

ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 13 OCTOBER 2003 at 2.00 pm

Present:- Mr Michael Young – Deputy Chairman.
 Insp Mark Harman – Bocking Road Policing; PS Ashley Seymour – Saffron Walden Police; Mrs V Harris, Mrs R Hutchinson, Mrs R Johnson and Mrs L Bunting – Uttlesford District Council.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W F Bowker and Malcolm Richardson.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2003 were approved as a correct record by the Deputy Chairman, subject to the following amendments made to item 5, Performance Monitoring (i) Police Update:

First sentence should be changed to read “Insp Harman reported that the current figures showed an *increase* in serious injury crashes” not decrease.

Last two sentences should read “Insp Harman also referred to an *initiative*, currently taking place at Cressing school, regarding road safety. He suggested that a similar technique could be used in this District” and delete the rest of the sentence.

3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING – CSAT OBJECTIVES

(a) Delegated Budget

Rose Johnson reported that a proportion from this budget would be used to pay for the motorcycle death rate signs initiative which was nearing a conclusion. Suggestions for using the remaining amount of this budget were requested, apart from the Stop Watch drama/plays for schools.

(b) Road Accident Figures

Insp Mark Harmon reported on road accident figures and said that there had only been a 1% increase in the killed and serious category and a rise of 5% in overall collisions. There had been an increase in the figures for Saffron Walden for the current year but last year’s figures had been considered good. In Great Dunmow there had been a reduction of 25% this year and on motorway accidents there had been an increase. There had been two road deaths since the last meeting.

Michael Young asked a question regarding the junction at Sparrows End. In the absence of Paul Hardy, Rose Johnson answered that it was out to consultation. A question was also asked about the roundabout at the junction with Peaslands Road and Thaxted Road. Insp Harmon answered that

although there had been some near misses there had not been any accidents to report.

Rachel Hutchinson – to contact Paul Hardy

4 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING – ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

(a) Share the Road Campaign

Rose Johnson reported on this campaign which was being organised to cover most districts. The campaign had been covered in the local press with photographs either showing horse riders or the official poster. It highlighted the dangers of all road users and the need to be considerate to one another.

(b) Motorcycle Death Rate Initiative

Rose Johnson reported that a total of 42 orders had now been received for the signs which were to be positioned on private ground and maintained by various parish councils. The signs would display the “Kill your speed” phrase along with the number of motorcyclists killed in the last year.

(c) Crucial Crew Event

Rachel Hutchinson reported that the recent Crucial Crew event had been one of the best. Every school except one had attended with a total of 961 pupils. Feedback from teachers and pupils had been very good. A pre event questionnaire had been issued to schools for analysis, which would be followed up by a post event questionnaire.

(d) Motorwise Project

Rose Johnson reported that the event had been a fantastic week. 433 students had attended in mixed groups, a group of 40 Austrian students and a group of youth offenders. Rose went on to give details of the event. She said the Saffron Walden County High School had not attended again although their head of sixth form had to make a decision on next year’s attendance. .

(e) Interactive Road Safety Event – Great Easton Primary School

Rose Johnson had contacted the headteacher at Great Easton Primary School regarding this road safety initiative. The initiative would be 2½ - 3 hours in length and was planned for next Spring.

(f) Stop Watch Theatre Company

It was reported that the Stop Watch Theatre Company would be in the District with their production over the next two weeks. They would be at Saffron Walden County High School next Monday, Stansted Mountfitchet on Tuesday and Newport the following Tuesday.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Cycle Lights Check

Rachel Hutchinson referred to an initiative carried out during November 2002 for checking the cycle lights on the cycles of newspaper deliverers. Parents and newsagents would be contacted and Ashley would report back to see if the project could run again this year.

(ii) Drink Drive Campaign

Rose Johnson reported that this year's campaign would be held at Tesco, Great Dunmow on 5 December and at Tesco, Saffron Walden on 12 December.

(iii) Responsible Rider Campaign

It was suggested that this campaign be added to the next agenda.

(iv) Congratulations

Rose Johnson had passed her Advanced Motorists test. The Group expressed their congratulations.

(v) Action List

- 1 Suggestions for budget spend. - All
- 2 Invite Paul Hardy to next meeting. – R Hutchinson
- 3 Accident figures for cyclists – Insp Harman
- 4 Check with Headteacher at Great Easton regarding the initiative at the school – R Johnson
- 5 Cyclist lighting – update
- 6 Update on drink drive campaign

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next CSAT meeting would be held on 11 November and next cycle of meetings would set then.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm.