

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2003 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael (Chair), Daniel Coffey, George Smith, and Elaine Dinwoodie; Community Representatives Maurice Ashbridge (Kilmarnock Central Local Committee); William Barr (Doon Valley Local Committee); William Lees (Cumnock Area Local Committee); Joan Wark (Kilmarnock South Local Committee); Linda McFadzean (Ayrshire and Arran Health Board); Angela Shevlin (East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative); Garry Milne and William Houston (Strathclyde Fire Brigade); and Jean MacFarlane (East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel).

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Sergeant Jim Richmond, Police Liaison Officer; Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Officer; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Kevin White, Community Worker; and Squadron Leader (Rtd) John Gilbert, RAF Regional Community Relations Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson and Iain Linton; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Community Representatives Matt Donnelly (Kilmarnock North Local Committee); Norah Solesbury (Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care Trust); Susan Cockburn (Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative); Jean Smith (East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability); Elizabeth Lumsden and Michael McDonnell (RoSPA); and Isabelle MacDonald (Women's Aid).

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

PRESENTATION OF SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL AWARD: HILLHEAD NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1. The Chair presented a Scottish Accident Prevention Council Award to Kevin White, Community Worker, in respect of a mock road accident scenario which took place at the Hillhead New Community School.

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, congratulated Mr White on the Award. Mr White then left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

2. Squadron Leader (Rtd) John Gilbert joined the meeting at this point and the meeting adjourned at 1107 hours to enable him to prepare his presentation.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

3. The meeting reconvened at 1114 hours with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance.

PRESENTATION: LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT NOISE NUISANCE

4. There was received a presentation by Squadron Leader (Rtd) John Gilbert, RAF Regional Community Relations Officer, Southern Scotland, on low flying aircraft noise nuisance.

There then followed a general discussion on issues arising from the presentation and the Squadron Leader (Rtd) responded to questions put by members of the Forum.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Squadron Leader (Rtd) for his presentation which had been most interesting and informative. The Squadron Leader (Rtd) then left the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 4 December 2002.
Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting at this point.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS

6.1 Cumnock Area Local Committee - William Lees:

- reported on the presence of the Traffic Warden in New Cumnock and the effective work carried out by her;
- sought clarification on the use of the parking area within the vicinity of Castle Primary School, New Cumnock;
- sought clarification on the criteria for "Twenty's Plenty" zones and this was provided by the Senior Road Safety Training Officer;
- enquired on the possibility of additional warning signs being located near to Castle Primary School, New Cumnock on the A76 route;
- sought clarification on the criteria for prioritisation of gritting services and this was provided by Councillor Smith and the Head of Protective Services.

Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that the Senior Road Safety Training Officer would further investigate the issues relating to parking, and the provision of additional warning signs, within the vicinity of Castle Primary School, New Cumnock and would respond directly to William Lees.

6.2 Doon Valley Local Committee - William Barr reported on:

- the forthcoming cycling proficiency training for Primary 7 pupils at Drongan Primary School.

6.3 Kilmarnock Central Local Committee - Maurice Ashbridge drew attention to:

- concerns expressed by Grange Howard Community Council regarding proposed traffic calming measures at Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock and indicated that the Community Council would be responding directly to the Roads and Transportation Section on this matter.

Arising from discussion it was agreed that Sergeant Jim Richmond would investigate the possibility of portable speed cameras being used in Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.

6.4 East Ayrshire (North) Crime Prevention Panel - Jean MacFarlane reported:

- that three young people had attended the January meeting of the Panel - two pupils from Stewarton Academy and one from James Hamilton Academy, and it was hoped that these individuals would become members of the Panel;
- on the success of the Motorvation Initiative;
- that the Panel's most recent newsletter had been distributed to 15,000 households through the Free Press;
- on a quiz for Primary 7 children to be held on 30 April 2003 in the Main Hall, Kilmarnock Academy;
- that Robert Paterson, Victim Support, would be attending the Panel's next meeting;
- that Des Browne had invited the Panel to be present at a public meeting on Friday 7 March 2003 in connection with firework safety issues.

6.5 Kilmarnock South Local Committee - Joan Wark drew attention to:

- general public concerns over the sale of fireworks.

During discussion the Chair confirmed progress which had been made regarding the control of fireworks.

6.6 Ayrshire and Arran Health Board - Linda MacFadzean reported that:

- a review of the Board's Accident Prevention Strategy was currently being undertaken and a report on the outcome would be available in April 2003.

6.7 Strathclyde Fire Brigade - Garry Milne reported on:

- the CHIP Pan Unit demonstrations rolling out to all superstores;
- the increase in grass fires in Dalmellington and the successful response from the Dalmellington crew;
- the rolling out of the Vulnerable Persons Policy;
- the decision by East Ayrshire Council to install domestic sprinkler systems in all Sheltered Housing Units;
- the forthcoming phase 2 of the Initiative aimed at promoting fire awareness within Primary Schools.

Garry Milne, William Houston and Joan Wark left the meeting at this point.

6.8 Environmental Health - Eleanor Dewar reported on:

- follow up assessments with school pupils on the Danger Detectives Initiative;
- the outcome of a recent Food Safety Audit within the Environmental Health Section, which had yielded a positive initial report;
- inter-authority auditing for Health and Safety.

6.9 Strathclyde Police - Sergeant Jim Richmond reported on:

- the joint litter patrol within Kilmarnock Town Centre and Stewarton.

ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of Road Safety Education Initiatives currently being carried out by the Department of Development Services.

Arising from discussion it was agreed that Gerald Cummins would investigate the provision of road humps at Tourhill Road, Kilmarnock and respond directly to Councillor Coffey.

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8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which informed of matters discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Road Safety Sub-Committee held on 6 November 2002.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 February 2003 (circulated and amended Appendix tabled) by the Director of Community Services which advised of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAMME

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the Community Safety Awards and aims set out by the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group.

KILMARNOCK CAR PROJECT

11. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the progress of the Kilmarnock Car Project as discussed at the meeting on 4 December 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) to note with disappointment that re-establishment of the Project was not considered to be a viable option at this time.

The meeting terminated at 1240 hours.