

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 6 March 2017

Chair:

Councillor Graham Simpson

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, John Cairney, Peter Craig, Christine Deanie, Davie McLachlan

Councillors' Apologies:

Andy Carmichael, Gerard Killen, Janice McGinlay, Richard Tullett

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

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

Finance and Corporate Resources

T Slater, Administration Officer

Chair's Opening Remarks

As this was the final meeting of the Forum for this Council term, the Chair thanked members and officers for their support over the years, highlighting the work of Councillors Cairney and Craig who had attended many events in relation to the work of the Forum. He wished those members who were standing for re-election well in the forthcoming elections and those who were standing down all the very best for the future.

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 12 December 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Pass Plus

A report dated 3 February 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

In 2015, there had been 85 injury accidents in South Lanarkshire, resulting in 118 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 has 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

The Forum decided: that the continued promotion of the Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 February 2016 (Paragraph 4)]

4 Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2016

A report dated 9 February 2017 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualty statistics for the Council area during 2016. The statistics highlighted that:-

- ◆ the total number of fatal casualties had increased between 2015 and 2016 from 5 to 18
- ◆ the total number of serious casualties had increased between 2015 and 2016 from 70 to 80
- ◆ there had been no fatal child casualties during 2016
- ◆ the total number of child serious casualties had increased between 2015 and 2016 from 6 to 12
- ◆ the total number of slight casualties had decreased between 2015 and 2016 from 523 to 495

The Forum decided: that the road accident casualty statistics for 2016 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 February 2016 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor Anderson left the meeting during this item of business

5 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

In the absence of a representative from Police Scotland, the Forum agreed to note a report dated 16 February 2017 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland on national and local road safety campaigns.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.