

## ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 7 December 2011

**Chair:**

Councillor John Murray

**Councillors Present:**

John Cairney, Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, George Sutherland

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Jackie Burns, Lynn Filshie, Jim McGuigan, Mary Smith

**Attending:****Enterprise Resources**

N Chisholm, Engineering Officer; E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; S Laird, Traffic and Transport Engineer; C Park, Engineering Manager

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

**Also Attending:****Strathclyde Police**

Inspector K Prentice

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**1 Declaration of Interests**

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No interests were declared.

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**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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The minutes of the meeting of the Roads Safety Forum held on 29 June 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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**3 School Crossing Patrol Assessments**

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A report dated 3 November 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on requests for school crossing patrols at 3 locations within South Lanarkshire which had been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria.

All 3 of the following locations had failed to meet the Council's criteria:-

- ◆ Eastfield Road, Carluke
- ◆ Station Road, Carluke
- ◆ Harvester Avenue, Newton (at roundabout splitter island)

**The Forum decided:** that the refusal of the requests for crossing patrols at the 3 locations detailed above, which had all failed to meet the Council's criteria, be supported.

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## **4 Setting Local Speed Limits**

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A report dated 14 November 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on progress made in relation to the review which had been undertaken in 3 phases of speed limits on Class A and Class B roads in South Lanarkshire.

In terms of Phase 3 of the review, the speed limits on 19 Class A and Class B routes had recently been assessed. As a result of those assessments, it was proposed that the speed limits on 24 lengths of road in South Lanarkshire be lowered, and that 1 speed limit be increased. Details of the specific roads included were provided in an appendix to the report. Those speed limits would not be implemented until the effectiveness of the changes to the speed limits implemented as part of Phase 1 of the review had been established.

As requested by the Scottish Executive in 2006, the speed limits on all Class A and Class B roads within South Lanarkshire had been reviewed by the 2011 timescale.

**The Forum decided:** that 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.

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## **5 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives**

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A report dated 14 November 2011 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.

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## **6 Bikeability Scotland - Scottish Cycle Training Scheme**

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A report dated 10 November 2011 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 together with an overview of bicycle maintenance and ownership.

Responsibility for the administration of the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme had transferred from Road Safety Scotland to Cycling Scotland and had been repackaged as Bikeability Scotland. Bikeability Scotland consisted of 3 levels of cycle training including:-

- ◆ Bikeability Scotland 1 - Ready Steady Bike
- ◆ Bikeability Scotland 2 - Scottish Cycle Training Scheme
- ◆ Bikeability Scotland 3 - Go by Cycle

81 schools had participated in the 2011 programme and 1753 pupils had successfully completed and passed the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme.

**The Forum decided:** that the report be noted.

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## **7 Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative**

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A report dated 10 November 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative. The Initiative aimed to equip school children with skills to assist them to:-

- ◆ choose safer places and routes to cross the road
- ◆ cross safely between parked cars
- ◆ cross safely at junctions

12 primary schools had indicated they would participate in the Kerbcraft Training. Of those 12, 6 would undertake training in January 2012 and the remaining 6 would undertake training in August 2012.

**The Forum decided:** that the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

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## **8 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.