

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 15 May 2018

Chair:

Councillor Julia Marrs

Councillors Present:

Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Mark Horsham, Martin Lennon (*substitute for Councillor Fagan*), Lynne Nailon, Collette Stevenson, Bert Thomson (*substitute for Councillor Walker*), Jared Wark

Councillors' Apologies:

Joe Fagan, Davie McLachlan, Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; S Laird, Traffic and Transportation Engineer; A Martucci, Engineering Officer; C Park, Engineering 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 Rachel Thomson, who was on work experience with Administration and Legal Services, to the meeting.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Roads Safety Forum held on 27 February 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

In relation to item 3 in the minutes, when it had been decided that officers would look at the possibility of increasing the subsidy for the Pass Plus Scheme and the inclusion of motorcyclists, the Forum was advised that there was a report on the agenda for consideration of the subsidy, however, this scheme was solely for car drivers and could not include motorcyclists.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the minutes be approved as a correct record; and
- (2) that the update in relation to the Pass Plus Scheme be noted.

3 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 27 April 2018 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland was submitted on national and local road safety campaigns.

An update was given on the following initiatives:-

- ◆ Motorcycle Weekend of Action 2 and 3
- ◆ Vulnerable Road Users – Cyclists and Pedestrians
- ◆ Drink and Drug Drive Campaign
- ◆ Motorcycle Weekend of Action 4

The Local Authority Police Liaison Officer also gave a presentation on the New Driver Early Intervention Scheme which had been introduced in Lanarkshire in August 2017. Over 45 officers had been trained in delivering these presentations which were open to learner drivers, employers of new drivers and full licence holders who had passed their test within a 2 year period.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer responded to members' questions.

The Forum decided: that the report and presentation be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 February 2018 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor Lennon entered the meeting during this item of business

4 Parking/Road Safety at Schools

A report dated 25 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the key issues with parking and road safety at schools.

At its meeting on 3 October 2017, the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee agreed that the following key issues, in relation to parking and road safety around schools, be considered by the Forum:-

- ◆ statutory enforcement practicalities and capacity
- ◆ banning vehicles from school frontage
- ◆ encouraging active travel
- ◆ obstructive/dangerous parking

At its meeting on 5 December 2017, the Forum held initial discussions on those issues and also agreed to include consideration of:-

- ◆ the effectiveness of school travel plans and the sharing of the survey information
- ◆ scope for Council employees or volunteers to assume the roles of Parking Attendants to take enforcement action/issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs)
- ◆ opportunities to use camera technology to assist in any enforcement action
- ◆ road safety projects and initiatives available
- ◆ school 'keep clear' markings

Information was provided on the measures and initiatives available to the Council in controlling parking and ensuring road safety at schools.

Following discussion, it was noted that, as each school's situation was unique, there could not be one single solution to the problems being experienced. It was proposed, therefore, that:-

- ◆ Roads and Transportation Services liaise with Education Resources, Headteachers, Parent Councils and Police Scotland to encourage, and in some cases require, schools to complete a School Travel Plan which would include an action plan identifying objectives and targets for that school
- ◆ the opportunity be taken to re-launch and promote the initiatives and measures currently available to schools

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the key issues in relation to parking and road safety at schools be noted;
- (2) that the proposal that Roads and Transportation Services liaise with Education Resources, Head Teachers, Parent Councils and Police Scotland to encourage, and in some cases require, schools to complete a School Travel Plan which would include an action plan identifying objectives and targets for that school be supported;
- (3) that the proposal to re-launch and promote the measures and initiatives currently available to schools be supported; and
- (4) that a report outlining the Forum's findings and providing recommendations for future action be submitted to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for consideration.

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 3 October 2017 (Paragraph 9) and Minutes of 5 December 2017 (Paragraph 2)]

Councillor Thomson left the meeting after this item of business

5 Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2018/2019

A report dated 30 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2018/2019.

The capital funding received from the Scottish Government Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets, together with resources received from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and the Council's Roads Investment Plan, totalling £1,027,000, would be utilised to undertake a number of initiatives which would contribute to achieving casualty reduction targets.

Details of specific initiatives, which would be progressed in 2018/2019, were provided.

The Forum decided: that the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 June 2016 (Paragraph 5), 5 December 2017 (Paragraph 5) and 27 February 2018 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Pass Plus

A report dated 24 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

The 'Pass Plus' road safety initiative, which had been launched by the Council in July 2007, aimed to assist newly qualified drivers gain driving experience. Details were provided on the number of newly qualified drivers who had participated in the Scheme to date and it was noted that the uptake had declined in recent years.

The current subsidy of £75 towards the total cost of Pass Plus training aimed to encourage more newly qualified drivers to participate in this initiative. However, the subsidy had remained the same since the Scheme was launched and it had been found that the initial cost of the Scheme had risen from £120 to £150.

At its meeting on 27 February 2018, the Forum had agreed that officers should review the level of subsidy with a view to increasing uptake.

Following discussion, the Forum agreed that a proposed increase of the subsidy to £100 be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for consideration.

The Forum decided: that a proposal to increase the Pass Plus Scheme subsidy to £100 be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for consideration.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 February 2018 (Paragraph 3)]

7 Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative

A report dated 24 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative within South Lanarkshire.

The Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative was an on-road pedestrian training scheme which had been introduced to the Council in 2004.

Details were provided on the level of participation over recent years.

Initial funding for this Initiative was provided for schools within the Hamilton and Blantyre Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) area and those were the schools still involved in the Initiative. However, this required to be re-evaluated due to recent changes, where SIP areas had been replaced by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation's worst 15% of areas in South Lanarkshire. In addition, consideration would have to be given to the ongoing community engagement process in relation to areas associated with the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the priorities identified in the Area Wide Accident Action Plan.

The Forum decided: that the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 June 2016 (Paragraph 3)]

8 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 30 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on a request for 2 school crossing patrols at locations within South Lanarkshire which had been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria.

2 locations at Harvester Avenue, Cambuslang, had met the Council's criteria and, therefore, had been approved.

The Forum decided: that the request for a crossing patroller at the locations detailed above, which had met the Council's criteria, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 May 2015 (Paragraph 5)]

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair advised that this would be the last meeting that Eleanor Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer would be attending as she was leaving the Council. The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, commended Mrs Gibson for her achievements in this post, thanked her for her contribution to road safety within South Lanarkshire over the years and wished her well for the future.