

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2000 AT 1135 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Danny Coffey, George Smith, and William Menzies; Jean Smith, Andrew Nisbet, Matt Donnelly, Local Committee Representatives; Margaret McWilliam, Health Promotion Unit; Karen Harrison, Acute NHS Trust; John Milligan, Phil Robinson Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Superintendent Alistair McKie and Constable Robert Stewart, Strathclyde Police; Alex Craig, Enterprise Ayrshire; Jean McFarlane, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel; Anne Ferguson, Council of Voluntary Organisations.

ATTENDING: John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Anne Williams, Community Safety Officer; Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Training Officer; Fiona Hall, Road Safety Officer; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer and Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, James Raymond; Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Dot Grieve, Community Education; Elizabeth Lumsden, ROSPA; Charles Calman and Finvola Barns, Local Committee Representatives; Pamela Anderson, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; John McHarg, Fellowship of Churches; Iain Brown, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability; Julie Williams, CHASE Project; Judith Cunningham, Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust..

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael (Chair).

PRESENTATION BY THE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM TO THE STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE

1. The Community Safety Forum awarded £850 to Strathclyde Fire Brigade West Command to enable them to fund the Phoenix Project which originated in Kilwinning. Strathclyde Fire Brigade intimated their wish to record their thanks to the Provost, Members and Officers in respect of the award which they cited as being a prime example of partnership working.

PRESENTATION BY THE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM TO STRATHCLYDE POLICE

2. The Community Safety Forum awarded £950 to fund a Mobile Security System operated by Barshare Community Group. This funding was awarded by Strathclyde Joint Police Board and the Community Safety Initiative Fund. Thanks were extended to the Forum by representatives of Strathclyde Police, on behalf of Safe Barshare.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

3. There was submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 22 December 1999 with the following amendments:-
- (i) "Dr Iain Brown, Council of Voluntary Organisations" should be amended to read "East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability"; and
 - (ii) "Make our Community Safer Challenge Competition 2000/2001" should be amended to read "Councillor Wilson advised the meeting that insurance companies should be approached to see if they could offer reduced premiums for areas where CCTV had been installed".

The meeting was advised that with regard to the item concerning the Key Issues Seminar, scheduled to take place on 13 April 2000, and Review of Community Safety Strategy that a leaflet had been circulated with responses invited by 6 April 2000.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - FORUM MEMBERSHIP

4. There was submitted a report dated 13 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services to enable the Forum to consider amending the constitution as it relates to membership of the Forum.

It was agreed to amend Section 5 of the Constitution relating to memberships, to include one representative from each Safer Group operating in East Ayrshire; these being Safe Barshare, Safer Catrine and Safer New Cumnock.

ACTIVITIES OF FORUM MEMBERS

5.1 Strathclyde Fire Brigade

- (i) It was reported that the "Smoke Detectors" campaign had been very successful; and
- (ii) that Kilmarnock Fire Station were holding an open day and launch of the Phoenix Project the date to be advised to members when finalised.

5.2 Kilmarnock Crime Prevention Panel

- (i) the Secondary School Speech making Competition held at Dean Castle had been a thoroughly enjoyable event thanks were extended to Andrew Nisbet for attending and presenting the trophy;
- (ii) Crime Check conference had been held at Tulliallan College and it was hoped that as a result of the presence of a younger panel member, younger people may be encouraged to join the Panel;
- (iii) an adult experiential learning course will commence on 26 April 2000 and will take place over 8 evenings between April to June including a range of agencies with the emphasis on practical learning. Invitations have been issued to 21 Community Councils;
- (iv) the School Watch Campaign will commence after the summer holidays and will include Community Police and Panel members with Primary 7 pupils controlling the campaign; and
- (v) a safety quiz including Strathclyde Police will take place in the Autumn.

5.3 Council of Voluntary Organisations

- (i) it was reported that the Council of Voluntary Organisations were working with Safe Barshare.

5.4 Cumnock Local Committee Representative

Jean Smith advised the meeting that she attended an exhibition in Glasgow when she had observed a demonstration of the yellow box which is situated at pelican crossings in Glasgow for the benefit of those with a sensory impairment. The yellow box is normally situated at pelican crossings where the green man system is inaudible.

The Forum were requested to pursue the feasibility of adopting a similar scheme in East Ayrshire.

5.5. East Ayrshire South Against Crime

Two initiatives were presented to the Forum:-

- (i) a mousemat to be distributed to Schools; and
- (ii) a Play It Safe booklet.

5.6 Health Promotion Unit

The Forum were advised that the CHASE Project terminates on 31 March 2000 though the premises would remain open and the groups using the facility would continue to be supported by Local Authority staff.

5.7 Enterprise Ayrshire

The representative from Enterprise Ayrshire advised the Forum that his remit was not community health and safety but industrial health and safety and advised of the fact that he was impressed by the work students had put into the Scottish Accident Prevention Council Speechmaking Competition.

5.8 Local Committee Representative Andrew Nisbet

Mr Nisbet advised the meeting that he was not receiving information from other Community Councils in relation to safety and expressed the wish that if this mechanism could be activated he would then be in a position to report back to the Community Safety Forum more fully. John Crawford undertook to write to all Community Council Secretaries advising them of this facility.

5.9 Acute NHS Trust

The representative from the Acute Trust advised that the admission of prisoners to Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals was being monitored in an attempt to curb disruption that is often caused by prisoner's relatives.

5.10 Police Liaison

Sergeant Mitchell

- (i) referred to the guidelines and invited ideas from Forum members with regard to Strathclyde Joint Police Board Community Safety Initiative Fund;
- (ii) advised that a two pronged approach in respect of Community Safety was being progressed in respect of youth safety at football grounds and information cards for elderly;

- (iii) advised that a security products awareness day had been held at the Howard Park Hotel which had been of great interest and well attended;
- (iv) offered to give personal safety talks to Groups and Organisations represented on the Forum; and
- (v) advised that a multi-agency project called EARACHE had been established, this will be launched on 2 May 2000 and run as a pilot until 31 December 2000, with the remit to target young people in East Ayrshire misusing alcohol.

5.11 Environmental Health

Eleanor Dewar advised the meeting that the following initiatives had been undertaken:-

- (i) hygiene training and food safety training;
- (ii) the National Spring Clean commencing in the month of April which would include three uplifts of unwanted medicine brought to pharmacists by the public. This represented an increase on the present two;
- (iii) Danger Detectives;
- (iv) an experiential learning day on home safety; and
- (v) that safer projects throughout East Ayrshire would welcome the participation of as many people as possible.

5.13 Local Committee Representative - Matt Donnelly

Mr Donnelly asked the meeting if there was a plan to update fire alarms in Council Houses and also referred to sprinkler systems which had been installed in some areas of Britain in the housing of elderly and vulnerable groups.

The Chair advised the meeting that he had visited an area of Manchester to look at the sprinkler systems which had been installed throughout those areas and attempts were being made to convince builders to install sprinkler systems as part of new build projects particularly in relation to the elderly and the vulnerable.

The meeting were advised, however, that an alteration to the Building Control regulations requires to be made before builders would require to install a sprinkler system as a matter of course.

Jean Smith then raised concerns were also raised regarding safety in supermarkets with particular reference to overhanging shelves.

It was agreed that the Environmental Health Officer would obtain details of specific incidents, prior to a course of action being undertaken.

ROAD SAFETY IN EAST AYRSHIRE

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services informing the Community Safety Forum the latest trend in road casualties in East Ayrshire.

Following discussion when issues were raised with regard to:-

- (i) Home Safety;
- (ii) 20mph limit around playparks;

- (iii) school initiatives; and
- (iv) the possibility of separating taxis from cars and looking at how many taxis are involved in accidents and the possibility of carrying out a safety campaign with taxis.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that John Crawford speak to colleagues in Crosshouse and Ayr Hospital and attempt to obtain some guide as to how many accidents occur within the home;
- (ii) to explore the possibility of producing a report on home safety;
- (iii) that with regard to 20mph speed limits this would normally be tied in with calming measures, apart from that, however, a voluntary 20mph limit could be imposed and at present the Scottish Executive were in the process of issuing guidelines
- (iv) to note that schools have a fund for work undertaken within the school grounds and a traffic management scheme would be introduced in phases linked with safety schemes.;
- (v) to note the meeting that it is a requirement of the taxi licensing regulations that all incidents be reported within 48 hours; and
- (iv) to note the latest casualty trends in East Ayrshire.

FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING FORUM MEETINGS WITH PUBLIC SEMINARS/EXHIBITIONS

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of the feasibility of combining meetings of the Forum with Seminars and/or Exhibitions to which the public would be invited.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to hold a future meeting in New Cumnock;
- (ii) that it is beneficial to host small exhibitions/displays at Forum meetings; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Community Service to make any necessary arrangements.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECHMAKING COMPETITION : ANDREW NISBET TROPHY

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of the outcome of the Secondary Schools Speechmaking Competition.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) that Grange Academy were not successful in the regional heat. The two teams who went through were Renfrewshire and Dumfries and Galloway, the winners being Renfrewshire;
- (ii) that the number of schools participating is increasing every year; and
- (iii) the contents of the report.

1999 SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION AWARDS

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of the outcome of the nomination of "Strathclyde Fire Brigade" and "Safe Barshare Community Group" in the Scottish Accident Prevention Awards.
The Forum then presented commendations to Strathclyde Fire Brigade and Safer Barshare.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY LOGO

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting members of the Forum to approve the East Ayrshire Community Safety logo.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the adoption of a logo;
- (ii) to invite schools to design a logo to be submitted for consideration to the Community Safety Forum at its next meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

"COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARDS"

12. There was submitted a report dated 14 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services advising the Forum of a proposed "Community Safety Award" which would be awarded to individuals and organisations within East Ayrshire for outstanding contributions to community safety.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the proposal for the establishment of a Community Safety Awards Scheme;
- (ii) to establish a small Working Group in respect of the criteria for awards and nominations to consist of Councillor Carmichael, Dr Iain Brown, Hugh Mitchell and Anne Williams; and
- (iii) that a progress report be submitted to the next Forum meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1240 hours.