

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 1998 AT 1138 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Smith, Alan Campbell, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, James Boyd, George Smith and Jim Carmichael; Local Committee Representatives: Jean Smith, Andrew Nisbet, Watson Muirhead and Edward Torrance; Michael McDonnell, ROSPA; John Milligan, Assistant Divisional Officer - Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Chief Inspector James Thompson and Superintendent Torrance Dempsey, Strathclyde Police; and Jean McFarlane, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Allison J Smith, Principal Officer (Registration and Licensing); Joe Cassidy, Principal Officer (Housing); Gwen Barker, Service Officer (Social Work); Susan McGregor, Senior Community Education Worker; Eleanor Dewar, Environmental Health Officer; Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Officer; Jim Hill, CHASE Project; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Graham Harcus, Her Majesty's Lay Inspector of Constabulary; and Judith G Cunningham, Ayrshire and Arran Community Health Care Trust.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gordon Cree and Jane Darnbrough; David Dye, Ayrshire and Arran Tourist Industry Forum; Sandra McPheator, East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; Janice Cameron, East Ayrshire (North) Forum on Disability; and Ian Brown, Council of Voluntary Organisations.

**CHAIR:** Councillor John Smith, Chair.

#### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. There were submitted (circulated) and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum held on 9 September 1998.

#### **Matters arising : Graham Harcus, Her Majesty's Lay Inspector of Constabulary**

- The Head of Protective Services introduced to the members of the Forum Mr Graham Harcus, Her Majesty's Lay Inspector of Constabulary. Mr Harcus explained that the "Justice Charter" required that the work of the Inspectorate must involve an Inspector with no Police background in order that the delivery of Police services can be viewed from the perspective of the general public. Essential to his role is the process of liaising with agencies/groups etc which represent the needs of the public and local Community Safety Forums provide a valuable opportunity to do this.

The Chairman on behalf of the Forum, welcomed Mr Harcus to the meeting and expressed the hope that he would find today's meeting useful.

#### **SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

2. The Forum received a presentation by Gwen Barker, Service Officer within the Department of Social Work on the Social Inclusion Partnership Initiative which was being promoted by the Scottish Office and the opportunities this initiative provided for East Ayrshire Council and its partners.

Mrs Barker then answered questions put by Members of the Forum.

The Chair thanked Mrs Barker for what had been an interesting and informative presentation. Mrs Barker then left the meeting.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION - ANDREW NISBET TROPHY**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the arrangements made in respect of the Secondary Schools Speech Making Competition 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report and also that Auchinleck Academy had expressed an interest in participating in the Competition, as intimated by the Head of Protective Services at the meeting;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services would write to all secondary schools within East Ayrshire, other than those who had already indicated an interest in participating in the Competition, again advising of the arrangements for the Competition and inviting participation;
- (iii) that any member of the Forum who so wished could attend the Competition which would be held on 27 January 1999 at 1400 hours in the Auditorium at the Dean Castle Visitors Centre, Kilmarnock, the names of those wishing to attend to be submitted to the Principal Officer - Registration and Licensing within the Department of Community Services as soon as possible;
- (iv) that the presentation of prizes to winners etc of the Competition would be undertaken by Andrew Nisbet, Mr Nisbet having been present at the meeting and consented to this proposal; and
- (v) that a report on the outcome of the Competition be submitted to the next meeting.

### **SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL : ANNUAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION AWARDS SCHEME 1998**

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which drew attention to the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Annual Accident Prevention Awards Scheme 1998 and invited the Forum to consider nominations in respect of the Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the "Danger Detectives" Initiative be nominated for an award, under Category 4 - Professional Bodies, the necessary arrangements in this connection to be made by the Director of Community Services;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services to arrange for local retail trades associations etc to be consulted with regard to the possible identification of other nominations, such as the "Radio Link" and "Safe Child" initiatives operated within Kilmarnock town centre, the submission of any nominations identified through this process to be dealt with by the Director of Community Services following consultation with the Chair; and

- (iii) that supporting information in respect of any nominations which members of the Forum might wish to make on an individual basis would be forwarded to the Director of Community Services to arrange for the submission of completed nomination forms.

Councillor James Boyd left the meeting following determination of this item.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF FORUM**

- 5. Arising from discussion pertaining to the preceding item, it was agreed that the Director of Community Services would prepare and submit to the next meeting a report to enable the Forum to review its current membership, particularly in respect of representation from the business community, with a view to any amendments considered necessary being dealt with at the Annual General Meeting in June 1999.

### **IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES : STRATEGIC APPROACH**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which suggested that members of the Forum (a) discuss methods of tackling strategically those issues which had been identified at the last meeting; and (b) identify any additional priority issues.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that "Road Safety of Pedestrians Aged 5 - 11 Years" be added to the list of community safety issues identified at the last meeting;
- (ii) that members of the Forum would, on an individual basis, advise the Principal Officer - Registration and Licensing within the Department of Community Services directly of any suggestions which they might have with regard to the prioritisation of key community safety issues;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services would prepare and submit to the next meeting a report to enable the Forum to continue consideration of (a) the prioritisation of key community safety issues and the establishment of small working groups to pursue project based initiatives; (b) the establishment of a small funding sub-group; and (c) an agreement on the sharing of available statistical information.

The meeting terminated at 1210 hours.