

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 5 December 2017

Chair:

Councillor Julia Marrs

Councillors Present:

Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Joe Fagan, Mark Horsham, Davie McLachlan, Lynne Nailon, Collette Stevenson, Jared Wark

Councillor's Apology:

Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; S Laird, Traffic and Transport Engineer; C Park, Engineering Manager

Education Resources

D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

T Slater, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Sergeant T Flynn, Local Authority Liaison Officer

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, welcomed Ellie Glass and her family to the meeting and congratulated Ellie on winning the 2017 Road Safety Calendar competition.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Tackling Road Safety Issues at Schools

A report dated 15 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress made in tackling road safety issues at schools.

School Travel Plan Co-ordinators provided guidance and resources to facilitate the development of School Travel Plans. Details were provided on the various initiatives being undertaken at schools to address road safety issues.

The Forum decided:

that the initiatives being undertaken to tackle road safety issues at schools in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 June 2016 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor McLachlan entered the meeting during this item of business

3 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 15 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the range of road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire.

Ellie Glass of Gilmourton Primary School was presented with her award for winning the 2017 Road Safety Calendar competition and congratulated by the members of the Forum.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) that future road safety education, training and publicity initiatives in South Lanarkshire be supported; and
- (3) that the success of Ellie Glass, Gilmourton Primary School on her achievement in winning the 2017 Road Safety Calendar competition be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 December 2016 (Paragraph 6)]

4 Parking at Schools

A report dated 15 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the referral from the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for the Forum to consider key issues in relation to parking at schools.

At its meeting on 3 October 2017, the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee discussed and agreed that the Roads Safety Forum (RSF) would consider the following key issues:-

- ♦ parking in and around schools including:-
 - ♦ statutory enforcement options and practicalities
 - ♦ enforcement capacity
 - ♦ experiences in banning vehicles from school frontages
 - ♦ encouraging active travel
- ♦ the roles of the Council and Police Scotland with regard to obstructive or dangerous parking

Following discussion, it was proposed that the relevant officers would consider, in detail, the issues highlighted and report back to the next meeting of the Forum with proposals and an action plan for consideration. A report on the Forum's recommendations would then be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for consideration.

The Forum decided: that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum on the issues highlighted, together with proposals and an action plan for consideration.

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 3 October 2017 (Paragraph 9)]

Councillor Stevenson left the meeting during this item of business

5 Accident Reduction - Identification and Prioritisation of Locations

A report dated 13 November 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Council's approach to identifying, assessing and prioritising locations for the introduction of accident reduction measures.

In 2009, the Scottish Government had set the following national targets for casualty reductions to be achieved by 2020:-

- ◆ people killed 40%
- ◆ people seriously injured 55%
- ◆ children (<16) killed 50%
- ◆ children seriously injured 65%

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988, the Council had a statutory responsibility to carry out studies into accidents arising from the use of vehicles and was required, in view of those studies, to take appropriate measures to prevent future accidents.

The Council complied with this legislation by undertaking annual analysis of all accidents that occurred on roads within the Council area.

A report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum highlighting specific accident sites.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Horsham left the meeting during this item of business. Councillor McLachlan left the meeting after this item of business

6 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 20 November 2017 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland was submitted on national and local road safety campaigns.

A verbal update was given on the following initiatives:-

- ◆ Brake National Road Safety Week
- ◆ Festive Drink and Drug Drive Campaign
- ◆ Insurance Enforcement Week
- ◆ Motorcycle Safety Campaign Launch
- ◆ Motorcycle Weekend of Action

Information was also provided on the 'New Driver Scheme' which had been developed by Police Scotland in partnership with the Motor Schools Association of Great Britain and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. This was an early intervention scheme, aimed at supporting new and learner drivers, and employers of new drivers, by delivering a hard-hitting presentation to raise awareness of road safety issues. The presentation would be delivered at the next meeting of the Forum.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer responded to members' questions.

The Forum decided: that the report and verbal update be noted.

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.