

CUMBRIA ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 15 April 2008
Windermere Room, Skirsgill, Penrith

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Bob Baldwin Highways Agency
 Kevin Tea Chair of the Publicity sub group
 Chris Broadbent Road Safety Co-ordinator.
 Rob Lewis Chair of the Education and Training sub group

ACTION

1 APOLOGIES

The meeting was poorly attended due to a clash of date with a large event in which the Constabulary was involved.

The meeting was chaired by Chris Broadbent.

Drugs and Driving presentation

The meeting was preceded by a powerpoint presentation on research carried out by Steven Thompson, the Road Safety Officer for Copeland entitled "*Drugs and Driving within Workington.*"

Steven works as a DJ in his leisure time and was therefore able to engage well with his peers. The presentation both highlighted a cause for concern regarding the extent of drug use in West Cumbria and a lack of awareness of their effects on driving.

The presentation was welcomed by the meeting and the recommendations will be discussed further at the next meeting to be held in June.

The presentation will be included for distribution with these minutes

CB

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February were accepted as an accurate record.

Targets for 2008-2010

At the meeting held in February the data group were tasked with providing interim targets until 2010 based upon the rate of improvement of the past few years for the forthcoming national indicator target negotiations with GONW.

These were supplied to this meeting within a paper entitled "*Options for road safety targets within the new national indicator set.*"

These draft targets were requested to be circulated after the meeting in order to provide further consultation for a short period and the outcome will then be submitted to GONW.

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Annual Road Safety Statement 2008

A draft of the statement was circulated prior to this meeting and it was agreed by the attendees that it should be published without alteration.

The document was however requested to be circulated after the meeting in order to provide further consultation for a short period with a lack of response being taken as the basis of acceptance. CB

Road Safety Conference 2008

The conference details have been finalised as being held at the Castle Inn, Bassenthwaite on 23rd September. KT

Road Safety High Level Steering Group

The first meeting of the group was held on 7th March and the minutes of which were circulated prior to this meeting.

By the close of their meeting a decision had been made to rename themselves as the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership Executive and the former Executive meeting consequently to be renamed as the CRSP Group. The role of the CRSP Group remains unchanged.

3 CURRENT POSITION ON ROAD CASUALTIES

As of the end of March, subject to future confirmation, the KSI total is 58.

4 SUB GROUP REPORTS

The CRASH groups

No reports were received from the CRASH groups.

Education and Training

4.1 The Pass Plus Plus scheme has now begun its second year and is being administered by the County Council. The scheme will be supported in May and June with some promotional advertisements on Border TV. CB/KT

4.2 The DfT has given a grant to the Council to provide Blkeability - cycle training for the 21st century. This will allow 3000+ children of 11/12 years old to be trained across Cumbria during this financial year. RL

The Motorcycle Focus day was held on 11th April and was deemed to be a success. The recommendations from which will be discussed at the next meeting. RL

Publicity

The vehicles used by the 24 rural based highways stewards are being liveried with the safer roads for Cumbria logo.

The Partnership will attend the 2008 Cumberland show, the square footage required by the partnership is yet to be finalised. KT

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It is anticipated that the speed awareness training scheme will become fully operational in August. This information was received by CB from Ron Smith prior to the meeting.

KT proposed that the Shock Boards should be removed across the County as they no longer perform their role effectively. This proposal is supported by the problems encountered in updating the boards and the realisation that it is probably cheaper to remove rather than update them.

KT

The HA Area 13 action plan is still subject to delay due to a dispute with the DfT on the final 2007 KSI figures for the trunk route network.

BB

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 The next meeting will be held 1000 Tuesday 10 June at Skirsgill Depot.