

LONDON ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 in Committee Room 4 at the Guildhall, City of London Corporation.

Present:

Vice Presidents: Wendy Brice Thompson.

LB Barking and Dagenham	Cllr M Saleem
LB Barnet	Sharada Osman
LB Bexley	Cllr V Clark, Cllr N Betts, Mark Bunting (Dep. Press Officer)
LB Brent	Debbie Huckle (Secretary)
RB Greenwich	Cllr D Scott-McDonald
LB Haringey	Cllr M White
LB Harrow	Cllr J Miles, Cllr A Patel
LB Havering	Elaine Keeler
LB Hillingdon	Cllr Teji Barnes (Chair of Council), Lisa Mayo
LB Hounslow	Cllr M Collins
LB Lewisham	Cllr J Paschoud, Liz Brooker MBE
LB Merton	Cllr D Holden
LB Newham	Assia Karim
LB Redbridge	Danni Sewell
LB Southwark	Cllr C Smith, Cllr R Livingstone, Gareth Tuffery
LB Tower Hamlets	Cllr D Edgar, Donovan Thomas
LB Waltham Forest	Cllr G Walker, Gemma Hearsum
City of London	Alderman Alison Gowman
City of Westminster	Carla Leowe

Non-Local Authority Representatives: Nick Lloyd (RoSPA), Chelsea Harrison (LFB), Shameen Highfield JP, Ian Evans (CAPT), Peter Fletcher (TfL), James Parker (LRSC Executive Officer).

Guests: Dr Sarah O'Toole (UCL); Sue Douglas (LFB).

2956 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2957 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

President: Professor Nicola Christie; Vice Presidents: Barbara Cronin, Eamon Doran, Chris King, Christine Fitzgerald and Liz Knight.

Authority Representatives:

LB Bromley	Elaine Beadle
LB Camden	Cllr A Harrison, Steve Hands
LB Croydon	Cllr R Canning, Michelle Gayle
LB Ealing	Nicky Batkin
LB Hackney	Cllr J Burke, Max Moorcroft
LB Haringey	Dilek Sabri, Halema Uddin
LB Havering	Cllr R Benham
LB Hounslow	Fatima Ahmed
RB Kensington and Chelsea	Cllr J Thalassites
LB Lambeth	Joe Lindsay
LB Tower Hamlets	Cllr K Perry
City of London	Rory McMullan
City of Westminster	Cllr T Mitchell

Non-Local Authority Representatives: Neil Worth (GEM Motoring Assist), David G Davies (PACTS), Simon Bradbury (TfL), Graham Curtis (Co-opted).

There were no declarations of interest.

2958 PRESENTATIONS

- a) Dr Sarah O'Toole of UCL gave a presentation on work that she and Professor Christie have undertaken into the value of parents working collaboratively with their children in road safety education lessons. Her report highlighted that in 2019, half of primary school aged children received no road safety education at all. In discussion afterwards it was asked whether TfL had plans to restore the Children's Traffic Club, since the report highlights the value of such resources. Peter Fletcher advised that TfL is currently developing a new pre-school education resource to be launched in March. Lisa Mayo spoke of a popular borough resource developed in Hillingdon that she would be happy to share with colleagues. See Sarah's presentation on our website.
- b) Chelsea Harrison of the London Fire Brigade spoke of the work that she and her colleague Sue Douglas undertake in the field of community safety, namely water, road and water safety. A particular focus is the Biker Down sessions and the Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) programme which is fully booked until the end of March. Chelsea mentioned that future TfL funding beyond this date has yet to be confirmed. Cllrs Walker and Collins spoke of the value of SDSA. Liz Brooker advised that Liz Box of the RAC Foundation is researching into the longer-term behavioural change benefits of this programme. Peter Fletcher confirmed that an announcement on whether TfL will continue to fund this initiative will be made in due course. Chelsea stated the LFB remains committed to the scheme. Chelsea went on to speak of the Older Drivers Forum trialled in the Autumn and how it would be repeated at different venues in the Spring and Autumn. Alderman Gowman asked if individual stations would be organising their own events, and Chelsea confirmed that community events are being organised.
- c) James Parker spoke about the successful social media films that Council had delivered on behalf of 14 member authorities in the Autumn. Aimed at highlighting the dangers of road users being distracted by their phone screens, the three commercials had been viewed by over 1.5 million people and had resulted in 15k clicks onto the LRSC website and a further 500 followers on our Facebook page. Cllr Holden said he was delighted that Merton Council had been a part of this campaign which had created great interest amongst his colleagues on the Council and within the borough. James said the three films can now be shared by any Council (links below) and that it was intended that in the Summer the LRSC would co-ordinate a second wave of advertising using these films. See James' presentation on our website.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsMWbpENTBY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh4x6-uke9A>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZtRkL1TWnE>

The presentations can be found at this link:

<http://londonroadsafetycouncil.org.uk/members/meetings-and-minutes/> Password - LRSC1917

2959 MINUTES OF THE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 16/10/19

- a) The Minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.
- b) There were no matters arising.

2960 MINUTES AND REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 16/10/19 AND 8/1/20

Alderman Alison Gowman presented a report from the Executive Committee. Arising thereout:-

- a) The President had spoken of areas of work she wished to undertake to support the objectives of Council. This included a writing a vision statement for the next couple of years; giving members the opportunity to participate in her research into road safety and the gig economy, commissioned by the DfT, and delivering CPD sessions for the membership.
- b) The President had agreed to refer the issue of crash test dummies to PACTS and the European Transport Safety Council.
- c) Plans to hold a significant annual conference at the Guildhall in July are being progressed.

2961 REPORT FROM TfL

Peter Fletcher reported the following:

- a) BikeSafe vouchers – Boroughs will be refunded on any unused stock by the end of the financial year and new vouchers will be available for purchase for the future. It was mentioned that many boroughs relied on this scheme as a way of promoting rider safety and it was unhelpful that no sessions are currently available. Donovan Thomas spoke of additional powered two-wheeler initiatives offered in Tower Hamlets, these included discounted CBT courses as well as bus-back advertising.

- b) Casualty data can be found on the TfL website. It shows that in 2019 there were 130 fatalities compared to 118 in 2018. Already in 2020 there had been 6 fatalities. Factsheets based on 2018 data are now available for boroughs along with Vision Zero targets. Lily Matson from TfL is offering to meet with boroughs to discuss plans for Vision Zero. The Chair of Council said that we hoped to organise two sessions for members on data analysis and we are in dialogue with TfL on this matter.
- c) TfL is planning a cultural campaign about Vision Zero, as they want to get the philosophy into the public's mindset. A Vision Zero week will be held on 15th June.
- d) The lower speed limit programme is being launched in March 2020. It will embrace all TfL roads in five central London boroughs. RSOs will receive a toolkit and there will be a Watch Your Speed campaign. Average speed cameras will be recalibrated in phase one of this programme. Phase two is being looked at and 150 locations are being considered. Engagement and consultation will follow.
- e) Cllr Paschoud asked when the ULEZ and lower speed limits will be extended to the North and South Circular roads and would the impact on boundary streets be considered. He hoped for dialogue with TfL.
- f) Cllr Val Clark spoke of the impact of the gig economy deliveries in her borough, with unregistered vehicles and unregistered employees. Peter said it was not just a TfL responsibility but that discussions were taking place internally. He suggested it was also a Police matter.
- g) Members asked for advice on the use of e-scooters, and Peter confirmed that their use on the public highway is illegal and that TfL is meeting with the DfT on matters of urban mobility. TfL is also speaking to European cities on how we should define a position on e-scooters. Liz Brooker said it was important that TfL gives safety advice now to e-scooter users as it is during the first three times of use that the users is most likely to crash.
- h) Cllr Livingstone said that Southwark welcomes the expansion of the Congestion Charging Zone and it also would welcome being a part of the 20mph scheme.

2962 REPORT FROM ROSPA

Nick Lloyd presented the report. Arising thereout:

- a) RoSPA has carried out a study into Joint Strategic Needs Assessments to see what opportunities were presented. The findings will be shared at the Spring conference.
- b) A number of factsheets are available on the RoSPA website including one on the choosing and safe use of mobility scooters.
- c) A part-finished resource on child car seats is available on the RoSPA YouTube channel. Advice for parents on extended rearward facing car seats has been produced.
- d) The website now carries advice for motorcycle leisure riders on how to take corners.
- e) RoSPA is looking for good examples of employers in the gig economy to feature in a series of factsheets they are producing.
- f) Following the E-valu-it training held with the LRSC a course has been arranged for officers at Ealing Council, spaces are available for others.
- g) Destination Driver is a resource aimed at older drivers – Dominic Thomas asked if it covers advice to the children and grandchildren of older drivers who felt a concern about the performance of an elderly relative, Nick confirmed that it does.

2963 ROAD SAFETY MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

- a) Debbie Huckle reported on a RSGB conference in Telford at which she had presented on the Angry AI videos. Hackney Council had presented on their School Streets initiative.
- b) The next RSGB conference is in Harrogate on 10/11 November.
- c) The RoSPA national conference is on 19 March at Pall Mall.

2964 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

2965 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) James advised members he would be in touch in the next couple of weeks to invite participation in the MAST casualty data courses. Cllr Scott-McDonald recounted how useful this training had been when she attended it last year.
- b) The LRSC is to invite boroughs to participate in a new social media campaign addressing Be Safe Be Seen, to be launched in Autumn 2020.

2966 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting was closed at 3.18pm. The Chair reminded members that the next Quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 29th April 2020 at 1.30pm.