

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in  
the THE LECTURE ROOM, OBAN COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, SOROBA ROAD, OBAN  
on WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (Chair)  
Stephen Doogan, Area Governance Officer  
Jane Gillies, Area Governance Assistant  
Chief Inspector Brian Auld, Strathclyde Police  
Inspector Julie McLeish, Strathclyde Police  
Kenny Devine, Marine & Coastal Agency  
Carol Keeley, Civil Contingencies  
Iain MacKinnon, Environmental Protection Officer  
David Price, Association of Community Councils  
Paul Connelly, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue  
Callum Robertson, Assistant Operations Manager - Roads

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

June Graham, Road Safety  
Martin Gorringer, Marine & Airports Manager

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 were agreed as a correct record

**3. WATER SAFETY - LOCH AWE FATAL ACCIDENT INQUIRY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Iain MacKinnon tabled (a) a report by the water safety sub-group – Loch Awe Initiative; (b) Loch Awe Safety Code of Practice; and (c) an extract from the fatal accident inquiry report into the deaths of four men on Loch Awe in March 2009.

Arising from discussion on this, Carol Keeley agreed to arrange an emergency planning table top exercise around April / May 2012, a date to be advised.

Also arising from this report, Iain was tasked with costing an avalanche finder and investigating whether this would work in water.

It was agreed that the Code of Practice be promoted as this would be preferable to introducing new by-laws at this time.

Jolyon Gritten, Access Manager, to be contacted re exit points around the loch linking to paths.

LAIA will enforce proper use of permits on the loch.

David Price updated the forum on the Loch Awe Watch Scheme, advising that over 50 volunteers had been trained and the scheme has been tested. A safety company has been formed to undertake financial ownership. LAIA bodies have all donated to the funds, and marker buoys have been bought and placed around the loch. An open day was held and safety posters have been placed in strategic points. Gael Force Marine supply lifejackets to the safety company which they then sell at cost price, thereby improving safety.

Minutes of the Loch Awe Safety Company AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 were tabled.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their updates and requested a bi-annual update be submitted to the Forum

#### **4. WINTER MAINTENANCE - ROADS**

Callum Robertson provided a power point presentation on the Council's winter roads maintenance programme. He informed the Forum on new and better equipment purchased in readiness for the winter weather. He also advised that the weather forecast is available on the Council website.

The contract with emergency services involves working with Emergency Planning, blue light services and Education.

It was noted there are 2 separate contracts – Trunk roads and Council, with Trunk Roads contract being out to tender at present.

Salt is available to members of the public who may call at depots and fill a reasonable sized bag for gritting around their property.

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#### **5. PARTNER UPDATES**

Police update:

- § Winter Safety: Highlighted the need to be vigilant and be wary of bogus traders in the area at this time of year, indicating that any concerns should be directed to Trading Standards.
- § Violence and disorder: Officer specially trained in crime prosecution, which will assist local businesses.
- § Architectural liaison – work with developers regarding safety.
- § Two new posts:
  1. Domestic abuse officer – also looks at early intervention on young offenders.
  2. Dedicated support officer for businesses, working with commercial enterprises
- § In response to a question about recent diesel spills on roads the Forum were advised that police will attend if available, or will pass to relevant agency.

Strathclyde Fire & Rescue:

- § Paul Connelly, Area Commander, advised that he has community safety funding available. [verina.litster@strathclydefire.org](mailto:verina.litster@strathclydefire.org) is the contact for information or applications.

#### **6. AMBULANCE SERVICE VERBAL REPORT**

No representative present

#### **7. STRATHCLYDE FIRE & RESCUE QUARTERLY INCIDENT REPORTS - OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES**

Noted.

**8. AOB**

Fireworks: A further fireworks display to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011, supplied free of charge by the operating company Pyro1.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Oban Community Fire Station, Soroba Road, Oban