

# CUMBRIA ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 11 December 2007  
Windermere Room, Skirsgill, Penrith

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Bob Baldwin Highways Agency  
Jim Smith Cumbria Highways  
Jan Sjorup Chair of the Research and Information sub group  
Adrian Holme Cumbria F&RS  
Kevin Tea Chair of the Publicity sub group  
Chris Broadbent Road Safety Co-ordinator.  
Rob Lewis Chair of the Education and Training sub group  
Rob Terwey Chair of the CRSP Executive  
Spt.Bob Pallas CRASH North  
Spt K McGilloway CRASH West  
Insp N Coughlan CRASH South (attended on behalf of Don Spiller)  
C.I. Mairi Stamper Cumbria Constabulary (attended on behalf of Ron Smith)

- |  | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| 1 <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Jonathan Smith, Ron Smith, Don Spiller, Richard Watt, Paul Little, Mike Parry and John Ranson.   |               |
| 2 <b><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  |               |
| The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October were accepted as an accurate record.   |               |
| 2.1 CB was hoping to welcome Katherine Swan of the Cumbria PCT to the meeting but she could not attend at the last minute, she is however committed to attending the February meeting.   | CB            |
| 2.2 <u>Pass Plus Plus</u> The Driving Standards Agency have advised that they cannot release the address details of those that have recently passed their tests (so that we can issue a follow up letter regarding PPP) due to data protection . KM thought that the group shouldn't automatically accept this reason as a valid excuse in the future. AH advised that a reporter from the Eden Herald, a local newspaper, is taking the Pass Plus course and will do an article about her experiences in the near future. | CB/KT         |
| 2.3 <u>Vehicle Activated Signs Protocol</u> This has been accepted by all concerned, the monitoring of the effectiveness of these signs will be found from the Engineering Safety Studies aspect of the Council's 2008/2009 Capital Budget. A formal acceptance of the protocol will be requested at the next meeting.   | CB/RL         |
| 2.4 <u>Institute of Highways and Transport Guidelines</u> Gap Analysis – no further responses have been received. The only shortfall identified is that of a need for a CRSP: Roles, responsibilities and practice document which is to be presented as a first draft to the February meeting and is referred to in item 2.7.  | CB            |
| 2.5 <u>Safety Cameras</u> Steve Callaghan has left the safety camera partnership since the last meeting, interim arrangements are in place and a short term working group has been set up to decide upon the future operational structure.   | RT/JJS        |

2.6 Novice Drivers Report – The report of the House of Commons Transport Committee contained many recommendations which are out of our hands, the majority being with the DfT and DSA. We can contribute to the DRIVER EDUCATION recommendations by addressing “attitudes to vehicles and driving” targeted at 12 to 14 year olds in 2008/2009 which RL and CB are now working on.

CB/RL

2.7 CRSP: Roles, Responsibilities and Practice paper – the purpose of this document is to provide a basic reference for all those that have an interest as to how road safety is managed in Cumbria. Its writing has allowed for the review of current arrangements, e.g. the CRASH groups are to become more focused as tasking bodies.

CB

2.8 National Indicators – RT confirmed that the National Indicator set had been released, these replace BVPIs from April 08, 2 of the set relate to Casualty Reduction.

### **3 CURRENT POSITION ON ROAD CASUALTIES**

3.1 There have been 298 KSIs in 2007 to date and we are confident that we will exceed the DfT All KSI target of 333 set for the end of 2010 at the end of this year. In view of this RT requested that new interim targets be set such that we maintain our impetus and continue to seek continuous improvement.

JSy

3.2 JS stated that a recent survey showed that people are becoming more supportive towards speed cameras.

3.3 AH stated that the media profile needs to be maintained.

AH/KT

3.4 BB stated that broken down vehicles were being removed from the hard shoulder by their patrols quickly and this helps to reduce the risk of collisions.

3.5 KM expressed his disappointment that there has been delays in receiving collision data from West Cumbria, but advised that extra resources had been provided to ensure the backlog of data entry is cleared.

3.6 KT advised that the CRSP are gaining recognition in their ability to both quickly gather and make use of collision data. GONW are to use us as best practice in this area, to date several partnerships have shown interest in adopting our methods.

### **4 SUB GROUP REPORTS**

#### **Research and Information**

4.1 The Group will meet early in the new year to produce the Annual Road Safety Statement for 2007. The sub group is now making use of postcode data in their analysis.

JSy

#### **CRASH (North) Group**

4.2 The last meeting took place on 13 November 07. BP discussed figures for KSIs in October and noted there was an increase of 4 in the Appleby area. BP advised that a police enforcement operation to focus on the none wearing of seat belts will take place in mid February.

4.3 The pedestrianisation of Botchergate has been confirmed and will go ahead in January. A steering group has been set up to look at problems and help micro manage the scheme. BP is expecting dual benefits from this scheme, which will both help prevent collisions and contain violence in the city centre.

#### 4.4 **CRASH (West) Group**

4.5 The group are experiencing short term difficulties due to personnel changes.

4.6 A recent collision involving a drunken pedestrian staggering onto the road and being hit by a car was captured on camera and the group are in contact with the family to ask permission to use the footage in its media campaign.

4.7 BNFL (BNG) are actively involved in the group's campaigns and are helping to distribute leaflets etc.

#### **CRASH (South) Group**

4.8 2006 was a good year for casualty reduction. A series of fatal collisions in April caused a poor start for this year's figures, mostly due to motorcyclists these often visiting the County. Other police forces have been contacted to encourage them to be involved in Bike Safe without much success.

KT

4.9 BB reported on an area of the A66 in Kirkby Thore where drivers are ignoring speed limits. The use of safety camera vans in this area are helping this situation. Problems with HGV drivers speeding in the area were also noted.

#### **Education and Training**

4.10 The DSA Arrive Alive (explaining the driving test) training hopes to be targeting all 15 year olds in secondary education starting in 2008.

RL/CB

4.11 There is a gradual increase in the numbers of people who are taking the Pass Plus Plus course. It was confirmed by RL that the 12 insurance companies listed on our website do indeed provide discounts to those completing the instruction.

4.12 The funding for the Education and Training activities provided by the Council on behalf of CRSP in 2008 is being finalised by CB/RL

RL/CB

4.13 The sub group are working with Age Concern with a view to reducing casualties amongst elderly drivers. RT thought should this should link to the agenda for independence. RT advised that there are other options to cars for the elderly, such as the "Rural Wheels" scheme.

RL

4.14 Cycle training – the Council assisted by Capita are to undertake a pilot scheme in 08/09 to investigate the feasibility of adopting the Bikeability standard to gradually replace Cycle Proficiency.

CB/RL

#### **Publicity**

4.15 The current series of 3 road safety messages aimed at young drivers on TV ends in December. These same messages will remain on the ITV website and are now also appearing on You-tube.

KT

- 4.16 KT reported that some of the new road safety vans had broken down and were urgently getting repaired.
- 4.17 The group is looking in to putting posters on bus stops around the County to remind drivers that it is easy not to see motorcyclists and that they should take more care. KT
- 4.18 The KSI figures on the shock boards are being updated by KT and DW across the County. RT expressed his concern about employee health and safety in connection with this. KT advised that he would seek costings from Amey to undertake, otherwise he would carry out a risk assessment prior to works at each site. KT/DW
- 4.19 There has been a problem with getting a venue for the Road Safety Conference 2008 in West Cumbria. The group provided additional suggestions for possible venues that could hold up to 150 people. KT
- 4.20 CRSP has been invited to give a presentation on the DfT road safety research dissemination and action learning programme day - *Motorcyclists as vulnerable road users* in Birmingham on 22/1/08. It was agreed that a representative should attend. JJS/CB
- 4.21 KT confirmed that the old road safety van has been sold and the approx £3K profits will go to the Bike Safe Campaign.
- 4.22 KM asked about the Cycle to Work scheme and it was advised that Mark Brierley, the County Council's Cycling Development Officer would be taking it forward for implementation by April 2008. MB
- 4.23 The Chamber of Commerce remain committed to CRSP as partners as they believe it will add value to their members, in the first instance a leaflet aimed at small businesses to highlight the cost of a collision to them will be produced.. CB
- 5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 5.1 CB stated that some SIDs owned by the Council and held by the Police are not fit for purpose as they are not portable (heavy and unstable) despite having been modified to stand on tripods. The whole point of a SID according to the existing protocol is that they should be temporary and portable. The meeting requested CB to investigate the future options for these units. CB
- 5.2 BB confirmed that the agency field campaign on the matrix boards "Don't forget to fill up" would be extended until the Christmas period.
- 5.3 The "Hi" road safety magazine of the Highways Agency has been welcomed by women drivers. A pdf version will be available on the Safer Roads for Cumbria website. KT
- 5.4 MS asked the partnership to help organise the Road Safe Day in 2008. It was agreed that this was a huge task that involved a lot of work. It was suggested that KT's group should look at the logistics of this. KT confirmed that he would contact his sub group members via email and ask them to come up with ideas in time for the 12<sup>th</sup> January sub group meeting. BB confirmed he would provide a resource to assist in this. KT/ALL
- 5.5 CB has written a draft terms of reference for a Road Safety High Level Steering CB

Group. The Group will meet twice a year and address issues for resolution identified by the Partnership. The draft, when finally agreed will accompany these minutes.

5.6 KT has written to the DSA regarding closure of Motorcycle driving test centres in Cumbria on behalf of CRASH West.

5.7 The Local Committees will soon receive some advisory information on how speeding concerns are currently processed by the partnership.

CB

## **6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6.1 The next meeting will take place on 12th February at 1000 at Skirsgill. The other 2008 dates are: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> December at the same time and venue of the February meet.