

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 1999 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Brian Reeves, Harry Wilson, George Smith, William Menzies, Andrew Nisbet, Finvola Barns and Charles Calman, Local Committee Representatives and Ann Ferguson, Council of Voluntary Organisations.

**ATTENDING:** John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Ann Williams, Community Safety Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer and Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Daniel Coffey and Iain Linton, Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA; Jean Smith, Local Committee Representative; Margaret McWilliam, Health Promotion Unit; Mary McGinn, Acute NHS Trust; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability; Julie Williams, Chase Project; Amanda Moulson, Town Centre Management; Dr Iain Brown, Council of Voluntary Organisations; Judith Cunningham, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Project and John Milligan, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Carmichael (Chair).

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 15 September 1999. It was suggested that the Forum make an annual award to a member of the community whom it was felt should be commended for a safety award.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services submit a report detailing the terms of the award to the next meeting.

### **ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS**

#### **2.1 STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

Chief Inspector Jim Thompson advised the meeting that he had written to groups seeking submission of areas of priority for the year 2000 and thanking all the groups and organisations for their contribution to date.

Councillor Smith then highlighted the dangers of gas and carbon monoxide poisoning when he raised the possibility of inviting representative from East Ayrshire Safer Groups to serve on the Forum.

Chief Inspector Thompson advised the meeting that Safer Groups hold meetings on a regular basis throughout East Ayrshire and it may therefore be pertinent that these groups nominate one representative to serve on the Forum.

Discussion then took place regarding the supply of detection equipment and the problems encountered with void properties.

It was agreed to bring forward a review of the constitution to include East Ayrshire Safer Groups.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising Members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Forum.

Councillor Carmichael emphasised the need for the Forum to go out into the community meeting representatives from all the uniformed services and those involved in safety .

This could take the form of a one day seminar when School children would be invited to view the displays during the day time and the public in the evening. It would be envisaged that the Forum meeting would take place at that location on that day.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services submit a feasibility report to the next meeting.

### **DANGER DETECTIVES - EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING EVENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising Members of the outcome of this year's event.

It was agreed to continue when possible to give support to "Danger Detectives" both as a forum and individually within members', organisations and groups.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET TROPHY**

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of the arrangements made in respect of the Speech Making Competition.

It was agreed that a report on the outcome of the Competition be submitted to the next meeting.

### **1999 SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION AWARDS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising Members that the Scottish Accident Prevention Council (SAPC) currently is seeking nominations in respect of the Annual Awards Scheme.

Councillor Smith made reference to the contribution made by the Safer Barshare Project emphasising that this group were worthy of recognition. It was agreed:-

- (i) to make nominations in respect of the categories detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report; and
- (ii) that supporting information in respect of any nomination(s) be forwarded to the Director of Community Services who will make the necessary arrangements regarding submission of completed Nomination Forms.

## **"MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER" CHALLENGE COMPETITION 2000/2001**

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of funding bids made by the Council in respect of CCTV and Community Safety projects in East Ayrshire.

The report advised that the Council has, in previous years, successfully bid for funding through the Scottish Office CCTV Challenge Competition. The competition is now administered by the Scottish Executive and had been expanded to include projects which aim to tackle the wider issues of community safety. This expansion is reflected in the new competition title.

Bids had been made in respect of CCTV cameras at Auchinleck, Hurlford, New Cumnock, London Road/Dick Road and Glencairn, Kilmarnock. In addition a bid has been submitted in respect of the upgrading of the Kilmarnock Control Room. The total budgeted cost of the works is £351,222.77 and the amount bid for is £175,611.37. Private sector funding amounts to £3,820 (1.08% of total cost) with the balance being provided by the Council. The two bids submitted for community safety projects were in respect of a community safety shop and home safety and security for the elderly. The total costs of these projects are £81,000 and £22,000 respectively. The total bid in respect of these projects is £50,500.

Councillor Wilson advised the meeting that insurance companies had been approached to see if they could offer reduces premiums for areas where CCTV had been installed. It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report on this matter be submitted to a future meeting;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services forward a copy of the criteria to Councillor Wilson;
- (iii) to note that the results of the competition should be known by the next Forum meeting; and
- (iv) to note that Police are looking at the funding of mobile systems for vulnerable properties.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE FUND**

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, together with the guidelines and conditions of grant (tabled) advising the Forum that Strathclyde Joint Police Board had approved the establishment of an initial fund of £50,000 to be used for Community Safety initiatives.

The initial £50,000 comprises money seized from suspected criminals in accordance of the Provisions of Part 7 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The meeting heard that procedures had been set in place by the Police to enable Community Safety Forums to make application for grants for local initiatives, which may cover a range of issues such as the fear of crime, racial harassment, domestic violence, home safety, fire safety and other areas which will enhance community safety.

It is envisaged that applications will be submitted by Community Safety Forums through local police Divisional Commanders to a Panel comprising the Assistant Chief Constable, Community Safety, Chief Superintendent, Community Involvement Branch and the Assistant Clerk to the Joint Police Board with each application being considered on merit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a further report on this matter be submitted to a future meeting;
- (ii) that copies of the guidelines and conditions of grant be circulated as an appendix to the minute; and
- (iii) that Sergeant Hugh Mitchell and Ann Williams meet with Chief Inspector Jim Thompson to identify a standalone project.

### **KEY ISSUES SEMINAR AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY**

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of the rescheduling of the Key Issues Workshop and to suggest that the Community Safety Strategy be reviewed at the same event.

Reference was made to the last meeting of the Forum when members had considered a report outlining arrangements for a workshop event to progress the development of the Forums agreed key community safety issues.

It had been hoped to hold the event in October and letters to that effect had been issued to members. However, due to the Community Safety Officer's commitment to Danger Detectives and other corporate commitments of the section it was not possible to arrange the event for that month.

It has recently been suggested that the Community Safety Strategy be reassessed and updated with a view to its eventual publication and launch in a "glossy" format. In order that the review of the strategy may take full account of the members opinions and incorporate meaningful action plans it is proposed to extend the scope of the original workshop event.

It is proposed that Community Safety staff consider the existing strategy in the light of other information available to them and produce a draft document which will be made available to all Forum members and appropriate organisations before the event.

The meeting terminated at 1230 hours.

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