

Members' Meeting & AGM Party Minutes

Thursday 9th July 2015: 2.30pm-4.00pm

Location: Grimond Room, Portcullis House, Westminster

1. Welcome and apologies

Jon Crockett (**JC**), PACTS Trustee and Director, welcomed attendees and gave apologies on behalf of PACTS Chair, Barry Sheerman MP who was called away unexpectedly.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last members' meeting (March 2015) and the last PACTS AGM (July 2014) were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

4. PACTS Parliamentary Officers for 2015/16

David Davies (**DD**) informed the group that at a meeting of the PACTS Parliamentary members, the following APPG Parliamentary Officers had been elected for 2015/16:

- Chair - Barry Sherman MP
- Vice-chairs - Jim Fitzpatrick MP; Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Stephen Hammond MP, Viscount Simon and Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb.

DD said thanks PACTS would be producing a longer list of "supporting parliamentarians", interested in transport safety. **[Action: PACTS]**

5. Reports of the Working Party Chairs

a. Road Environment Working Party (REWP)

Heather Ward (**HW**) outlined the topics covered by the REWP so far this year, which included driverless cars; the DfT report on the safety on rural roads; 20mph speed limits; the LANTERNS (street lighting) project. (Further details in written report.)

Q&A

Q: Has there been any research into the environmental impacts, including safety and health of 20mph speed limits?

A: There has been work done on this. In the ongoing 20mph research project there is a section discussing environmental impacts. However it is limited and mainly focuses on a literature review of national and international evidence.

b. Road User Behaviour Working Party (RUBWP)

Julian Hill (JH) gave apologies from RUBWP chair Oliver Carsten and gave an overview of RUBWP activities in his absence. The RUBWP has focused recently on drafting its Fitness to Drive report. The RUBWP has also contributed to the Transport Select Committee's *Motoring of the Future* inquiry. Future RUBWP topics have yet to be decided upon. (Further details in written report.)

c. Vehicle Design Working Party (VDWP)

JH gave apologies for VDWP chair, Richard Cuerden, and provided an overview of the VDWP's agenda this year. The VDWP has discussed: autonomous vehicles and the new safety technologies; the Euro NCAP star rating; HGV and pedestrian safety regulations; the UN decade of action and the need to improve minimum vehicle standards; Electronic Data Recorders (EDRs) and E-call systems.

The potential implications of the EU's General Review of Safety Regulations as a beneficial impact of the EU were discussed along with the opportunity to draw attention to these developments within the future EU referendum. (Further details in written report.)

d. Rail Safety Working Party (RSWP)

David Morris reported that the RSWP has focused on discussing rail safety priorities for the new Government and found that these include: level crossings, crowding and capacity, platform/train interface. Media management was also discussed and the role it could potentially play in rail safety in future and within transport accidents on the rail network. (Further details in written report.)

No questions were raised.

e. The Air Safety Group (ASG) –

DD gave apologies on behalf of ASG chair Flip Seal. The group met in Parliament on the 7th July to discuss drones and the potential safety and privacy impacts. Previous discussions included cabin air quality, overloading of overhead luggage and pilot fatigue and regulation of flying hours.

6. Executive Director's Report

DD reported that the PACTS final accounts for 2014/15 had been approved by the Trustees that day. PACTS had increased its income and achieved a small surplus.

DD had met with the new Road Safety Minister (Andrew Jones MP). A new road safety strategy seems likely later in 2015. The minister had indicated that he did not favour road safety targets and preferred "carrots" to sticks or regulation. It seems measures such as graduated driver licensing and reducing the drink-drive limit are unlikely. The next PACTS Members Meeting (5th November) will include an update from Department for Transport officials (DfT) - and possibly the Minister.

7. Election of Working Party chairs 2015/16

The existing working party chairs were re-elected unopposed for 2015/16 as follows:

- Heather Ward (REWP),
- Oliver Carsten (RUBWP),
- Richard Cuerden (VDWP)
- David Morris (RSWP).

A vacancy exists for the role of Aviation Safety Chair. PACTS will advertise the position. **[Action: PACTS]**

7. Presentations

a. Transport Safety Commission Report Recommendations- Prof Richard Allsop (RA);

RA presented the report recommendations. (See presentation).

Q: Can things be learnt from near misses on the roads (which are not currently recorded)?

A: The information that can be learnt from near misses on roads is less important relatively than in rail and aviation. It could be considered as additional information if it could be accessed by channels other than STATS19.

Q: Now that the report is complete what is being done with it?

A: It is now in the public domain. Unlike with Transport Select Committee recommendations, the Minister has no obligation to respond. RA encouraged the road safety community to use it to reinforce their own positions. PACTS and Transport Safety Commission will formally present it to the new roads safety minister. PACTS has also been discussing the report with the Office of Rail and Road.

[Mr Barry Sheerman MP (**BS**) now in the chair.]

b. The Constituency Road Safety Dashboard, Richard Owen, Road Safety Analysis Ltd;

Q: What source data was used to develop the constituency dashboard?

A: STATS19 data since 1994 and postcode data.

Q: Was the report looking at accident levels on constituency roads?

A: No, it looked at all road accidents for constituency residents. On average 50% of accidents occur in the constituency whilst 50% occurred outside the constituency borders.

The meeting recommended that MPs were contacted regarding the potential of this programme as a tool **[Action: PACTS]**

c. Road Safety since 2010, David Davies (PACTS) and Tanya Fosdick (Road Safety Analysis Ltd)

Q: Would it be possible to analyse casualties by disabilities?

A: This would require changes to STATS19.

Q: Is there a difference between casualty trends on the Strategic Road Network and local roads?

A: This had not been specially analysed but the SRN showed a 17% reduction in KSI casualties since 2005-09, a similar figure to the average for England outside London which included local roads; bigger reductions were experienced in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Attendees suggested that there was a possible connection between the report's findings and the recommendations of the Transport Safety Commission inquiry (*Transport Safety: Who is responsible?*) on the suggestion of an independent road safety organisation.

8. AOB

Rob Gifford provided an update on the Road Safety Trust, a charity supported by the 43 police forces and 43 PCCs of the UK. It will consider funding applications for research and practical interventions into road safety. The Trust will begin operating on October 2015 and would prefer to support co-funded applications. Those interested in policy of funding should contact robert@giffordpartnership.co.uk More information is available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

BS said that, after many years of service, Professor Allsop and Councillor Judith Rowley were stepping down from the PACTS Board. The Board had asked Professor Allsop to be a Special Adviser to PACTS so he would continue to assist PACTS. PACTS members thanked them and wished them all the best.

BS noted that, although PACTS is thriving and progress is being made in transport safety. However, the 2014 casualty figures show there is no room for complacency and that new opportunities with the new Government should not be wasted.

9. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 5th November 2015, 2.30pm, Grimond Room, Portcullis House (subject to change); Speaker from the Department for Transport.

Barry Sheerman closed the meeting.

Attendance

Andrew Hugill	CIHT
Andy Martin	Marmalade
Ash Dasani	3M
Barry Sheerman MP	House of Commons
Cassandra Midgley	Shell
Dan Campsall	Road Safety Analysis
David Davies	PACTS
David Morris	CIRAS
David Williams	GEM Motoring Assist
Emma Kelly	Road Safety Support
Graham Ellis	ITAI
Hugh Bladon	Alliance of British Drivers
Hunter Abbott	Alco Sense
Jan Sjorup	Road Safety Support
Jon Crockett	PACTS
Julian Hill	PACTS/Loughborough University
Kate Carpenter	CIHT/Jacobs
Leon Mannings	MAG
Lucy Amos	PACTS
Martin Spencer	Caravan Club
Nick Starling	PACTS
Richard Allsop	UCL/PACTS
Richard Hayes	IHE
Richard Owen	Road Safety Analysis
Rob Tunbridge	Consultant/PACTS
Robert Gifford (Guest)	Road Safety Trust
Robert Nichols	Transport Focus and London Travelwatch
Rosie Downes	London Cycling Campaign
Simon Rewell	Insure the Box
Tanya Fosdick	Road safety Analysis
Torrie Whittington	Office of Robert Ffello MP, House of Commons
Viscount Jan Simon	House of Lords

Apologies

Alan Charles	
Alex Stedmon	Coventry University
Barry Street	Covéa
Becky Hadley	Hadstrong
Ben Johnson	TfL
Darren Lindsay	Michelin

Gary Thomas	Lloyd Morgan
Graham Feest	AIRSO
Henry Parsons	Thames Valley Police
John Clarkson	Redspeed
John Miller	ROSCO
John Field	PACTS
Kevin Clinton	RoSPA
Kit Mitchell	
Lin Phillips	Shell
Matthew Hughes	CIHT
Michael Selfe	
Neil Greig	IAM
Nick Lyes	RAC
Oliver Carsten	Leeds University
Peter Sippitt	ITAI
Richard Cuerden	TRL
Rob Hunter	BALPA
Roy Quinney	MIRA
Saul Jeavons	Transafe
Sheila Hardy	BHS
Steve Arscott	Romex World
Steve Enright	Abellio
Stevie Muir	MCIA
Susan Elan Jones MP	House of Commons
Tim Moss	Moto Hospitality