

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 4 February 2015

Chair:

Councillor Graham Simpson

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Peter Craig, Gerard Killen, Janice McGinlay, Davie McLachlan, Richard Tullett

Councillor's Apology:

Christine Deanie

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

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

Finance and Corporate Resources

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

Also Attending:

Police Scotland

Constable Russell Davidson

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

<i>Councillor(s)</i>	<i>Item(s)</i>	<i>Nature of Interest(s)</i>
Cairney	School Crossing Patrol Assessments – Brancumhall Road, East Kilbride	Prior involvement with request for school crossing patroller

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Roads Safety Forum held on 12 November 2014 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 8 January 2015 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.

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; and

- (2) that future road safety education, training and publicity activity in South Lanarkshire be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 November 2014 (Paragraph 3)]

4 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 6 January 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on a request for school crossing patrols at 2 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:-

- ◆ Brancumhall Road, East Kilbride
- ◆ Markethill Road, East Kilbride

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

Councillor Cairney, having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

5 Pass Plus

A report dated 13 January 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

In 2013, there had been 93 injury accidents in South Lanarkshire, resulting in 136 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

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

[Reference: Minutes of 19 February 2014 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2014

A report dated 21 January 2015 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualty statistics for the Council area during the year 2014. The statistics highlighted that:-

- ◆ the total number of fatal casualties had increased between 2013 and 2014 from 6 to 12
- ◆ the total number of serious casualties had increased between 2013 and 2014 from 67 to 83
- ◆ there had been 1 fatal child casualty during 2014

- ◆ the total number of child serious casualties had decreased between 2013 and 2014 from 7 to 6
- ◆ the total number of slight casualties had increased between 2013 and 2014 from 539 to 552

The Forum decided: that the road accident casualty statistics for 2014 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 19 February 2014 (Paragraph 6)]

Councillor McLachlan left the meeting during this item of business

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.