

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 16 February 2011

Chair:

Councillor John Murray

Councillors Present:

John Cairney, Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, Jim McGuigan, Mary Smith, George Sutherland

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Lynn Filshie

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J Davitt, Public Relations Officer; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; M Halligan, Traffic and Road Safety Engineer; C Park, Engineering Manager

Also Attending:

Strathclyde Police

Inspector K Prentice

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 24 November 2010 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 18 January 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.

4 Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2010

A report dated 25 January 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the road accident casualties occurring in the Council area during the year 2010 as follows:-

- ◆ total number of fatal and serious casualties had decreased between 2009 and 2010 from 139 to 88
- ◆ total number of child fatal and serious casualties had decreased between 2009 and 2010 from 15 to 12

The Forum decided: that the road accident casualty statistics for 2010 be noted.

5 Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative

A report dated 25 January 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 that they would participate in the Kerbcraft Training. Of those 12, 7 had participated in the scheme commencing in January 2010 and the remaining 5 had participated from August to December 2010.

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

6 Safety Cameras

A report dated 25 January 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the effectiveness of the road safety cameras situated throughout the South Lanarkshire area.

During the 3 years prior to the cameras being installed, there had been an average of 48 injury accidents per year at the locations where the cameras were now sited. Of those accidents 13 had been fatal or serious. In the most recent 3 years, there had been an average of 22 injury accidents per year, 6 of which had been fatal or serious. This was a reduction of 54% for all accidents and 56% for the more serious ones.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

7 Pass Plus

A report dated 25 January 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

In 2009, there had been 159 injury accidents within the Council area resulting in 189 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 evaluations of the Scheme

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

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks – Retiral of Mick Halligan, Traffic and Road Safety Engineer

The Chair advised that this would be the last meeting that Mick Halligan, Traffic and Road Safety Engineer would be attending as he was retiring. The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, thanked Mr Halligan for his help and hard work over the years and wished him every success in the future.