

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2000 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson and William Menzies; Local Committee Representative Charles Calman (Kilmarnock Central); Kay Cooper, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; Senior Divisional Officer Keith Small, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Alex Craig, Enterprise Ayrshire; Jean Smith, Cumnock and District Blind Club; Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel; and Jim Kleboe, Safer Catrine.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Mike Gallagher, Health and Safety Manager; Frank Gardiner, Health and Safety Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Alison Smith, Principal Officer (Licensing & Registration); Gerald Cummins, Senior Roads Safety Training Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves, Iain Linton, George Smith and Robert Taylor; Alistair Breckenridge, Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Board; Pamela Anderson, Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Disability Forum; Dot Grieve, Youth Representative; and William Goudie, Safer New Cumnock.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

PRESENTATION - DOMESTIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

1. There was given a presentation by Senior Divisional Officer Keith Small, Strathclyde Fire Brigade on domestic sprinkler systems, following which SDO Small answered questions put by members.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. There were submitted and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 27 September 2000 (circulated), with the following amendment:-
 - (i) at paragraph 2.1(v) the deletion of the words "youth safety" and insertion of the words "Primary 7 School Watch";

2.2 MATTER ARISING FROM MINUTES

2.2.1 Community Safety Forum: Logo

John Crawford reported that a further 3 designs had been received for the proposed East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum logo.

It was agreed to note the position and to continue consideration of the selection of a logo to next meeting.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

3.1 Kilmarnock Central Local Committee

Charles Calman intimated that his Local Committee was concerned at reports of primary school pupils leaving school premises during breaks.

3.2 Cumnock and District Blind Club

Jean Smith:-

- (i) reported that her group had received a talk from the Community Police Officer on Personal Safety; and
- (ii) intimated that her group was concerned about road safety at the pelican crossings at Glaisnock Street/Ayr Road, Cumnock and suggested that the timing of the signals required to be checked.

3.3 Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel

Jean McFarlane reported:-

- (i) on the successful outcome of the Crime Prevention schools quiz held on Wednesday 29 November 2000 at Kilmarnock Academy;
- (ii) that work on the Adult Experiential Learning project and the Youth Safety Day was ongoing; and
- (iii) that the "Primary 7 School Watch" project was to commence in January 2001.

3.4 Safer Catrine

Jim Kleboe reported that his organisation was actively pursuing funding for the following proposed projects:-

- (i) CCTV Scheme for Catrine Square; and
- (ii) provision of security doors to the rear entries at St Cuthbert Street, Catrine.

3.5 Health and Safety Officer

Mike Gallagher reported on Education Health and Safety Group schools competition.

3.6 Police Liaison Officer

Hugh Mitchell reported:-

- (i) that anti-crime and personal safety packs had been distributed to licensed premises throughout East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Community Safety Branch had produced a booklet on personal safety which was being distributed to medical and dental receptionists; and
- (iii) that the Division continue to support the Safer Scotland campaign, a national initiative by the Scottish Executive for the reduction of violent crime in Scotland.

3.7 Road Safety Training Officer

Gerald Cummins reported on:-

- (i) cycle training in schools. Approximately 35 of the 46 primary schools had participated in this programme each year, with over 800 Primary 6 children receiving training;

- (ii) cycle training project works in schools. Most primary schools had been involved in this;
- (iii) pre-driver training courses provided for S6 pupils which covers topics such as buying a car, documentation, accident risk and hazard awareness;
- (iv) a driving awareness course provided for Council staff;
- (v) a performance of a road safety play at a senior citizens lunch club. The play had proved very popular with the audience;
- (vi) performances of the Nine Lives of Roddy Hogg in 4 secondary schools. This play, for S1 pupils, dealt with peer group pressure, a significant factor in accidents to this high risk group. The play had been well received by the schools;
- (vii) a recent Police seminar on road safety which had dealt with road policing strategy and recent initiatives aimed at achieving the new accident reduction targets;
- (viii) an in-car safety day had been run in conjunction with North and South Ayrshire Councils and Halfords;
- (ix) a Safer Routes to Schools programme. The government had made £120,000 available to the Council to undertake work which would encourage children to walk or cycle to school, or use public transport rather than travel by car. A programme had been drawn up for a number of schools, detailing specific speed reduction and road safety measures for each school;
- (x) proposed driver training for staff employed as drivers in the Development Services Department. This would be a one-day practical course on driving intended to reduce the number of accidents involving council driver;
- (xi) the possibility that a proposed EU Directive intended to encourage the development of pedestrian friendly car fronts would be replaced by a weaker "voluntary agreement";
- (xii) a proposed School Crossing Patroller of the Year competition which was being organised by On Site Services. The last competition had proved very successful and had generated a lot of work from pupils; and
- (xiii) the Walking Train initiative at Fenwick Primary School. This was being run by volunteer parents who escort their children to school in a group. The parents were very enthusiastic and it was hoped to extend the scheme in the future.

3.9 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

Senior Divisional Officer Keith Small:-

- (i) referred to a reduction in the current year in injuries from firework accidents - reflecting the work of community safety agencies; and
- (ii) fire cadets scheme.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which provided an update on developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OPEN DAY

5. There was submitted a report dated 20 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a proposed Community Safety Open Day to be held at the Council Headquarters during June 2001.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a Working Group serviced by the Department of Community Services be formed to plan the proposed open day, comprising of representatives from Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, the Council's Community Safety Officer and Jean Smith, member of the Community Safety Forum; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

“THREADS OF SUCCESS” A STUDY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS IN SCOTLAND

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the findings and recommendations contained within the “Threads of Success” study, published by the Scottish Executive and CoSLA in November 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Community Services submit further reports as appropriate on the development of the Community Safety Partnership in line with the recommendations arising from the “Threads of Success” study; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

7. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the proposed development of the Community Safety Partnership in East Ayrshire, with an emphasis on the strategic planning process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services make the necessary arrangements and submit a further report on the development of the Community Safety Strategy and the Partnership Structure to a future meeting of the Forum for consideration.

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2000

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the business discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Water and Leisure Safety Committee on 27 September 2000.

It was reported and noted that Councillor Carmichael had been appointed Chair of SAPC Water and Leisure Safety Committee.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE WATER
AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 22 NOVEMBER 2000**

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the business discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Water and Leisure Safety Committee on 22 November 2000.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE HOME
SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2000**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 27 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the business discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Home Safety Committee on 27 September 2000.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - MEETING OF THE ROAD
SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE ON 1 NOVEMBER 2000**

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the business discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Road Safety Committee on 1 November 2000.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE -
MANDATORY POWERS SUB-GROUP**

12. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum that the Home Safety Committee of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council had agreed to reconvene a Working Group to pursue changes to legislation so that the provision of Homes Safety Services was made mandatory for all Scottish Unitary Authorities.

**SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE -
GAS SAFETY SUB-GROUP**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 November 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum of further developments in the work of the Gas Safety Sub-Group of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Home Safety Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1332 hours.

AGENDA