

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 17 November 2020

Chair:

Councillor Julia Marrs

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

S Laird, Traffic and Transportation Engineer; C Smith, Engineering Officer

Education Resources

A Douglas, Support Services Co-ordinator

Finance and Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; E A McGonigle, Administration Officer; S Terry, Web Journalist

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 28 January 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Road Accident Casualty Statistics 2019

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualty statistics for the Council area during 2019. The statistics highlighted that:-

- ◆ the total number of fatal casualties had decreased between 2018 and 2019 from 14 to 13
- ◆ the total number of serious casualties had increased between 2018 and 2019 from 56 to 98
- ◆ there were no fatal child casualties during 2019
- ◆ the total number of serious child casualties had increased between 2018 and 2019 from 6 to 13
- ◆ the total number of slight casualties had decreased between 2018 and 2019 from 437 to 320

The Collision Recording and Sharing platform (CRaSH) was a new information technology system which enabled Police Scotland to record and collate data in respect of traffic collisions more accurately.

The system had been launched in Tayside Division on 12 June 2019 and then rolled out to the remaining 12 Local Policing Divisions on 3 July 2019. CRaSH provided a more comprehensive picture of collision information across the country to better inform targeted road safety interventions.

Use of the system would result in improved recording of injury types with the recording system automatically assigning an injury severity category according to the type of injury. This meant that, while the overall numbers of collisions and casualties may not have altered, there was expected to be a significant increase in the number of serious injuries recorded and a decrease in the number of slight injuries. Details were given on the injury classifications together with examples of injury types.

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

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 March 2019 (Paragraph 6)]

4 Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2020/2021

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2020/2021.

The capital funding received from the Scottish Government Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes, together with resources received from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and the Council's Roads Investment Plan, totalling £1,530,000, would be used to undertake a number of initiatives which would contribute to achieving casualty reduction targets.

Details were provided of specific initiatives which would be progressed in 2020/2021.

The Forum decided: that the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2020/2021, as detailed in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 August 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 Consultation

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Scottish Government's Consultation on Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030.

The current Road Safety Framework expired on 31 December 2020. Although Scotland's road casualties were at the lowest levels since records began, to achieve further reductions, a change in the approach to road safety was required. In response to this challenge and in partnership with the road safety community and key stakeholders, the Scottish Government had developed a draft document entitled 'Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030' to strengthen Scotland's position as a world leader in road safety. Details were given on the following aspects of the new framework:-

- ◆ the ambitions and overarching context in which road safety operated
- ◆ the '5 pillars', or layers of protection, to be embedded within Scotland's road safety delivery framework
- ◆ the 5 strategic outcomes aligned to the 5 pillars

- ◆ 12 challenges which impacted, or would impact, on road safety generally
- ◆ 10 strategic actions to address current and emerging challenges

Public consultation on the new framework was launched on 8 September 2020 and would close on 1 December 2020. This would allow every road user the opportunity to tell the Scottish Government what road safety priorities should be in the next decade to achieve the proposed Vision Zero by 2050.

The Council would submit its response to the consultation prior to the closing date of 1 December 2020. Members who wished their views included in the consultation response were invited to contact Colin Smith, Engineering Officer, by 24 November 2020.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the Scottish Government's consultation on Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030, including the proposed targets, measures and indicators detailed in the report, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that officers would submit a response to the consultation within the designated timescale of 1 December 2020.

Councillor McLachlan left the meeting during this item of business

6 Car Free School Zones Pilot (CFSZs)

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the proposed Car Free School Zones Pilot.

At its meeting on 8 August 2019, the Forum agreed that the following 3 sites were to be taken forward for consultation as part of the Car Free School Zones pilot initiative:-

- ◆ Burnside Primary School, Glenlui Avenue, Rutherglen
- ◆ Loch/St Anthony's Primary School, Lochaber Drive, Rutherglen
- ◆ St Joseph's Primary School, Park Lane, Blantyre

Plans of the zone areas were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

The car free zone proposals had been advertised on the Council's website and included a link to the consultation survey. The survey had taken place between 7 November to 13 December 2019. Information events had also been held during November 2019 within the schools involved.

A summary of the consultation results for each of the proposed sites was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report and a summary of all survey comments, together with the number of times each comment had been made, was provided in Appendix 3 to the report.

Feedback received during the consultation period showed mixed feelings towards the proposals. The Burnside Primary School zone received strong support, the feedback from the St Joseph's Primary School zone showed a split opinion and the feedback from the Loch/St Anthony's Primary School zone showed that consultees were not in favour of the introduction of vehicular restrictions.

In view of the feedback, 5 options were considered which were detailed in the report. Option 5 was considered the best option to progress as this would allow the implementation of the zones at Burnside and St Joseph's Primary Schools while further discussions would take place with Loch/St Anthony's Primary School in recognition of the feedback received.

The Forum decided:

- (1) that the report, be noted; and
- (2) that the recommendations detailed at paragraph 5 of the report, which proposed implementation of car free school zones at Burnside and St Joseph's Primary School zones, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 August 2019 (Paragraph 3) and Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 15 September 2020 (Paragraph 14)]

Councillors Calikes and Cowie left the meeting during this item of business

7 Child Pedestrian Road Safety Training Scheme

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Child Pedestrian Road Safety Training Scheme.

The Child Pedestrian Road Safety Training Scheme, formerly known as Kerbcraft, was a practical on-road pedestrian training scheme for children aged 5 to 6 years introduced to the Council in 2004.

Initial funding for this initiative was provided for schools within the Hamilton and Blantyre Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) area. Following a review of the most deprived areas in South Lanarkshire, together with consideration of Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIPs) areas and reported road traffic accidents involving primary aged pupils, it had been concluded that those current participating schools would continue to be offered the training with a further 2 joining from August 2019. This would be kept under review with schools added or removed where changing priorities were identified.

7 schools had completed the Child Pedestrian Road Safety Training Scheme during the period January to June 2019 and 7 schools between August and December 2019.

The programme recommenced in January 2020, however, due to school closures in March 2020 as result of COVID-19, several schools had been unable to complete their training. Schools had re-opened in August 2020 but, due to social distancing, practical school training and events had been suspended.

Schools due to participate in the Scheme would be issued with a booklet entitled "The Journey" to be used in class or as a home working project. Teachers would also receive road safety information to help support classroom activities and link with the Curriculum for Excellence.

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

[Reference: Minutes of 12 March 2019 (Paragraph 9)]

8 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 22 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on a range of road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire.

The Chair advised that the annual calendar competition had concluded and the overall winner was Niamh Donnellan of Blackwood Primary School.

The Chair also advised that the gritter naming competition to name a further 8 vehicles had now concluded and winners had been determined and would be advised in early course.

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 8 August 2019 (Paragraph 5)]

9 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 27 October 2020 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
- ◆ No Insurance
- ◆ Seatbelt Day of Action
- ◆ BRAKE Road Safety Week
- ◆ Festive Drink Drive Campaign
- ◆

Details were also given on road safety and road crime incidents.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 January 2020 (Paragraph 5)]

10 Dates for Future Meetings

A report dated 27 October 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on future dates of the Roads Safety Forum during 2021/2022 as follows:-

- ◆ Tuesday 9 February 2021
- ◆ Tuesday 22 June 2021
- ◆ Tuesday 30 November 2021
- ◆ Tuesday 1 March 2022

The meetings would all commence at 10.00am.

The Forum decided: that the arrangements for the meetings of the Forum during 2021/2022 be noted.

11 Item of Urgent Business - Scottish Transport Awards

Stuart Laird, Traffic and Transportation Engineer, advised that Roads and Transportation Services had received the top award at the Scottish Transport Awards, organised by Transport Times, for Best Practice in Travel to School and Work Schemes.

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, congratulated the officers involved in the winning submission.