

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 1997 AT 1030 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon Cree, Alan Campbell, Daniel Coffey, George Smith and Jim Carmichael; Local Committee Community Representatives: Ronald Brailsford; Peter Neely, Edward Torrance and William Pattison; School Board Representatives: Elizabeth Kay (St Xavier's Primary School Board); Tom Ferguson (Shortlees Primary School Board), Anna McCall (Annanhill Primary School Board); James Keachie (Silverwood Primary School Board); Stuart Imrie (Kirkstyle Primary School Board); and Ron Cross (Greenmill Primary School Board); Janice Miller (Kilmarnock Swimming Club); Allan Sloan (Kilmarnock and Loudoun Advanced Motorists); Mary Reilly (ROSPA); and Joan Wells (WRVS).

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Inspector George Hamilton, Strathclyde Police (U Division); Joseph Cassidy, Principal Officer (Housing); Dennis Craig, Principal Officer - Recreation (Community Services); Gerald Cummins, Senior Road Safety Training Officer (Development Services); Charles McBreen, Senior Safety Officer (Personnel); Eleanor G Dewar, Environmental Health Officer (Community Services); and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Fulton and James Boyd; School Board Representative: Elaine McAlpine (Annanhill Primary School Board); and Local Committee Community Representative: Watson Muirhead.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith, Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record the Minutes of the East Ayrshire Accident Prevention Committee of 17 December 1996, subject to the inclusion of Mrs Elaine McAlpine (Annanhill Primary School Board) under "Apologies".

MEMBERSHIP 1997/98

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary on the current level of membership of the Accident Prevention Committee and membership for 1997/98.

It was agreed:

- (i) that members appointed to the Committee for the year 1996/97 would be invited to continue to serve on the Committee during 1997/98; and
- (ii) that, at the appropriate time, the Secretary would invite nominations for membership of the Committee for the year 1998/99.

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION:
ANDREW NISBET TROPHY (Item 5, Page 1812)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary advising of the proposed format, theme and timing for the proposed Speech Making Competition for Secondary Schools in East Ayrshire, for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals contained in the report in respect of the Competition.
- (ii) to authorise the Secretary, where necessary in consultation with the Chair to make the necessary arrangements to enable the Competition to proceed.

PROVISION OF HOME SAFETY SERVICES

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary inviting the Committee to consider supporting the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's call for home safety services to be provided on a statutory basis by Scottish Councils.

It was agreed:

- (i) to support the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's position on this matter; and
- (ii) to remit to the Secretary to arrange for an appropriate report to be submitted to East Ayrshire Council's Community Services Committee in respect of the Authority's interest.

**REQUEST FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE
SAFETY OF DOMESTIC GAS APPLIANCES (Item 6.8, Page 1814)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary advising of measures taken by East Ayrshire Council's representative on the Home Safety Committee of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council to seek new legislation requiring the manufacturers of domestic gas appliances to incorporate a mechanism which would shut off the fuel supply should carbon monoxide exceed safe levels.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the action taken by East Ayrshire Council on this matter as outlined in the report; and
- (ii) as proposed by Councillor Carmichael and supported by the Chair, to recommend to East Ayrshire Council that, in future, all gas appliances installed within the Council's housing stock by the authority or by tenants should incorporate an appropriate fuel cut off device which would operate in the event of carbon monoxide exceeding safe levels.

SAFETY DAYS - EVENTS (Item 7.2, Page 1814)

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary advising of the proposed co-ordination of annual safety events and/or local safety days within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit to the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to approach organisations involved in accident prevention and compile a timetable of safety days and events to be held both locally and nationally;
- (ii) that the finalised timetable be submitted to an appropriate future meeting of this Committee for information.

“GET STREETWISE - PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEOPLE” CAMPAIGN (Item 6.8, Page 1814)

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 1997 (circulated) by the Secretary advising of the distribution of promotional materials issued as part of the “Get Streetwise - Pavements Are For People” Campaign being promoted by the National Federation of the Blind of the United Kingdom.

FUTURE MEETINGS

8. The Committee noted a verbal report by the Administrative Officer advising that the meetings of the Accident Prevention Committee for the year 1997/98 had been scheduled as follows:-

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday 4 June 1997	1130 hours	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters
Wednesday 10 September 1997	1130 hours	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters
Wednesday 3 December 1997	1130 hours	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters
Wednesday 18 March 1998	1130 hours	Meeting Room, Council Headquarters

STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE: CALL OUTS WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE

9. There was submitted and noted a statement prepared by Strathclyde Fire Brigade providing statistics on call outs by fire appliances within East Ayrshire during the Period 1 November 1996 to 28 February 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.