



**Minute of Meeting of the
Kincardine & Mearns Community Safety Group
Wednesday 26th March at 7.15 pm
At the Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven**

1. WELCOME:

Kevin welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT:

Kevin Hutchens (Chair)
Alister Bisset (Treasurer)
Lenny Lawrence, (Secretary)
Keith Lawie, Partnership Development
Graham Mitchell, Maritime & Coastguard Agency

3. APOLOGIES:

Area Manager Willie Munro, Aberdeenshire Council
Inspector Gordon, Grampian Police (Stonehaven)
Cllr Graham Clark, Aberdeenshire
Ashleigh, Grampian Police Cadets
Stuart Akers, Grampian Police (Stonehaven)
Sgt Debbie Davidson, Grampian Police (Stonehaven)
John Strachan, Grampian Fire and Rescue

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MINUTE OF WEDNESDAY 06TH FEBRUARY 2008

The minutes of the February Meeting were approved to go onto the website.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Lenny confirmed he has contacted potential groups for their proposed representative for the Community Safety Group. A representative from St Cyrus and hopefully one from Auchenblae have been nominated. No response from the local surgery or the Ambulance Service.

6. ROAD SAFETY UP-DATE:

Kevin gave an update on the Road Safety competition. Nicola Jolly said she would be around on the 11th March and would like to hear the jingles if they are available. Nicola and Rory , who is a racing driver from Newtonhill, both agreed they would conduct the presentation to the winners.

Ashleigh has contacted Rachel from the media unit in the Foyer, Marywell Centre, Marywell Street, Aberdeen on the possibility of getting proper recordings done by the winning group.

A press call promoted by Nicola to help the Road Safety competition should help raise the profile. Further ideas were also considered such as an I - pod as a first prize if the response is poor.

Others issues considered was an age-range for prizes and extending the deadline another 4 weeks. The cost factors were also considered. We need to contact as many groups as possible to offer the Road Safety competition, the feature jingle could be singing, poetry, sound, video, DVD etc; even a live event could be considered.

11. Emergency Services Report:

COASTGUARD:

- A quiet time but the theme is on in-house first aid training.

POLICE:

- Keith reported on the Momentum course that is run over two weekends on driving for young drivers on car maintenance to be held in Edzell Woods. Taking part are Police, Driving Instructors, Youth Workers, Mechanics and a good turnout is expected
- Crime prevention for the property marking packs
- A '**test purchase exercise**' was carried out in Stonehaven on the 1st February. Special dispensation was given to two 16 year olds, with police support, to try and buy alcohol. Two shops sold alcohol to the youngsters and therefore failed the test. Training of staff by the employer is essential to make this effective. The exercise was worthwhile and is expected to be repeated in the future.
- Keith updated us on behalf of Stuart Akers. Stuart has spoken to John Strachan of the Fire Service to see if they would like to help with distribution of the packs and with information on the use of the property marking packs. Attaching the Community Safety logo to the packs is likely to add significantly to the cost, which is already £234.00. Stuart suggested that an adhesive label could be used to add the logo as it was important to promote the group. Lenny to bring an example for committee approval at the next meeting.
- Also mentioned was if K&MCSG issue any press releases or advertising etc its should be passed to the Webmaster so that the item can also go onto the Website.

7. NEW PROJECT BIDS.

None

8. TREASURER'S REPORT :

Alister reported the following up to 6th February 2008

Balance	At 11 th December 2007	£2618.35
Income:	Interest.	£ 8.29
		TOTAL £ 8.29
Expenditure:	Out of School Club (Laurencekirk)	£ 192.00
	Secretary's Expenses	£ 26.05
		TOTAL £ 218.25
Closing Balance:	At 6 th February 2008.	£2408.59

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY NETWORK/PARTNERSHIP REPORT:

Alister reported that funding for the forthcoming year is coming directly from the local authority and it was up to the council to allocate funds to the local community safety groups.

The annual seminar is on the 12th April in Kemnay Church Centre, Church Lane, Kemnay. It was hoped that Alex Salmond MP may be one of the speakers.

Alister also spoke of the hazard of water on low-lying land (called Sump Sink) being a danger to children.

The Fraserburgh group are publishing a leaflet to raise awareness of community safety to highlight the group's activities.

YOUNG DRIVERS (HOT CHOCOLATE)

Bev reported Young Drivers meet every Thursday in Tesco car park. Originally meetings were held in the back of her car and she supplied hot chocolate – hence the name. The aim of these meetings is to improve the driving skills of young people, how to get out of difficult situations – and how to avoid them in the first place.

The group now have a van, which is in the process of being equipped with tables, chairs, generator etc. This van has been used to transport youngsters to Skid Cars in Elgin. They have done training in car maintenance through IT Motors.

The group still need funding to equip the van – they would like to put a DVD player in the van to use training DVDs. Also, it is important to get some signage on the van at the moment there is nothing to say what the van is about.

They would also like to take this project to other towns.

After discussion, it was agreed that a list of items required with approximate costs would be prepared and Emailed to Ron, then our Group would discuss how we could assist them with funding. Chairman thanked Young Drivers for their report.

Rural Roads – Driving

Ron read out an Email received from Colin Walker regarding the dangers of driving on rural roads.

PASS PLUS:

Email received from Janet Styles, Inverurie Young Drivers with a request for a young person to undertake Pass Plus. The person concerned passed her test on 20 June 2007.

Discussions held regarding what is involved in Pass Plus and agreed Ron would contact the driving instructor to ask if it is possible to change the terms of Pass Plus e.g. gaining experience on rural roads, dual carriageway driving instead of motorway experience.

At the moment, £45 of the cost of Pass Plus is still available from Council. The -----
-Group agreed to allocate £1000 towards Pass Plus with each young person receiving £100.

With the £45 they will receive, they will only have to pay a small proportion of the cost of Pass Plus.

Ron will contact the Driving Instructor and also the young person undertaking Pass Plus.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT:

Graeme Duncan indicated that he, along with Myles Murray, intends holding a Young Drivers Day/Half Day sometime in the New Year. This has been undertaken previously but this will be an updated version.

Graeme will contact Bev, Young Drivers, with details when available
Keith advised Graeme to contact Gillian Burns who will assist with this.

Graeme passed round leaflets regarding Home Fire Safety Visits, which also include fitting free smoke alarms where necessary. Name and address is completed on the form and returned to the Fire and Rescue Service and a member of staff from the Fire Station nearest your home will visit.

The next meeting is on the 29th March Kevin asked Lenny to attend but he thought it unlikely he could manage.

Keith reported on the Executive meeting that new funding structure is likely to be the same but a decision will be made on the 14th of February. The group can always approach the local area committee for a top up of funds if needed.

Advertising banners are available for us to use. These are very striking but they are designed for Aberdeenshire. It was thought that a banner for our area would be

preferable in presenting our local Safety group. Photographs of local projects with which we have been involved in are needed.

11. AOCB:

- Projects are needed to fund for this year prior 31st March as there is £2400 left to spend. *Also, the grant of another £2000* It was feared that we may lose funds if this is not spent. We could look at the Local Action Fund that may need support.
- Kevin and Alister have been delegated to take back to the next meeting items we may want to fund.
- Neighbour Watch scheme was mentioned and how we could be take this forward. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.
- South Aberdeenshire Tenant Resident Association are moving premises but as yet, a location has not been confirmed.
- The AGM date was agreed as the 26th March. An invasion list to be sent to all emergency services groups, Neighbour Watch, Community Councils, and other groups within our area.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- The next meeting will be the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 26th March 2008 from **6.30pm to 7.15pm** in the Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 26th March 2008 from **7.15pm to 7.45pm.**
- General Meeting on Wednesday 26th March 2008 from **7.45pm to 9.00pm.**

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm