

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 27 February 2018

Chair:

Councillor Julia Marrs

Councillors Present:

Robert Brown, Janine Calikes, Mark Horsham, Lynne Nailon, Collette Stevenson, Bert Thomson (*substitute for Councillor Fagan*), Jared Wark

Councillors' Apologies:

Joe Fagan, Davie McLachlan, Margaret B Walker

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

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

Education Resources

D Hinshelwood, Support Services Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

T Slater, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Sergeant T Flynn, Local Authority 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 5 December 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

In relation to item 4 in the minutes, when it had been decided that a report would be submitted to this meeting on Parking at Schools, the Forum was advised that the report was still being finalised and would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum.

In relation to item 6, when it had been noted that the 'New Driver Scheme' presentation would be shown at this meeting, the Forum was advised that this would now be shown at the next meeting of the Forum.

The Forum decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record and the updated position in relation to items 4 and 6 be noted.

Councillor Calikes entered the meeting after this item of business

3 Pass Plus

A report dated 3 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

In 2016, there had been 108 injury accidents in South Lanarkshire, resulting in 127 casualties where the driver of the vehicle causing the accident was in the 17 to 25 year old age group. The Pass Plus road safety initiative aimed to assist newly qualified drivers gain driving experience and, therefore, reduce injury accidents.

The subsidised scheme had been launched in July 2007 and details were provided on the:-

- ◆ number of newly qualified drivers who had participated in the Scheme
- ◆ findings from the annual evaluation of the Scheme

Following discussion on how to increase uptake of the Scheme, it was agreed that officers would look at the possibility of increasing the subsidy and the inclusion of motorcyclists.

The Forum decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 March 2017 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2017

A report dated 6 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualty statistics for the Council area during 2017. The statistics highlighted that:-

- ◆ the total number of fatal casualties had reduced between 2016 and 2017 from 18 to 7
- ◆ the total number of serious casualties had increased between 2016 and 2017 from 83 to 86
- ◆ there had been 1 fatal child casualty during 2017
- ◆ the total number of child serious casualties had increased between 2016 and 2017 from 13 to 15
- ◆ the total number of slight casualties had decreased between 2016 and 2017 from 506 to 418

A report on the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2018/2019 would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum which would include information on localities where accidents had occurred.

The Forum decided: that the road accident casualty statistics for 2017 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 March 2017 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 8 February 2018 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland, was submitted on national and local road safety campaigns.

An update was given on the following initiatives:-

- ◆ Festive Drink and Drug Drive Campaign
- ◆ Motorcycle Safety Campaign Launch
- ◆ Motorcycle Weekend of Action 1

- ◆ Motorcycle Weekend of Action 2
- ◆ Cycling Scotland – Give Everyone Cycle Space

The Local Authority Liaison Officer responded to members' questions and confirmed that a presentation on the 'New Driver Scheme' would be delivered to the next meeting of the Forum.

The Forum decided: that the report and verbal update be noted.

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.