

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 30 October 2019

Chair:

Councillor Mark Horsham

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Margaret B Walker

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Julia Marrs (Chair), Councillor Jared Wark

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Laird, Traffic and Transportation Engineer; A Martucci, Parking Unit Team Leader; C Park, Engineering Manager; M Shearer, School Travel Plan Co-ordinator; C Smith Engineering Officer

Education Resources

D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Officer; C Mitchell, Information Officer; A Thompson, Public Relations Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Sergeant T Flynn, Local Authority Liaison Officer

Scottish Fire and Rescue

K Barbour, Group Manager, Head of Prevention and Protection Manager

Appointment of Chair

In terms of Standing Order No 5(b), Councillor Horsham was appointed Chair for this 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 8 August 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Forum decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Review of Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) Policy

A report dated 3 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the review of the Council's Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs).

The requirement for residents' parking permits in areas throughout South Lanarkshire followed the introduction of the Car Parking Charter in 1997.

At its meeting on 21 August 2018, the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee agreed that the Roads Safety Forum be authorised to review the current policy in relation to RPPZs in order to alleviate the significant parking issues at certain locations.

Details were given on:-

- ◆ key matters which had been considered by the Forum in relation to the review, including assessment criteria for potential future RPPZs and arrangements for their promotion
- ◆ specific conclusions and recommendations as a result of the review

The Forum considered the following specific recommendations which, it was proposed, would be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Resources Committee for consideration and approval:-

- ◆ RPPZs were an effective demand management tool and should now be considered for future expansion or rolled out to new areas, subject to an appropriate assessment by officers and the introduction of a fee for issued permits
- ◆ permits issued to both residents and businesses in any existing, expanded or new RPPZ would be subject to a fee of £10 for each permit and would be valid for a period of 2 years
- ◆ requests for new or expanded RPPZs could be considered and an assessment, using the criteria detailed in the Executive Director's report, would be undertaken to review the need, or otherwise, of any proposed RPPZs
- ◆ the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) would decide on whether to proceed with an RPPZ, having considered the officer's assessment report
- ◆ the introduction of new or expanded RPPZs required to balance the competing demands of residents, businesses, employers and commuters
- ◆ the enforcement of demand management measures, for example RPPZs and other waiting and loading restrictions, required to be suitably resourced, including during the evening and at weekends
- ◆ the primary process for applying for permits should be online but all other existing options should remain available at this stage

It was proposed that the additional potential areas for RPPZs, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be subject to the assessment exercise detailed in the Executive Director's report by the end of May 2020.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the recommendations detailed at paragraph 5.2 of the report be confirmed as the agreed position of the Forum and that it be noted that they would be submitted to a future meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee for approval.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 March 2019 (Paragraph 4) and Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 22 January 2019 (Paragraph 12)]

4 Bikeability Scotland Cycle Training

A report dated 3 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Bikeability Scotland Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

Bikeability Scotland was the brand name for multi-level cycle training in Scotland, designed to give young people the skills and confidence to ride their bikes safely on roads.

The 3 levels of the scheme formed part of the Scottish Government's Cycle Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) and aligned to the National Standard for Cycle training developed on behalf of the Department for Transport. Cycling Scotland had responsibility for the administration and development of the programme nationally.

Bikeability Scotland Levels 1 and 2 were co-ordinated and supported by the Council's Traffic and Transportation Section and details were provided on school pupil participation at both levels.

Information was also provided on future developments.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 December 2016 (Paragraph 5)]

5 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 3 October 2019 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland was submitted on national and local road safety campaigns.

Information was provided on the following initiatives:-

- ◆ Get Ready for Winter
- ◆ Speed, Seatbelt and Mobile Campaign
- ◆ BRAKE Road Safety Week
- ◆ Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign
- ◆ Insurance Enforcement

Details were also given on Lanarkshire Division's participation in Project EDWARD (European Day Without a Road Death), a European road safety campaign aimed at reducing fatal and serious injuries on Europe's roads and the Elderly Driver Engagement Campaign which ran from 14 to 20 September 2019

The Local Authority Liaison Officer advised that, from 21 October 2019, Road Traffic Officers from Police Scotland had begun to undertake roadside drug testing using drug testing kits.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer and officers from the Council responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 August 2019 (Paragraph 6)]

6 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 3 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on requests for school crossing patrols at 2 locations within South Lanarkshire.

The locations had been assessed and failed to meet the Council's approved criteria. It was, therefore, recommended that the requests for school crossing patrols at the following locations be refused:-

- ◆ Alison Lea, East Kilbride
- ◆ St Ninian's Road, Hamilton

The Forum decided: that the refusal of the requests for crossing patrols at the 2 locations detailed above, which had failed to meet the Council's criteria, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 March 2019 (Paragraph 11)]

7 Dates for Future Meetings

A report dated 1 October 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on future meeting dates of the Roads Safety Forum during 2020 as follows:-

- ◆ Tuesday 28 January 2020
- ◆ Tuesday 9 June 2020
- ◆ Tuesday 17 November 2020

The meetings would all be held at 10.00am in the Council Offices, Hamilton.

The Forum decided: that the arrangements for the meetings of the Forum during 2020 be noted.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.
