

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 24 November 2010

Chair:

Councillor John Murray

Councillors Present:

Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, Mary Smith, George Sutherland

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Lynn Filshie, Jim McGuigan

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J Davitt, Public Relations Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant

Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; M Halligan, Traffic and Road Safety Engineer; C Park, Engineering Manager

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 16 June 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 5 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on requests for school crossing patrols at various locations within South Lanarkshire which had all been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria.

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

- ◆ Hamilton Road/Glassford Road, Strathaven
- ◆ Glassford Road/Hamilton Road, Strathaven

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

4 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 5 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the range of road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire.

The Forum decided: that the road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

5 Setting Local Speed Limits

A report dated 8 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress made in relation to the review of speed limits on Class A and Class B roads in South Lanarkshire.

The speed limits on 15 Class A and B roads had been assessed which represented two thirds of all Class A and Class B roads. As a result of those assessments, it was proposed that the speed limits on 21 lengths of road in South Lanarkshire be lowered, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

It was anticipated that the review of speed limits would be concluded by the end of 2011.

The Forum decided: that the progress in relation to the review of speed limits on Class A and Class B roads in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

6 Effectiveness of Route Action Plans

A report dated 8 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the effectiveness of Route Action Plans (RAPs) throughout the Council area.

An investigation into the effectiveness of RAPs had been undertaken and the result indicated that the plans had been effective in reducing the number of road accidents.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

7 Scottish Cycle Training Scheme

A report dated 8 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme within South Lanarkshire. The scheme was run annually and provided primary school pupils with basic training in cycling skills and the Highway Code and an overview of bicycle maintenance and ownership.

96 schools had participated in the 2010 programme and 1935 pupils had successfully completed and passed the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

8 School Travel Plan Co-ordinator Initiatives

A report dated 8 November 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress made by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator in providing guidance and resources to facilitate the development of School Travel Plans. Co-ordinators were now in contact with all primary, secondary and additional support needs schools in South Lanarkshire.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

9 Dates for Future Meetings

A report dated 27 October 2010 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted proposing that future meetings of the Roads Safety Forum take place at 2.00pm on the following dates:-

- ◆ Wednesday 16 February 2011
- ◆ Wednesday 29 June 2011
- ◆ Wednesday 7 December 2011
- ◆ Wednesday 29 February 2012

The Forum decided: that future meetings be held on the dates detailed above.

10 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.