

The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness
Wednesday 14th November 2018
6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 4, the Scottish Parliament.
Focus on: **Road Safety**
(Tea, coffee, shortbread available from 6.00 pm)

Minutes

1. Welcome:

Clare Adamson MSP (Convener)

Clare Adamson, MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She paid special thanks to Emma Harper MSP for attending as well as welcoming new members: Earthgen, SPFL, GIST, a new representative from RNLI, Laura Erskine and Carolyn Reid from RoSPA as a new member of the Secretariat. Mr Duncan and Mrs Margaret Spiers were welcomed as Safety Advocates. Members were requested to sign the sederunt.

Update: it should also be noted that Stan Brown of ACCS Safety attended the CPG as Chair of IOSH Scotland.

Ms Adamson expressed her thanks to Allan Thomson of Central Training Services for covering the catering costs for the evening and noted that he had supplied company information and pens for members.

2. Present and Apologies

Ms Adamson advised that a list of those present and apologies submitted had been collated by the Secretary and would be attached as an Appendix to the Minutes of the Meeting (See Appendix One).

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5th June 2018 – circulated previously)

a. Accuracy

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings, proposed by Andy Cathro and seconded by Martin Hunt.

b. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Mr Duncan and Mrs Margaret Spiers, Safety Advocates

Ms Adamson introduced Mr Duncan and Mrs Margaret Spiers to the meeting and asked members of Water Safety Scotland to make themselves known during the meeting.

Duncan Spiers outlined the successful campaign which they had undertaken to bring improved safety measures to Clydeside following their son's fatal accident three years ago.

<https://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/16969767.glasgow-family-deliver-petition-calling-for-increased-safety-measures-at-river-clyde-after-son-drowns/>

Improvements would now include ropes on lifebelts and warning signage. Following the success of their initial campaign they would now look to roll it out across all council areas in Scotland including looking into CCTV.

They had been in touch with George Parsonage of The Humane Society.

Ivan McKee MSP added that he had put them in touch with the water safety group and they had collected signatures from across Glasgow. They are now looking for an introduction to Water Safety Scotland to see how they can take the campaign forward and asked members present to let themselves be known to them.

Martin Hunt asked what length of rope they were looking at. Margaret Spiers explained that they were looking to the experts for advice, with one option being multi coloured ropes which would be identifiable if removed. Duncan Spiers said they now want to ask parliament to make a change in the law which would result in a fine being imposed. Currently removal is only charged as vandalism and does not take into account wrongful use of a life preserver.

Ron Ewing noted that there is legislation in place via the Health & Safety at Work Act which could be used and Gavin Howat of HSE confirmed that the provision would only apply in the workplace.

Duncan Spiers had been informed by Susan Aitken of City of Glasgow City Council that it comes under council jurisdiction. Clare Adamson agreed to look into it further.

Mark Ruskell MSP acknowledged the important of having ropes available and Stan Brown noted the importance of floating ropes.

Carlene McAvoy of RoSPA noted that responsibility depends on who owns the land. RoSPA sits on the Glasgow Water Safety Group so we can discuss it further.

Michael Avril, Chair of Water Safety Scotland introduced himself to the meeting and agreed to meet with Mr and Mrs Spiers before the end of the meeting.

Clare Adamson congratulated Mr and Mrs Spiers on their successful campaign and acknowledged the great respect due to them for their work.

5. Presentation: [Quad Bikes and Safety Helmets](#)

Emma Harper MSP

Ms Adamson introduced Emma Harper MSP

Ms Harper presented progress on the 'Hing Yer Helment' campaign #HingYerHelmet.

Ms Adamson thanked Emma Harper for her informative presentation.

6. Questions and Discussion

Ms Adamson then invited questions for Ms Harper

Cllr Brian Topping congratulated Ms Harper on the continuing campaign and suggested that taking the campaign to the younger generation could be a good source of peer pressure.

Ms Harper agreed that peer pressure was a valuable resource that the campaign team had looked at different avenues of peer pressure and will be continuing to do so. The team are also looking at encouraging manufacturers to supply helmets as part of a package and noted that Compass had given helmets for free at the agricultural show. They had also looked at other suppliers/manufacturers initiatives such as neck collars.

Dave Roy of Kingdom Housing asked about the level of feedback received to surveys and Ms Harper confirmed they would be continuing with research and rewriting it based on initial feedback.

The would like to encourage companies to give helmets free and then track uptake of safety information and training. Ms Harper also noted that hospitals do not collect specific data for quad bikes incidents and that the team were liaising with ISDS re better data capture.

7. Presentation: [But we have to do something](#)

Michael McDonnell, Director, Road Safety Scotland

Ms Adamson welcomed Mr McDonnell who gave a presentation on Road Safety including information on the effectiveness of graphic imagery, the need for road safety as a public health issue and perception vs reality, looking at the current situation and areas for future focus.

8. Questions and Discussion

Ms Harper had received videos of overtaking lorries and asked if Road Safety Scotland were reviewing this area. Mr McDonnell noted that workplace activity needs investigated and cited the 'gig economy' which has put emphasis on delivery levels opposed to driver safety.

Mark Ruskell MSP was interested in the role of enforcement and how to spread the message that consequences are very real. e.g. put it on social media, community speed watch campaigns. What works? Mr McDonnell noted that a community speed watch campaign in Glasgow had recently been evaluated and also noted the success of the country roads campaign which featured David Coulthard which had phenomenal results. The target audience remains the younger male who does not watch television so the virtual reality tool had resonated with them. He also cited Operation SNAP from Wales which takes in footage from dash cams.

Road Safety Scotland try to have a constant presence on social media. e.g. the Festive Drink Drive campaign will launch next week and there is a need to let the target audience know that police are out there and heighten the perception of credible risk.

9. Presentation: [Who drives – health and safety](#)

Sandy Allan, Road Safety Manager, RoSPA Scotland

Ms Adamson welcomed Mr Sandy Allan of RoSPA who gave a presentation which outlined the work of [ScORSA](#), and how it communicates with SMEs via its free membership resource which was now being developed by [Catherine Johnston](#) of RoSPA. He asked members to access the service, become members and also to encourage their supply chains to take advantage of the benefits of membership which included the opportunity for SCoRSA to present to their organisations.

10. Presentation: [The Physics of Road Safety](#) Jennie Hargreaves, Physics Teacher, Lockerbie Academy

Ms Adamson welcomed Ms Jennie Hargreaves of Lockerbie Academy who gave a presentation on the benefits of integrating physics education and practical road safety. Projects undertaken included experiments using a Fifex timer, a mock road safety accident investigation scenario and a winter safety campaign in association with the Police Scotland. Some funding has been achieved from the MAGNOX safety budget. The winter safety campaign had been very popular and it was expected to result in valuable child-parent peer pressure in addition to educating pupils. The work had resulted in European awards and Ms Hargreaves acknowledged the support of Police Scotland Inspectors Neil Hewitson and Campbell Moffat.

11. Questions and Discussion

Mr Wood of GIST volunteered his organisation's assistance if any work was being done on heavy goods in their area. Ms Jenkins of Scottish Hazards noted that internationally rates of injury are very high and one of the biggest areas is road traffic. She asked what is/has been the impact of speed cameras and reducing to 20mph.

Mr McDonnell noted that one year of speed cameras resulted in 99% of vehicles adhering to limits. Background information is available on the [Transport Scotland](#) website. If you control speed you enhance journeys. Mark Ruskell MSP noted the good stats coming out of Fife after three years with 20% reduction in casualties although some areas are more, some are less. There is 4-6% reduction with modest reduction in average speed and a higher reduction in speed in faster areas. Ms Adamson noted Mr Ruskell's [Private Members Bill](#) on changing 30mph – 20mph. Mr Ruskell noted the importance of combining enforcement and education. Oral submissions can be made in January.

Sylvia Mackay congratulated Ms Hargreaves on the work being undertaken and acknowledged the scope of the Curriculum for Excellence. She asked if anything could be done through GIRFEC strategies to teach parents to mirror behaviour. Ms Hargreaves noted thanks to Gregor Steele for pushing inclusion and further acknowledged the power of pupils to change parents' behaviours and the value of harnessing these benefits.

12. Heriot Watt/Avanti/Abelon – Overloaded Lorries

Ms Adamson welcomed David Carruthers and Gerrard Cassidy of Avanti and Ian Smith of Abelon who had been introduced to the CPG by Nigel Griffiths, ex MP, with regard to their work at Heriot Watt on the issue of overloaded lorries.

Mr Carruthers thanked Ms Adamson for the opportunity to introduce the project to the Group and set out the background to the issue, current scenarios and outlined their work to develop an affordable solution which fits all vehicles. The target market is larger fleet managers who have a lot to lose. The project is now at prototyping stage. There will be a standalone version and a version which includes GPS. Development work is being undertaken in Scotland and the final product will be manufactured in Scotland.

Ms Adamson thanked Mr Carruthers for his contribution to the meeting.

13. Secretary's Report

RoSPA – tabled

Following the presentations, Carlene McAvoy of RoSPA tabled the Secretary's report (Appendix Two) and outlined the Headlines newsletter (Appendix Three).

Ms Adamson reminded members of the opportunity to send information to [RoSPA](#) for inclusion in the newsletter and also encouraged use of photos on social media with the #CPGAPSA hashtag.

14. Date of next meetings: 23rd January 2019 (CR4); 20th March (CR4); 5th June (CR3) – all Wednesdays. Themes to be finalised.

Ms Adamson thanked everyone for their attendance.

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ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

MSPs

Clare Adamson MSP Convenor	
Emma Harper MSP (speaker)	
Maurice Corry MSP	
Ivan McKee MSP	
Mark Ruskell MSP	

Attendees

Sandy Allan (speaker)	RoSPA
Michael McDonnell (speaker)	Road Safety Scotland
Jennie Hargreaves (speaker)	Lockerbie Academy
Allister Atkinson	Bluerad
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Stan Brown	ACCS Safety/IOSH Scotland
Andy Cathro	Dundee and Angus College
Scott Darroch	Gas Safe Register
Hannah Dickson	SCSN
Laura Erskine	RNLI
Ron Ewing	CSI Safety Ltd
Bill Harley	Fife Council

Sheena Harper	RLSS UK
Gavin Howat	HSE
Martin Hunt	Tartan Silk
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Caroline Lawrie	SGN
Sylvia Mackay	
Carlene McAvoy	RoSPA
Murray Robb	RLSS UK
Dave Roy	Kingdom Housing Association
Duncan Spiers	Safety Advocate
Margaret Spiers	Safety Advocate
Gregor Steele	SSERC
Norman Stevenson	Safety Groups UK
Allan Thomson	Central Training Services
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Caroline Wilson	The Risk Factory
David Wood	GIST Limited

In attendance

Kate Barclay	Clare Adamson's office
Nicola McManus	Clare Adamson's office
Ryan McCuaig	Clare Adamson's office
David Carruthers	Avanti
Gerrard Carty	Avanti
Molly Gillies	SCSN
Catherine Johnston	RoSPA
Gillian Kelly	Fife Council
Carolyn Reid	RoSPA
Nicky Reid	SPFL Trust
Ian Smith	Abelon Systems
Fiona Taylor	SPFL Trust

Apologies received

Ash Denham MSP	
Michael Matheson MSP	
Robert Atkinson	NHS Health Scotland
Chris Bell	City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Bielby	SGN
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Jane Campbell Morrison	Adventure Activities Licensing Service
Janet G Castro	
Douglas Connell	IOSH
Steven Dillon	Unite
Daniel Doherty	
Jim Dorman	St Andrew's First Aid
Gena Falconer	The Highland Council
Jennifer Fingland	Cycling Scotland
Ruth Flynn	NHS Health Scotland
Dr Nigel Griffiths	
Steven Hewitson	Actavo
Fiona Hodgson	SNIPEF
John Johnston	TechnipFMC
Sarah Jones	HSE
Karen McDonnell	RoSPA
Andrew McGilveray	SPFL Trust
Martin McMahan	HSE
Gordon McQuade	FBU
John Nelson	Turner and Townsend Advisory
Lesley Nish	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Louise Slorance	RCPCH Scotland
Lisa Stewart	NHS National Services Scotland

Grant Taylor	SGN
Douglas Watt	Actavo
Shirley Williamson	Earthgen Ltd

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Secretary's Report

New Members

We are delighted to welcome Earthgen Ltd who will be represented at future meetings by Shirley Williamson, and the SPFL who will be represented by Andrew McGilveray. His colleagues here this evening are Nicky Reid and Fiona Taylor. David Wood joins us from GIST Ltd and Mr Duncan Spiers and Mrs Margaret Spiers join us as safety advocates. We also have a new representative from the RNLI – Laura Erskine. Carolyn Reid has joined the Secretariat team from RoSPA.

AGM

All paperwork has been completed in respect of the AGM including the Annual Return as required by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

GDPR

The GDPR legislation has come into effect since our last meeting and guidance has been received from the Scottish Parliament. This is available on request. The Scottish Parliament is the Data Controller of the CPG data and RoSPA is the Data Processor in this situation. RoSPA holds the contact details of all members of the Group. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, it will be presumed that all members of the Group are happy to be named in Minutes of Meetings, listed in Sederunts etc. RoSPA's guidance on our privacy policy is available at <https://www.rospace.com/help-information/privacy>

Headlines Newsletter

Information on all events, conferences and any other accident prevention work carried out by members of the Group should be sent to the Secretary prior to the scheduled meetings in order that information can be highlighted appropriately in the Headlines Newsletter.

Correspondence

Chris Bell's guide to online sales was attached to the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Sarah Kostense-Winterton of MIMA (Mineral Wool Insulation Manufacturers' Association) contacted the Secretariat regarding concerns around fire safety and building regulations in Scotland. Clare Adamson MSP has agreed to meet with the Association and contact details have been supplied to MIMA with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss these concerns. Ash Denham MSP, Minister for Community Safety and Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were invited to the CPG meeting on 14th November but were unable to attend on this occasion.

Future themes

Feedback and suggestions for future themes is always welcomed from members of this CPG. As such, the theme of the January 2019 meeting has still to be decided but the March 2019 meeting will focus on Occupational Safety and will include an update from Andy Cathro on the LOCHER project. Other suggestions are welcome.

Refreshments

Stuart Stevens of Scotland's Fire and Rescue Service has kindly offered to fund the cost of the refreshments at the January meeting and Douglas Connell of IOSH will fund the March meeting.

Elizabeth Lumsden
Secretary

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HEADLINES

Thanks to those who contributed the following information:

**Smokey Paws (Scotland) working in partnership with Scottish Fire
& Rescue Service**

Since the formation of the Smokey Paws (Scotland) / SFRS partnership in June 2016, we are delighted the report that, of the 356 fire stations in Scotland, 162 have now been equipped with the specially designed lifesaving Smokey Paws oxygen resuscitation equipment. This total includes all 15 fire stations on the Shetland Isles and fire stations in every region of Scotland.

This has only been possible with the hard work and commitment of Smokey Paws supporters throughout Scotland, ranging from the staff at veterinary practices, dog clubs, dog training centres, cat protection groups and private individuals. We have also had a considerable number of kits donated through the tremendous fundraising efforts of serving firefighters throughout Scotland, from a wide variety of locations stretching from the Borders to the Highland and Islands.

In just over 2 years, we have travelled a fair way down a long road towards our goal of equipping every fire station with Smokey Paws kits, but we still have a way to go yet. However, thanks to our fantastic supporters, we will get there and the continued support of the Cross Party Group at Holyrood is greatly appreciated.

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Kingdom Housing Association Update

- Gas Safety Week

Kingdom Housing Association pledged its support for Gas Safety Week (17th-23rd September 2018) and passed on important information to Tenants / Customers to raise awareness about the importance of gas safety.

The eighth annual Gas Safety Week saw organisations from across the UK working together to raise awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

<http://www.kingdomhousing.org.uk/blog/gas-safety-week-2/>

- Trauma Teddies



Kingdom Housing Association staff assisted Police Scotland to help comfort small children in trying circumstances by knitting 'Trauma Teddies' in their spare time. The knitters were pleased to receive a letter of thanks from Jenny Gilruth MSP.

<http://www.kingdomhousing.org.uk/blog/trauma-teddies/>

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Fife Pupils Taught to "Drivewise"

Pupils from three North East Fife high schools have taken part in a new road safety initiative designed to encourage safe driving.

Drivewise Fife is being led by Fife Council's safer communities team working in partnership with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, Leuchars Military Base and supported by John Clark Specialised Motors who kindly loaned 10 cars for the duration for the pupils to drive.

120 young people from Madras College, Waid Academy and Bell Baxter high school took part in the event over three days at Leuchars military base, learning basic driving techniques and road safety skills.

And it's hoped the success of the event will mean many more of the Kingdom's young people will get the opportunity to learn these vital life lessons.

Convener of Fife Council's Environment, Protective Services and Community Safety Committee Cllr Ross Vettriano welcomed the initiative which aims to reduce road casualties by making an impact on soon to be drivers and passengers.

He commented: "Events like Drivewise are important to help educate our young people on positive driving attitudes before they get behind the wheel of a car.

"There is huge responsibility that comes with driving, and developing good habits early is key to having safe and considerate young drivers on our roads. I'm delighted that the council is leading this forward-thinking initiative."

Chief Inspector Adrian Annandale, Chair of the Road Casualty Reduction Group, said:

"Road safety and casualty reduction on our road network are two of our main priorities in Fife and through our ongoing road safety initiative, Operation Paramount, we continue to explore and exploit all opportunities available to us to educate drivers and mitigate against serious injury or fatal road collisions.

"Young drivers are the demographic most likely to be involved in such incidents and it is absolutely vital that we provide them with all the necessary advice and guidance they require to keep themselves safe when behind the wheel."



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Poisoning Prevention Campaign

The Scottish Borders Council and RoSPA launched the "Take Action Today" campaign on the 1st November, 2018. This campaign is based on project which ran in England and is in association with the UK Cleaning Products Industry Association. The campaign will target families with children under the age five in the Scottish Borders area.

More information can be found here: <https://www.rospa.com/media-centre/press-office/press-releases/detail/?id=1601>

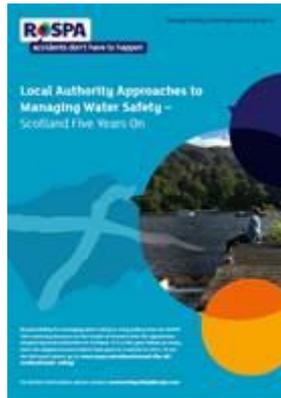
Local Authority Approaches To Managing Water Safety

RoSPA Scotland recently completed research into local authority approaches to managing water safety. This was a five year follow on study from the original research that took place in 2013.

The main findings of the study are:

- Scotland's local authorities rank water safety as an important or a neutral issue in respect to other demands
- Leadership of water safety is very mixed. Just under half of the respondents note that there is a person or department responsible for water safety
- Approximately 40 per cent of authorities have a water safety policy
- Water safety is afforded some awareness within the local community. However, many of the local authorities had not run a campaign and only half provide information to key groups
- Local authorities cite a lack of resources as their main barrier to water safety
- Just over half of Scotland's local authorities are aware of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy.

To read the summary report or full report and to see our recommendations, please visit: <https://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/water-safety/>



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Remote and Rural Community Safety

Safety NET-works, [September 2018 newsletter](#) had a focus on Remote and Rural Community Safety and a '60 seconds ...' interview with CPG member **Frank Creighton**, Oifigear Poileasaidh, Seirbheisean Coimhearsnachd agus Sòisealachd (**Social and Community Services Policy Officer**) |Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. (**Western Isles Council**)
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Appendix Two
(insert secretary's report)

Appendix Three
(insert Headlines newsletter)