

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 20 May 2015

Chair:

Councillor Graham Simpson

Councillors Present:

John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Isobel Dorman (*substitute for Councillor Anderson*), Gerard Killen, Janice McGinlay, Davie McLachlan, Richard Tullett

Councillors' Apologies:

John Anderson, Christine Deanie

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

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

Finance and Corporate Resources

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; T Slater, Administration 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 4 February 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 1 May 2015 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 4 February 2015 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Revised School Crossing Patroller Assessment Criteria

A report dated 14 April 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on revised criteria for assessing requests for school crossing patrollers for locations which predominantly served secondary schools.

Current requests for school crossing patrollers were assessed using criteria broadly based on national best practice.

As part of the Council's efficiencies budget settings exercise, the removal of 20 school crossing patrollers, serving predominantly secondary schools, had been approved, subject to appropriate risk assessments. Assessment criteria had been revised to reflect that school crossing patrollers would only be approved at locations serving predominantly secondary schools where a defined need had been established, based on particular road safety risks.

The Forum decided: that the revision to the criteria for assessing requests for school crossing patrollers, as detailed above, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 29 June 2011 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 29 January 2014 (Paragraph 10)]

Councillor Tullett entered the meeting during this item of business

5 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 14 April 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on a request for school crossing patrols at 3 locations within South Lanarkshire, 2 of which had been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria and 1 in terms of the revised criteria.

The following locations had failed to meet the Council's criteria:-

- ◆ Croft Road at Johnson Drive, Cambuslang
- ◆ Netherton Road, East Kilbride

Townhead Street at Bowling Green, Strathaven had failed to meet the revised criteria for sites serving predominantly secondary pupils.

The Forum decided: that the refusal of the requests for crossing patrols at the 3 locations detailed above, which had failed to meet the Council's criteria and revised criteria for sites serving predominantly secondary school pupils respectively, be supported.

6 Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative

A report dated 21 April 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative within South Lanarkshire.

5 primary schools had completed the Kerbcraft Training during the period August to December 2014.

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 7 May 2014 (Paragraph 6)]

7 Tackling Road Safety Issues at Schools

A report dated 21 April 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress made in tackling road safety issues at schools.

School Travel Plan Co-ordinators provided guidance and resources to facilitate the development of School Travel Plans. Details were provided on the various initiatives being undertaken at schools to address road safety issues.

The Forum decided: that the initiatives being undertaken to tackle road safety issues at schools in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 November 2013 (Paragraph 5)]

8 Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2015/2016

A report dated 1 May 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2015/2016.

The monies received from the Scottish Government Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets, together with the funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and the Council's Roads Investment Plan, totalling £1,039,000, would be utilised as detailed in the appendix to the report.

The Forum decided: that the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works 2015/2016, as detailed in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 May 2014 (Paragraph 7)]

Councillor McLachlan left the meeting during this item of business

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.