



Meeting of Formartine Community Safety Group held on Thursday 28th February, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in Turriff Academy, Turriff.

Present:- Alistair Strachan (Chairman), Mike Bremner (Grampian Fire & Rescue ) Angus Brown (Farm Watch), William Law (Meldrum & Bourtie Community Council), John McKenzie (Fyvie, Rothie & Monquhitter C.C.) Kate Rigby, Aberdeenshire Council and James Smith (Ellon NFU )

Apologies: Barbara Cruickshank, Rose Logan and Inspector S. Pratt,

In Attendance: Evelyn Strachan, Minute Secretary.

### **1. Minute of Meeting of 6th December, 2007**

The Minute was taken as a true record of proceedings, proposed by Angus Brown and seconded by William Law

### **2. Matters Arising**

Water Safety at Ellon - Glynis Buchan from Ellon Swimming Pool and Coastguard and Maritime Agency are willing to go ahead with this. Rural schools in the Ellon Academy catchment area will be invited to take part and it is hoped that Ian Fairbairn from Buckie will take the sessions after Easter Holidays. Phil MacIver, Sector Manager from Peterhead says there will be no cost and he can supply goodie bags for the children. Expenses for transport and hire of pool will be met by Formartine Community Safety Group.

Suds Basins. A letter was read from Raymond Reid. Chairman to contact Health & Safety Executive.

Cars with defective lights. Letter received from Inspector Ewan Innes was read and discussed. It was suggested that the police should consider releasing the numbers of accidents caused by the use of mobile phones. This led to the introduction of a newspaper release from Stewart Stevenson

MSP requesting views on the ten year road strategy. As a result our committee agreed that the following points be brought to the attention of Mr Stevenson.

- a. Manufacturers should have a responsibility to limit possible speeds. Reduce specification of cars to maximum speed of 90 mph. Lorries already at 56 mph.
- b. Number of youngsters in a car for 1st time drivers should be restricted for the first year to family members only
- c. Any accidents during the first year after test should have to resit test.
- d. Night driving experience - Instructor should take learner out for 2 to 3 sessions at night.
- e. Commentary during driving test for 10 minutes.
- f. Safe drive, stay alive should be funded by the Scottish Government.(contd /)

- g. Skid pan training - part of the pass plus - Government sponsored.
- h. It was also suggested that drivers should be tested for competence during their driving years to ascertain their fitness to drive.

### **3. Future Projects**

Mike Bremner of Grampian Fire & Rescue brought to our attention the fact that home visits are available. Polish and Latvians who have limited knowledge of the language were particularly vulnerable in an emergency Help was offered by our group to publicise services available.

John McKenzie asked on progress re Hi Vis vests. Ron McKail to be contacted Contact to be made to Aberdeenshire Council re "Stop Children Crossing" for Fyvie

### **4. Financial Report**

There was no financial report.

### **5. Community Safety Network Group**

The Annual Seminar will be held in Kemnay Kirk Centre on 12th April Road Traffic Collision Investigation Manager Marco Venturini Grampian Police, Counter Terrorism Security Advisor Inspector David Nicoll and Criminal Justice Service Manager, Fiona Westland.

Community Safety Network Group. Kate informed that funding would be the same as last year but would not be ring fenced as before

### **6. Dates of Meeting for 2008**

Ellon	-	1st May
Oldmeldrum		21st August
Turriff		23rd October
Ellon		4th December

**7. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Conference Room, Ellon Police Station on Thursday 1st May, 2008 at 7.30p.m.