

## **SOUTH MARR COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP**

### **Minutes of the South Marr Community Safety Group held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 in the Burnett Arms Hotel, Banchory at 6.45 p.m.**

#### **Norma Makin welcomed members**

##### **Present:-**

Norma Makin, Acting Chair: Mike Cassie, GFRS: Linda Gray, Community Learning & Development: Jean Henretty: Keith Lawie, P.D. Officer: Roddy Lees, GFRS: Alex. T. Mann: Moira Milne.: Sheila Sedgwick: Fiona Stalker: Cllr. Jill Webster.

##### **Apologies:-**

Ed Bushnell, Chair: Martin Burgess, Grampian Police: Caroline Cowie: Andy Cruickshank Grampian Police: Stuart Ednie, Grampian Police: Neil Morrison: Sgt. Heppolette: Kate Rigby.

##### **Police Review:-**

There were no outstanding matters for concern.

Road safety was discussed, methods of improving safety, consistency in road presentation and better ways of reporting. Three Police Officers now have speed training.

Sunday monitoring of driving is continuing

Drive Safe, Stay Alive, Take Control talks will soon be held.

Police are dealing with school children and generally contacts with the Police are good Vandalism was discussed and attempts to deal with it.

##### **Fire & Rescue Service Review:-**

Take Control Talks have been given. The 4<sup>th</sup> year talks to schools are renewed. A Disk is now available.

Home Safety visits have been made in Upper Deeside and a new explanatory brochure is available. Banchory is slow in taking up the visits.

Five smoke-alarms have been installed.

A News Letter & details are available on the Banchory web site.

The Aboyne crew had had a successful Co-op initiative in June.

Incidents had been few, although there had been three roof fires, probably caused by repairs being undertaken.

Banchory crew had been placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 27 at the competition in Hamilton and would now go on to the British event. "Extraction" – getting persons from a car, First Aid, technical control etc. were explained.

##### **Minutes of Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008:-**

These were accepted as a correct record, on the motion of Moira Milne, seconded by Keith Lawie.

##### **Matters arising:-**

###### **First on scene project:-**

Groups had met. Pupils would have a DVD.. Aberdeen College would film, during June & July. Local incidents would be used. Packs would go to schools. There was discussion on a number of topics, including road safety, use of seat belts, water accidents etc.

Expenses for childrens' transport could be paid – c. £100.

###### **Urban Rodeo:-**

This would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting, for Kate to speak to.

###### **Promotional banners:-**

One side printing, 5 photographs. As existing ones were out of date, it was agreed to leave the matter to Norma to take new photographs.

###### **Sustainable Urban Drainage System problems:-**

Health & Safety were responsible in Housing Schemes. While initial responsibility was with the developer, once a scheme was handed over, residents were responsible. Home-owners' responsibility was written into title deeds. Developers could hand over responsibility to the Council, under certain conditions (20 years maintenance).

The value of fencing was considered.

Report from Annual Seminar:-

Details were given of the workshops. Matters discussed included counter-terrorism, road closures in the case of accidents, skid marks etc. and Community Service.

Road barrier at Dess:-

Opinions varied. The surface was reasonably good. The cost of crash barriers was great. It was agreed that the type of new surface was at fault and tyres were causing the problem. Re-surfacing would be costly. The matter would be taken up with Aberdeenshire Council.

Parking on Charleston Road, Aboyne:-

There was no further advance.

Yellow lines at the Chemist's were to be painted.

**Finance:-**

Copies of the accounts were circulated, showing a balance of £2720. 83 as at this date, which includes £1000 ring-fenced for Pass Plus. Funding for next year was £2500. This was not restricted to themes. Road Safety, Pass Plus could qualify for a further £100 per person. 10 persons were catered for but to date only 8 had applied. A Press notice should be placed, indicating that £100 per person was available.

**Network Report:-**

The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

**A.O.C.B.**

Cllr. Jill Webster spoke of an incident involving under-age drinking at Banchory Academy.

Drugs & Alcohol could be considered at the next meeting and appropriate speakers invited in the future. The matter would appear on the next Agenda. There were no further matters for discussion.

**Dates of next meetings:-**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2008

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008

8<sup>th</sup> January 2009

5<sup>th</sup> March 2009

21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 A.G.M.