

CUMBRIA ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Friday 12 October 2007
Grand Jury Room, The Courts

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Bob Baldwin
Jim Smith
Kathy Connelly
Jan Sjorup
Steve Callaghan
Rob Lewis
Bob Pallas
Bob Nixon
Mike McMinn
Kevin Tea
Don Spiller
Jonathan Smith
Mike Parry
Rob Terwey (Chair)

ACTION

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 John Ranson, Kevin McGillivay, Paul Little, Chris Broadbent

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 August 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Jan Sjorup's report is now agreed in the final format. From the Primary Care Trust Kathy Wynn has been agreed as the appropriate attendee and gives her apologies for this meeting but will attend in December. The PCT are keen to participate. The monthly monitoring information will be sent to all. **Action:** Chris Broadbent and Andrew Murray to check circulation list.

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3.2 Pass Plus Plus – there have been 200 applicants so far, 100 of whom are in Carlisle. Additional promotion is now required to spread the message wider. It would be possible to use community coordinators for neighbourhood watch as a cascade device to promote the scheme. All test takers are now receiving a leaflet via the test centre and via instructors across the County. It was suggested that a follow up letter be sent from the Road Safety Partnership or the Driving Standards Agency to all test takers. **Action:** Kevin Tea and Rob Lewis.

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3.3 Vehicle Activated Signs and Speed Indicating Devices Protocols - Comments were sought from all partners by the 19th October. It was recognised that comments from Cumbria Highways would come after that date following the Highways Operational Steering Group. **Action:** All.

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3.4 Key issues discussed were resourcing the monitoring of the effectiveness of the Vehicle Activated Signs. This resource needed to be found as part of Stage 4 Safety audit. **Actions:** Chris Broadbent.

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| 3.5 | <u>Institute of Highways and Transport Guidelines – Gap Analysis</u> - A first draft has been produced by Chris Broadbent. All to use this draft as a prompt to check the current situation and approach of the partnership and to respond to Chris Broadbent by the end of October. Action: All. | CB |
| 3.6 | <u>A74 Cameras</u> - These are now active and measuring average speed. The Highways Agency will be invoiced shortly by the Safety Cameras Unit. There is already a noticeable impact on speed. There will need to be an urgent meeting between Steve Callaghan and Jonathan Smith to discuss options for next year 2008/9 Road Safety Budget in time for the Members Workshop on 29 th October. Action: Steve Callaghan and Jonathan Smith. | ALL |
| 3.7 | <u>Outcome of the House of Commons Select Committee</u> - Liaison meetings are now needed at CRASH group level and the Education and Training Group have discussed the outcomes of the committee which are reported under a later minute. Action: Chris Broadbent to facilitate CRASH group level meetings. | SC/JJES |
| 3.8 | <u>Penrith Promotional Meeting</u> - this was judged successful, attended by about 30 members of the public and two local MPs and the Portfolio Holder. | CB |
| 3.9 | <u>Roles and responsibilities paper for the CRSP</u> - still remains to be produced. Action: Chris Broadbent. | |
| 4 | <u>CURRENT POSITION ON ROAD CASUALTIES</u> | CB |
| 4.1 | Jan Sjorup reported on KSIs, fatals and slight injuries. His report is attached to these minutes. KSIs are reducing in line or ahead of target. Fatalities are still not responding to initiatives. The young driver and passenger casualties appear currently to be on or ahead of target. A report produced by the North West Regional Safety Steering group was discussed. The report is due to be the subject of a workshop in January or February 2008 to confirm recommendations on casualty reduction from Beacon Authorities, Transport London and elsewhere. JJES gave a short summary of the status of the report and the report to be brought to a future meeting of the Road Safety Partnership. Action: Jonathan Smith and Chris Broadbent. | |
| 4.2 | Questions were asked about the relative number of residents and visitors injured on Cumbria's roads and the performance achieved by Transport for London in affecting slight injuries. | JJES/CB |
| 4.3 | Rob Terwey reported that the baskets of indicators produced by the Department for Transport for use in Local Area Agreements is now out for consultation. There will both be an indicator based on the DfT's performance figures, which are 18 months out of date, and there will need to be management indicators based on up to date data alongside these. Action: Chris Broadbent. | CB |
| 5 | <u>REPORTS FROM THE SUB GROUP CHAIRS</u> | |
| 5.1 | <u>Education and Training Sub Group</u>
Gaps have been identified by the group in relation to young teenagers and contact has been made with CBEC to assist in engagement. Action: Chris Broadbent and Rob Lewis. In relation to motorcycles, Bike Safe needs to be maintained. Action: Ted Thwaites. Issues around drivers over 25 associated with business driving have lapsed. The Chamber of Commerce needs to re-engaged. Action: Rob Terwey. CBEC are offering to assist in re-enforcing the needs of offering employers to engage with their responsibilities for health and safety. The Fire and Safety Service have suggested a role for Road Awareness Training to older user groups and to begin with Council employees. Operation Vibrant, conducted as a | CB/RL

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<p>multi agency operation and led by the police will be driven by CRASH groups and rolled out around the County. The Northern CRASH group will undertake Operation Vibrant in November. Highways Agency have offered to assist in the operation if it is close to the motorway or trunk network. Action: Bob Baldwin and Bob Pallas. The Highways Agency are represented at CRASH now by Route Stewards. Elderly drivers were also identified as a potential future high risk group, with Age Concern being identified as potential local partners for intervention. An event being held by Age Concern in Penrith on 17 October was notified to the group.</p>	RT
<p>5.2 <u>The Communications Group</u> – Kevin Tea presented the report with a particular focus on the U-Tube initiative. The annual Road Safety Conference was discussed and review of how that had performed revealing weakness and strengths in this year's conference. It was suggested that a small working group would be set up, particularly involving Kevin, Amey Mouchel and the fire and rescue service to establish what the format for the 2008 Conference should be. Action: Kevin Tea and all.</p>	BB/BP
<p>5.3 <u>The Information Group</u> – the information group has been working on risky behaviours in young people. Work has been undertaken on post code data provision to assist locational analysis for at risk communities. JSj will make this available to all. The issue of the availability of the casualty map was discussed and it is required to make the casualty map more available. Action: Jan Sjorup and Andrew Murray.</p>	KT/ALL
<p>5.4 <u>CRASH Group South</u> – this year to date casualties are on a par with those in 2006. The priorities are the A595, A591 and the A65 has been added following speed analysis this year. Other priorities are young people and motorcyclists. Some attention has been given to winter issues for pedal cyclists, but this is not given an overall priority. County wide cycle issues are related to mature leisure cyclists. Cycling proficiency was discussed with both police service and fire and rescue service offering to provide volunteers to assist in the delivery of cycle training to school children. Action: Rob Lewis and Chris Broadbent, fire and rescue service and police service. Modest funding allocated to CRASH groups was welcomed by the CRASH group chair. £5000 per CRASH Group has been allocated from an under spend in the 2007/8 transport capital programme for safety schemes.</p>	JS/AM
<p>5.5 <u>CRASH Group West</u> – Priorities identified are motorcycles, pass plus plus and working with Sellafield commuters. There is currently some ongoing research relating to elderly people. Nikki Campbell attended the CRASH group to get involved in cycle training, particularly in relation to Sellafield, who are implementing a salary sacrifice scheme for cycle purchase. She will assist in training issues arising from that. Clarification was sought about the County Council salary sacrifice scheme. Action: Jonathan Smith. Operation Vibrant was carried out in Maryport as a multi agency operation and provided education and training and enforcement simultaneously near Netherhall School. The Silloth/Maryport road has been identified as a priority. There has been an evaluation event for Road Awareness training using consumers at a range of ages from education establishments. The key output of this was to identify the use of volunteer road casualties to assist in the presentation of the material to schools, particularly those of an age which is closer to the age of the recipients of the training.</p>	JJES
<p>5.6 <u>CRASH Group North</u> – There has been a good reduction in casualties in Carlisle, especially amongst 16-20 year olds. In Eden there has been a rise in slight casualties. Operation Vibrant is to be rolled out in November. There has been concerns about the slight rise in cycle injuries related to the A6 in Penrith and also</p>	

in Carlisle. Opportunities to communicate with cyclists via retailers are being sought. There are possible links to be made here with the cycle Cumbria group. **Action:** Kevin Tea. The CRASH group are progressing the part time pedestrianisation of Botchergate with Carlisle Local Committee. This will address jointly violent crime and road safety issues, both of which are priorities in North Cumbria. There is the potential to promote cycle safety equipment such as reflective strips alongside the successful helmet scheme promotion. **Action:** Kevin Tea.

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6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 It was agreed that at the next meeting there would be a presentation on drink and drug driving by a RSO who has recently completed a dissertation on this subject. **Action:** Rob Lewis. The police could contribute to this presentation. **Action:** Ted Thwaites. The Highways Agency are now producing monthly safety bulletins. Area 13 will be in October's bulletin. This will be circulated. **Action:** Bob Baldwin. Driver fatigue is being addressed again by the Highways Agency. **Action:** Bob Baldwin. Kathy Connelly suggested that the membership of the Executive could be looked at along side the roles and responsibilities review. **Action:** Chris Broadbent. Rob Lewis enquired as to whether driver improvement courses were likely to be brought in relation to speed awareness. Steve Callaghan responded for the Chief Constable that such courses were being considered. Kevin Tea advised of the need for the group to engage in early course with the new Chief Constable for Cumbria to ensure that he is fully briefed on the County approach to road safety. **Action:** Ted Thwaites.

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7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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- 7.1 11 December, 10am at Skirsgill, Penrith.