

APPENDIX

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1998 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, David Fulton, Jimmy Boyd, George Smith and Jimmy Carmichael; Mrs Jean Smith, Mr Andrew Nisbet, Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mrs Barbara Morrison, Mrs Judith Cunningham, Mr Richard North, Mr David Dye, Mr C Clark, Mrs Sandra McPheator, Mr J Cameron, Mrs Jean McFarlane, Mr Ian Brown, Mr Bill Clark, Mrs Susan McGregor, Mrs Dorothy Houston, Assistant Divisional Officer John Milligan, Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Chief Superintendent Iain M Anderson; Chief Superintendent William Campbell; Superintendent Torrance Dempsey and Chief Inspector James Thomson, Strathclyde Police and Ms Elizabeth Hamilton, RoSPA.

ATTENDING: William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Bob Pollock,, East Ayrshire Liaison Officer Strathclyde Police; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer, Registration and Licensing; Joe Cassidy, Principal Officer, Housing; Ian Baird, Principal Officer, Housing; Peter Docherty, Contracts Officer, Support Services; Lorette Gilmour, Assistant Emergency Planning Officer, Community Services; Fiona Hall, Safety Officer, Personnel; Jim Farrell, Service Development Officer, Commercial Operations; Gerald Cummins, Road Safety Officer, Development Services; R Sawyers, Safety Officer, Education and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Michael Hardie, Community Health and Safer Environment Project.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell and Daniel Coffey, Mr Edward Torrance and Mr Watson Muirhead.

WELCOME BY WILLIAM STAFFORD, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SECRETARY TO THE FORUM

1. The Director of Community Services and Secretary to the Forum welcomed those attending, drew attention to the high attendance at the first meeting of the Community Safety Forum, and expressed confidence that the Forum would make a significant contribution to the quality of life of the residents of East Ayrshire.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

2. The Forum unanimously appointed the following:-
 - (a) Chair - Councillor John Smith; and
 - (b) Vice-Chair - Mrs Dorothy Houston.

Councillor John Smith took the Chair.

CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND REVIEW OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS: PRESENTATION BY JANICE MEIKLE, CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

3. The Forum received a presentation entitled "Community Safety - Developing a Partnership Strategy" by Janice Meikle, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities. Ms Meikle made reference to the commitment of the Scottish Office and CoSLA to improving community safety. She also highlighted the need for the Forum (i) to develop an overall strategy, (ii) to establish a long term plan which would involve small appropriately defined task groups and (iii) to be informed by statistics and other information. In emphasising the importance of a corporate approach she mentioned the roles of Council Departments, their partners and the involvement of the Community.

REVIEW OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the local background to Community Safety, of East Ayrshire Council's Community Safety Strategy and of current initiatives.

ROLE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the background to the establishment of the Community Safety Forum and the role that it would play in the co-ordination and promotion of Community Safety issues in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed, following discussion, (i) to invite the Director of Social Work to give a presentation on Social Inclusion at the next meeting of the Forum; and (ii) to report to Local Committees on the role of the Forum.

ACTIVITIES OF ORGANISATIONS

6. The Forum received presentations by the undernoted on their respective roles in Community Safety:-
- (a) Inspector Bob Pollock, East Ayrshire Liaison Officer, Strathclyde Police;
 - (b) Assistant Divisional Officer John Milligan, Strathclyde Fire Brigade;
 - (c) Judith Cunningham, Ayrshire and Arran Community Health Care NHS Trust; and
 - (d) Liz Hamilton, Home Safety Officer, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

Chief Superintendent Campbell, Chief Superintendent Iain Anderson and the Director of Community Services left the meeting at this point.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR DANGER DETECTIVES:
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECT IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Forum to consider providing financial support to "Danger Detectives, an experiential learning project in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to donate £300 to "Danger Detectives" to reflect the Forum's support of the project;
- (ii) to continue when possible to give support to the project; and
- (iii) to recommend to member organisations and groups that they support the above project where possible.

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECH MAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET
TROPHY**

8. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the Andrew Nisbet Trophy, and recommending that the Forum continue to hold an annual speechmaking competition for secondary schools in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals contained in the Director's report;
- (ii) to appoint Councillor John Smith to act as a judge in the competition; and
- (iii) to authorise the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to make the necessary arrangements for the annual competition, including the appointment of judges by outside organisations.

IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES: A STRATEGIC APPROACH

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services requesting the Forum to identify key community safety issues to be addressed by the Forum in a strategic manner.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue for consideration at next meeting (a) the further identification of priority issues to be addressed by the Forum; (b) the type of statistical information which should be made available to the Forum; and (c) the establishment of a small Funding Sub-Group with a remit to identify and make application where appropriate to potential funding sources;
- (ii) that the represented organisations be requested to advise the Director of Community Services of issues which they considered should be addressed by the Forum; and
- (iii) that the undernoted matters flagged up during the "brainstorming" session considered in more detail:-
 - Food Safety.
 - Fire Safety in the Home and the use of smoke detectors and domestic sprinkler systems.

- Garden Safety.
- Home Safety including Regulations in respect of gas and electricity supplies.
- Firework Safety.
- Youth Disorder.
- Childhood Accidents
- Road Accidents and Public Investment in Road Improvements.
- East Ayrshire's Road Safety Plan.
- Community Safety - possible inclusion in School Curricula.
- Assessment of issues of concern to the public on Community Safety.
- Sale of products which are a danger to children.
- Unreported crime.

ROAD SAFETY: BELLFIELD - HURLFORD ROAD

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on a request by Riccarton Community Council for the establishment of a pelican crossing in Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock.

It was noted that action was being taken by the Roads and Transportation Division to investigate the concerns expressed by Riccarton Community Council.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 11.** It was reported that arrangements had been made for the meetings of the Community Forum for the remainder of 1998/99 to take place on the undernoted dates, the meetings to commence at 1130 hours in the Meeting Room, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock:- (a) Wednesday 2 December 1998; and (b) Wednesday 17 March 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements made for future meetings; and
- (ii) to review at a future meeting, the commencement time of Community Safety Forum meetings should this prove necessary.

The meeting terminated at 1325 hours.