

DUMFRIES GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 29 May 2006 at Dalston House Hotel

Present: Alan Jones (AJ), Graham McColm (GMcC), Helen Cameron (HC), Andrew Bird (AB), Russell Wears (RW), Scott Anderson (SA), Nicol Milne (NM), John Donaldson (JD), Christine Donaldson (CD), Alan Graham (AG), Anne Lind (ACL),

Apologies: Charlie Allman, Tommy Jardine

AJ welcomed John and Christine Donaldson, and Nicol Milne to the Committee

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting approved.
Gift for auditor approved.

2. 13 May 2006 – IAM 50th Anniversary Prestige Event, held at the Station Hotel, Dumfries *Outcomes and Actions from the event*

Invitation to give a short presentation to a full meeting of Dumfries and Galloway Council. Alistair Speedie will set up presentation to Council Committee – fallen by wayside at the present but will leave on back burner for the present. However an e-mail had been received from Mr Speedie saying that he had enjoyed the day.

AJ brought to the Committee's attention articles by Alistair Ferguson (press release) and Russell Brown (press release).

AJ has written to Russell Brown to ask him to encourage the Scottish Transport Minister to use his/her influence with insurance companies for an incentive on insurance premiums for young drivers who undergo additional training.

Jamie Wood has agreed to add a tag to the end of his advertisement on West Sound. Chief Supt Mike McCormick/Sgt Ian Fraser will steer young people to the Group via vehicle rectification scheme.

AJ has also written to MSP Alex Fergusson, to explore with the Driving Standards Agency what 'skill pack' new drivers receive when passing their test, to urge them to pursue advanced driving.

Key locations to be used to provide information on the IAM (leaflets). HC informed the meeting that the unit should be coming soon in time for the first show (Dumfries Transport Show).

Stage a mock crash vehicle on the Whitesands – GMcC thought that Chief Supt McCormick would be quite interested. Dumfries and Galloway Council would need to be contacted/involved. RW suggested this event should be a three-way exercise involving Fire Service, Police and DGGAMM. Dumfries and Galloway Council to be contacted first and then run it by the rest of the Services.

So far there had been 80-90 responses expressing an interest for the assisted 'Skill for Life' Scheme. Mini Hibernian Evening Courses would be held on the following evenings – Thursday 15, Monday 26 and Wednesday 28 June 2006, at the Dalston Hotel. AJ informed the meeting that Sgt Fraser of Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary will pay for the venue and contribute on the night.

AJ has written to Alasdair Morgan and Alex Ferguson in an effort to increase publicity for DGGAMM in the west of the region.

AJ informed the meeting that GW has produced a brilliant DVD of the 13th May event

Action: SA will contact David Mundell and Elaine Murray to see if they wish a demonstration drive/ride

Action: SA will set up a meeting with Ryan Finland and Nicola Forsyth

Action: SA to contact Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Press

Action: AB to contact Sgt Ian Frazer/Chief Supt McCormick, D&G Constabulary

Action: AB to contact D&G Council, Dave Allen

Action: GMcC to contact DA Autoparts, Richard Stewart

Action: GW to make 40 copies of the DVD for the Committee and Observers, guests on 13th May event

AJ informed the meeting that he had received a letter from West Sound, inviting him to attend a broadcast with Jack McConnell, for a question and answer session. AJ is to prepare 2 questions and he asked the meeting for suggestions. Greg Goldie and Steve Shipley also to attend. Discussion followed regarding what questions could be asked

Action: All to think of questions and e-mail AJ with their suggestions.

3. **Skill for Life** - Discussion took place regarding how the group is going to tackle the Skill for Life programme and the 80-90 people who have written in requesting they be nominated to take part in the free programme.

Process: Invitations to Mini Hibernian Course

Allocate Observers

60 Free Places (8 motorcyclists, 42 motorists and the other 10 motorists free places provided by Richard Stewart)

The first 50 who have applied will be chosen first (suggested by GMcC and agreed by AJ). GMcC suggested that 3 places could be used for free draws at the Shows that DGGAMM's will be attending. AJ suggested 1 prize for each of the Shows which would be provided in addition to the 60 free places and the places should be for young people who have not already applied.

Action: AJ will e-mail AB, Motorcycle Co-ordinator, with names of young people who have been successful in being chosen for a free Skill for Life programme.

4. **Shows** – The first show is on Sunday 18 June (Dumfries Transport Show), followed by Dumfries and Lockerbie Show at Park Farm on 5 August, with the Moffat Show at the end of August.

Action: GMcC to contact Jim Hunter regarding MDU

Action: GMcC to e-mail group members to ask for help

5. AJ asked the meeting to start thinking about our next 12 months plan based on our Strategy document.

Action: Everyone to think about actions/targets for the next 12 months plan, for next Committee meeting

6. **AOB**

HC asked if we could set dates for our next Committee meetings however only the next one agreed.

AG brought to the Committee's attention that the rent for the room at the Dalston Hotel has gone up to £20.00 for each meeting. Teas/coffees now priced at £1.00, with an extra 25p added on if biscuits are required.

AB surrendered his post of Newsletter Co-ordinator. CD volunteered.

Action: ACL/HC – next agenda to include Committee Posts and Syllabus for next year

7. **Date and time of the first committee meeting**

Thursday 6 July 2006 at 7.30 pm, Dalston Hotel