

APPENDIX II**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Brian Reeves, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, George Smith, William Menzies, and Robert Taylor; Local Committee Representatives Jean Smith, Andrew Nisbet, Watson Muirhead, Charles Calman, Finvola Barnes, Margaret McWilliam, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Health Promotion Unit; Judith Cunningham, Primary Care, National Health Service Trust; John Milligan, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Superintendent Colin Campbell, Strathclyde Police; Iain Brown, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Jean McFarlane, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel; and Dawn Gray, Council of Voluntary Organisations.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director Community Services Department; Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Officer (Development Services); Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Julie Williams, CHASE Project; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Dot Grieve, Area Community Education Officer; and Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Daniel Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF BRAVERY TO DANNY HARKIN

1. The Chair presented a plaque to Danny Harkin in recognition of his bravery in rescuing a young friend from drowning.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

2. It was agreed to appoint Dr Iain Brown as Vice-Chair.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

3. It was agreed to note that Finvola Barnes, Community Representative on Kilmarnock South Local Committee be nominated to serve on the Community Safety Forum.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

4. There was submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 16 June 1999.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS**5.1 THE LOCAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Jean Smith advised the meeting that the Reverend Boyd, Cumnock Congregational Church, had approved a Child Protection Policy.

5.2 KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

Jean MacFarlane advised that:

- (i) a new secretary had been appointed;
- (ii) notices had been placed in shops in an attempt to ensure the safety of handbags; and
- (iii) leaflets regarding the safety of older people were now available and on display at public locations.

5.3 ROAD SAFETY

The Road Safety Report is shown in the annexation to the Minute.

5.4 STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE

John Milligan advised that:

- (i) Community Fire Fighters were working on the Danger Detectives Initiative in Cumnock ;
- (ii) the National Fire Safety Week had commenced with the Launch at James Hamilton Heritage Park;
- (iii) the Fire Brigade wished to promote the installation of domestic sprinkler systems and members of the Fire Board were going to Manchester on 29 September 1999 to look at systems available;
- (iv) Trading Standards were holding out open days when the public will be invited to submit electric blankets for testing; and
- (v) Dot Grieve advised the meeting that the Peer Education Project News Letter was to be produced for young people in the Bellsbank and Dalmellington area.

5.5 Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, advised the meeting that

- (i) joint working was taking place with Council Departments, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Football Club and Primary 5 school pupils in an attempt to address and combat drug abuse;
- (ii) Strathclyde Police were currently developing an East Ayrshire School Awards Scheme;
- (iii) a Crime Watch for Schools was being developed; and
- (iv) Kilmarnock Police Office was holding a Community Safety Open Day on 2 October 1999.

5.6 ROSPA

Elizabeth Lumsden advised the meeting that

- (i) A Community Safety Audit was being carried out in Girvan by South Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) Home Safety Packs were being issued in a form which would appeal to both adults and children alike;
- (iii) ROSPA were holding their 50th Annual Conference with the theme "Looking at Community Safety" and following the Conference a report would be produced.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

BANK ACCOUNT

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which proposed that the Forum Members consider the opening of an appropriate type of bank account.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a Treasurer's account be opened with the Bank of Scotland; and
- (ii) that the authorised signatories be John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer - Licensing and Community Safety; and Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET TROPHY

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised the Forum of the arrangements for the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's (SAPC) Annual Public Speaking Competition and proposed that it again be linked to the local competition in which secondary school pupils compete for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals contained within the report;
- (ii) to nominate Councillor Carmichael to act as a judge; and
- (iii) authorise the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

KEY COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

9. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised Members of the arrangements for a Workshop Event to progress the development of the Forum's agreed Key Community Safety Issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report on the event be submitted to the next meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting ended at 1211 hours.

ANNEXATION

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN EAST AYRSHIRE

The Road Safety Plan for East Ayrshire contains a section dealing with road accidents and casualties in the Authority.

This data is updated on a regular basis and the Community Safety Forum will be informed of this once it has been reported to the Development Services Committee.

All accident prevention measures whether engineering, enforcement, or educational are data-led, that is, they are prioritised on the basis of accident totals and accident rates with a view to efficient use of scarce resources. In addition, they are directed towards achieving a target set by the Government of a one third reduction by the year 2000. New targets for the year 2010 are soon to be set.

Accident totals in East Ayrshire are close to meeting this target, and have been met for some road user groups.

The figures for 1998, the last year for which complete information is available, show that the overall downward trend is continuing.

There are certain road user groups, which are high risk. For example, young drivers aged 17-25 years make up nearly one third of all driver/passenger casualties yet make up only one tenth of the driver/passenger population.

In view of this, East Ayrshire along with the other two Ayrshire Councils has been running a young driver publicity campaign recently.

Child pedestrians are another high-risk group, as are child cyclists, although the downward trend in these accidents is encouraging.

With regard to accident causation's, speed related accidents continue to be a problem, for example, failing to maintain a safe distance and losing control on bends. Accident levels on main roads continue to be of concern, although accident reduction measures recently put in place on the A77 are expected to improve the situation.