

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 28 January 2020

Chair:

Councillor Julia Marrs

Councillors Present:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Collette Stevenson

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

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

Education Resources

D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

J Davitt, Public Relations Officer; P MacRae, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Sergeant T Flynn, Local Authority Liaison Officer

Scottish Fire and Rescue

M Tweed, Liaison 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 30 October 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Officers responded to a member's question regarding Road Orders in respect of car free zones in the Springhall area of Rutherglen.

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

3 Safety Camera Assessment Process

A report dated 6 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Safety Camera Assessment Process.

Safety Cameras Scotland, which managed speed and red light cameras throughout Scotland, comprised 3 Safety Camera Unit areas, namely North, East and West. Safety Cameras

Scotland worked with Police Scotland and received funding through a grant provided by the Scottish Safety Camera Programme. South Lanarkshire Council, together with 12 other local authorities made up the West Safety Camera Unit area.

The Scottish Safety Camera Programme, through targeted camera enforcement and improving driver behaviour, aimed to contribute to Scotland's road safety risk and road safety targets as set out in the Road Safety Framework to 2020. This meant that cameras were sited in the areas in most need, in terms of road casualty reduction and collision reduction potential.

Details were given on:-

- ◆ types of safety cameras used to detect speeding vehicles and non-compliance with red lights
- ◆ the existing 4 fixed, 6 mobile and 1 average speed camera sites within South Lanarkshire
- ◆ short term and flexible safety camera deployments
- ◆ safety camera site selection criteria and process
- ◆ the current position in relation to consideration of further safety camera sites in South Lanarkshire

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

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

4 Priority Road Safety Engineering Projects 2020/2021

A report dated 6 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Priority Road Safety Engineering Projects 2020/2021.

At its meeting on 5 December 2017, the Forum was advised of the Council's approach to identifying, assessing and prioritising locations for the introduction of accident reduction measures. The Council's Local Transport Strategy 2013 to 2023 identified a number of road safety policies and actions to contribute towards the achievement of the 2020 national casualty reduction targets.

The Council targeted resources and improvements where 3 or more injury accidents had occurred in the previous 3 years, or on routes that had an injury accident greater than the national average for that type of route. As a result, the Council delivered annual prioritised road safety improvements at identified accident locations/routes/areas.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the completion of route action plan assessments for rural class A and B routes, which had resulted in 7 locations, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, being identified for investigation
- ◆ the completion of single site assessments, which had resulted in 8 locations, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, being identified for investigation

The projects identified would be developed through the following:-

- ◆ Scottish Government Grant – Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets
- ◆ Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- ◆ The Council's Roads Investment Plan

Funding levels for the projects had not yet been approved.

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

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 March 2019 (Paragraph 7)]

5 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 6 January 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:-

- ◆ Insurance Enforcement
- ◆ Speed, Seatbelt and Mobile Phone Enforcement
- ◆ Vulnerable Road Users

Details were also given on the results of roadside drug driving tests for the period 21 October to 18 November 2019. The results of the Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign were not yet available but would be circulated to Forum members in due course.

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 30 October 2019 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.