

***Dumfries and Galloway Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists  
Committee Members Attending Thursday 11 January 2007***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
President	Tommy Jardine	√	
Group Chair	Alan Jones	√	
Vice Chair	Graeme McColm		√
Secretary	Helen Cameron	√	
Treasurer	Allan Graham		√
Publicity & Events	Scott Anderson	√	
Publicity & Events	Russell Wears	√	
Minute Secretary	Anne Lind		√
Associate coordinator	Peter Dodds	√	
Motorcycle Coordinator	Andrew Bird	√	
News Distribution	Christine Donaldson		√
Committee	Charlie Allman		
Committee	Nicol Milne		
Committee	John Donaldson		√
Committee	Alan Dalrymple	√	

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### Committee Meeting 11/1/07

#### 1) Apologies

- a) See attached sheet

#### 2) Matters Arising

- a) Kingdom of Fife group have been sent 100 DVDs, **AG** to invoice Eric Smith of KoF for £225.
- b) AJ has complained to Steve Shepley about our 100<sup>th</sup> member not being reported in IAM magazine. SS agreed but out of his hands.
- c) The Valley group have bought 30 T shirts but the manufacture of them is flawed, **HC** asking the manufacturer for replacements not repairs.
- d) It was noted that the Procurator Fiscal has himself signed up for the Skill for Life programme.
- e) AJ has contacted Road Safety Scotland and discovered that IAM is now represented as a result of the IAM taking over the AA Motoring Trust which had been represented already. This matter now closed. AJ has contacted the European Road Safety Charter organisation to register the group, an acknowledgement is awaited.
- f) The possible registration of observers under Disclosure Scotland was discussed but not all see the need for this. AJ pointed out that some funding agencies are asking for this as part of their application procedure. **HC** to write to Christopher Bullock to seek closure on this issue.
- g) Dumfries and Galloway Council require a report on the progress of the recent award under the Community Safety programme (£3250). **AJ** to prepare and submit. Progress to date: 21 successful associates with a further 25 under training. This matter to be C/F to next committee meeting (**AJ**). AJ has applied for a further £3250 which has been accepted as a potential award. DGC as allocated an internal sponsor who will present the application to Council members. AB suggested a modified approach to managing the funding as some associates have agreed to join the course but not appeared for training even though the fees have been paid to IAM HQ. AJ believes paying up front and then refunding the individual associate would discourage some and would prefer to take the loss rather than potentially loose associates. **HC** to write to the "defaulters".
- h) SA and AB advised that some m/c members have expressed concern about a bias towards younger members and suggest ways need to be found to encourage and support the "older" members. This question to be worked into the questionnaire yet to be distributed and the issue revisited as part of the analysis (**RW**).
- i) AG advised the committee of members who have yet to pay their subs. **AG** to advise **HC** who will write to them as a reminder.
- j) **AB** to pursue Bikesafe funding with Dave Shenton at a meeting on 11/2.

- k) Ian Howie has offered to speak to the group in more detail following his presentation to the committee. **RW** to contact IH to arrange for the March meeting.
- l) AJ pursued the principle of Safer Wheels in Nithsdale. However, TJ has an initiative (via SouthWestSound) which may supersede this, see item 5(i) of these minutes.

### 3) Headquarters Business

- a) The IAM has written to groups to advise of HQ staff changes. Dave Shenton is now Groups Support Manager. The IAM has advised that observers working with BikeSafe are not covered by the IAM insurances. AB believes that this possibly doesn't apply to BikeSafe in Scotland.
- b) A form to apply for financial assistance from HQ towards the SouthWestSound advert has been received. **HC** to complete and submit
- c) HQ has asked for group forecasts on performance so that they can formulate budgets for 07/08. **HC** to complete the form supplied. HC advised the meeting on the level of performance of the group which shows DGGAMM is the highest in Scotland in terms of pass rates. AJ asked **HC** to email Robin Mair to acknowledge this fact.

### 4) SNIGA Business

- a) A discussion took place regarding funding of SNIGA and the group's continued support. AB advised that SNIGA support the m/c forum and it was agreed therefore to continue supporting SNIGA.

### 5) Group Business

- a) 40 people attended the social evening on 28/12. It was felt the evening went well and worth repeating. AJ suggested an award to the best associate although no firm decision was made. TJ suggested holding off from presenting certificates and combining several into a repeated social evening. **HC** to organise when sufficient associates have passed their tests.
- b) No action is required following the update on associates' progress.
- c) AJ has written to the Standard regarding the £650 Project 2006 awards but still to receive a reply. HC has written to Alba foods regarding their recent offer of support but no reply yet. **HC** to follow up with Christine Donaldson. Hal McGie has sent funds as promised and minuted at the last meeting. AG has created a separate holding account for this donation.
- d) AJ has met with Crossflags who wish to enter into a closer association with the group as outlined below:
  - (i) Sponsor 30 young people
  - (ii) Major advertising initiative involving the group
  - (iii) Adverts in group newsletter
  - (iv) Offer drive checks to their customers
  - (v) IAM publicity in the showroom

- (vi) *Mini* Open day in conjunction with demonstration drives by IAM Observers
  - (vii) Other initiatives including Group inclusion in an electronic owners manual
  - (viii) Possible video clip by Allan McNish in support of the group.
  - (ix) Allan McNish to speak t the group at some future date
- e) AJ suggests that the newsletter print run be increased to 350 as a consequence of the previous item and **AJ** to negotiate the print run at the same costs.
- f) Web site hits are diminishing. AJ suggests site needs modernising. GW has obtained quote for this of around £200. This was accepted but with a remit for very close monitoring of server costs which have the potential to spiral. **GW** to organise with **AJ**. **SA** to advise GW regarding an alternative service provider.
- g) AJ advise that John Black (John Black Motors) has offered £500 to the group funds. AJ suggests that any associate over 26 could receive a discount. This was agreed subject to the money being received and the offer of discount lasting only for a fixed period of say a month on a fists come first served basis.
- h) TJ enquired about progress on arranging Direct Debit payment of subscriptions. AJ advised that support not generally forthcoming. **HC** to write to Robin Mair to seek closure from HQ.
- i) TJ advised of a SouthWestSound feature on road safety loosely based on South Ayrshire “Reckless Driving” campaign. This will involve emergency services and the IAM may have the opportunity to be involved.
- j) AJ raised the issue of the group infrastructure and any improvements needed to deliver the expanding work of the group. This was rolled forward to the next meeting and **committee members** to consider this.
- k) The recently published National Transport Strategy for Scotland was discussed and disappointment expressed at the lack of reference to road safety and advanced driving.
- l) As referred to earlier in the meeting South Ayrshire have produced a DVD called Reckless Driving Wrecks Lives. TJ presented a copy and **RW** to let DGC road safety officer view and then return to TJ. **RW** to investigate DGC following this initiative.
- m) AB suggests the IAM logo appears alongside the Mourning After Campaign with a strapline of Don't Let This Happen To You. **RW** to investigate this with Stuart Hamilton of the Safety Camera Partnership.
- 6) AOCB
- a) AB asked to be advised of dates when the mobile display unit may be required, this is to be rolled forward to the next meeting. (**AJ**)
  - b) AB advised he is organising the IAM representation at the Scottish Bike show.
  - c) HC asked for a date for the observers evening – the 6/3 was agreed.
  - d) The action plan remits were rolled forward to the next meeting. (**AJ**)

- e) It was agreed that the DVD “What its like...” to be sent out to all new enquirers. **HC** to organise.
- f) ***The Next Meeting 19 February 2007 at 7:00pm, Dalston Hotel***, note that this is a change of date from that agreed at the meeting. Also note the earlier start time.