

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 25 February 2016

Chair:

Councillor Graham Simpson

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Christine Deanie, Gerard Killen, Janice McGinlay, Richard Tullett

Councillor's Apology:

Davie McLachlan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; S Laird, Traffic and Transport Engineer

Finance and Corporate Resources

J McDonald, Administration Adviser; A McManus, Public Relations Officer

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 5 November 2015 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 29 January 2016 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.

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; and
- (2) that future road safety education, training and publicity initiatives in South Lanarkshire be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 5 November 2015 (Paragraph 4)]

4 Pass Plus Scheme

A report dated 29 January 2016 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

In 2014, there had been 93 injury accidents in South Lanarkshire, resulting in 123 casualties where the driver of the vehicle causing the accident was in the 17 to 25 year old age group. The Pass Plus road safety initiative aimed to assist newly qualified drivers gain driving experience and, therefore, reduce injury accidents.

The subsidised scheme had been launched in July 2007 and details were provided on the:-

- ◆ number of newly qualified drivers who had participated in the Scheme
- ◆ findings from the annual evaluation of the Scheme

The Forum decided: that the continued promotion of the Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 February 2015 (Paragraph 5)]

5 Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2015

A report dated 29 January 2016 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualty statistics for the Council area during 2015. The statistics highlighted that:-

- ◆ the total number of fatal casualties had decreased between 2014 and 2015 from 13 to 5
- ◆ the total number of serious casualties had decreased between 2014 and 2015 from 83 to 69
- ◆ there had been no fatal child casualties during 2015
- ◆ the total number of child serious casualties had remained the same between 2014 and 2015 at 6
- ◆ the total number of slight casualties had decreased between 2014 and 2015 from 562 to 511

The Forum decided: that the road accident casualty statistics for 2015 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 February 2015 (Paragraph 6)]

6 Assessment of Walking Routes to Schools

A report dated 16 February 2016 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the guidance for the assessment of safe routes used by children walking to school.

At its meeting on 7 June 2004, the Council's Roads Safety Forum supported the adoption of the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum's (now known as Road Safety West of Scotland (RSWoS)) procedures for the assessment of walking routes to schools, attached as Appendix A to the report.

Information was provided on the principles of the guidance and assessment process.

A Sub-Group of representatives from RSWoS and local authorities had been established to review the current guidance and updated draft guidance had been produced. The draft guidance would continue to follow the fundamental principles of the assessment being based on road safety. The Sub-Group would meet again to consider the draft guidance further.

The Forum discussed the guidance which it considered did not address all aspects of road safety and proposed that Education Resources be requested to consider reviewing how assessments of walking routes to school were undertaken.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that Education Resources be requested to consider reviewing the process for the assessment of walking routes to school.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 June 2004 (Paragraph 10)]

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.