this year's fireworks events;
- (ii) to note that Firework Safety posters and leaflets were available at the meeting for use/distribution by the various organisations present; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

FUNDING FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 September 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum of the "Community Safety Partnership – Additional Funding for Sport, Leisure and Transport Initiatives which had been targeted at 12-16 year age group over the schools' summer break", and which detailed the way in which the funding had been utilised.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

7. **Street Lighting Additional Funding**

The Community Safety Co-ordinator agreed to take note of the concerns of East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel over the street lighting of car parks, when suggestions were being put forward for funding.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.