

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 December 2016

Chair:

Councillor Graham Simpson

Councillors Present:

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

Councillors' Apologies:

Andy Carmichael, Gerard Killen, 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

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Sergeant G Wilson, Local Authority Liaison Officer

West Safety Camera Unit

A Thomson, Unit Manager

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, welcomed Kirsty Hutchison and her parents to the meeting and congratulated Kirsty on winning the 2016 Road Safety Calendar competition.

Order of Business

The Forum decided: that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

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 27 June 2016 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update

A report dated 24 November 2016 by the Local Authority Liaison Officer, Police Scotland was submitted on national and local road safety campaigns.

A verbal update was given on the following initiatives:-

- ◆ Get Ready for Winter Campaign
- ◆ Brake National Road Safety Week
- ◆ Festive Drink and Drug Drive Campaign
- ◆ Vulnerable Road Users' Campaign

The Local Authority Liaison Officer responded to members' questions.

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

Councillor McLachlan and A Thomson entered the meeting during this item of business

4 West Safety Camera Unit

A Thomson, Unit Manager, West Safety Camera Unit gave a presentation on the Scottish Safety Camera Programme.

Safety cameras were considered to be an integral element of the Road Safety Framework 2020.

On 24 February 2014, Transport Scotland had launched the Scottish Safety Camera Programme consultation, the purpose of which was to gain input from local stakeholders, including road authorities and Police Scotland, on the assessment and selection of sites for safety cameras.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the aims and goals of the unit which was to change driver behaviour and ensure a greater level of compliance
- ◆ the types of safety cameras in operation, their locations and the considerations that went into site selection and the type of camera used
- ◆ statistics in relation to camera activations and enforcement

A Thomson responded to members' questions.

The Forum decided: that the presentation be noted.

A Thomson left the meeting after this item of business

5 Bikeability Scotland Cycle Training

A report dated 16 November 2016 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Bikeability Scotland Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

Bikeability Scotland was the brand name for multi-level cycle training in Scotland, designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes safely on today's roads.

The 3 levels of the Scheme formed part of the Scottish Government's Cycle Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) and aligned to the National Standard for Cycle Training developed on behalf of the Department for Transport. Responsibility for the administration of the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme lay with Cycling Scotland.

Bikeability Scotland Levels 1 and 2 were co-ordinated and supported by the Council's Traffic and Transportation Section and details were provided on school pupil participation at both levels.

Cycle helmet usage continued to be monitored and the percentage of pupils taking part in Levels 1 and 2 and wearing helmets had increased from 55% in 2005/2006 to 92% in 2015/2016.

Information was also provided on the success of South Lanarkshire Council employees at the Bikeability Scotland Awards and future developments.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 November 2014 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 16 November 2016 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.

Kirsty Hutchison of Sandford Primary School was presented with her award for winning the 2016 Road Safety Calendar competition and congratulated by the members of the Forum.

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;
- (2) that future road safety education, training and publicity initiatives in South Lanarkshire be supported; and
- (3) that the success of Kirsty Hutchison, Sandford Primary School on her achievement in winning the 2016 Road Safety Calendar competition be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 February 2016 (Paragraph 3)]

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.