# MINUTES OF THE RV SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017 @ 2.00pm

Beatherder

PRESENT: Adrian Harper (Chair) RVBC

Heather Coar RVBC
Eamonn Roberts RVBC
Catherine Moore RVBC
Gary Makin Police
Insp Paul Goodall Police

Paul Guinan Fire & Rescue

Liz Mason NWAS

Jamie Foxon, Ian Foxon, Linda

Krawecke, Jonathan Cracknell,

John Pratt and Nick

**ACTION** 

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Linda Boyer and Diane Rice (RVBC)

#### **BEATHERDER**

Representatives attended the meeting from the Beatherder Festival.

Jamie gave a de-brief on the 2016 festival which was a success in spite of the weather. It had been a difficult build on very wet ground. Good reviews had been received and the traffic management on A59 had worked well. Both medical incidents and crime figures had reduced from the previous year.

The Police presence on site for the first time had worked and the steel shield fencing put up at their request was quite useful although after consultation with the Police this year it would only be used in specific areas. There had been improvements to the entrance policy and in particular access for under 18s. They had worked closely with Rick Wilson, Trading Standards and Cansafe which had proved very successful.

Preparations for 2017 were under way with land improvements taking place including tracks, drainage and dredging ditches. There will be very little change to the event itself. Tickets are selling well and there is a good line up for a wide demographic taste. The same contractors will be used for staging, sound, security etc as previously. The bar operations received Platinum Standard from Rick Wilson last year. They are currently talking to The Loop about the possibility of on-site drug testing this year and will again be working with Cansafe. The timeslot for fireworks will be the same on the Saturday night but with a reduced time display of 8 minutes.

Linda K will refresh all the appendices to the Event Plan and send them through within the next 3 weeks.

Paul Guinan (F&R) will fix up a meeting and site visit.

Liz Mason (NWAS) is aware conversations have already been taking place – the same medical team will be used again.

Gary Makin will act as contact for traffic issues for the present time.

Heather Coar asked that propagation testing take place on the Thursday if possible and by no later than noon on the Friday. She commented that complaints had been received from the same people in 2016 about noise and that when tested it had been audible at their residences.

The Beatherder representatives left the meeting.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS / FEEDBACK (from January 2017 to date)

- Pure Challenge Bowland Walk a participant had complained that medical and other support was lacking at this event. Liz Mason would check.
- Clitheroe Triathlon a well organised event

#### **EVENT CALENDAR - PROGRAMMED EVENTS 2017**

All / GM

- Clitheroe Bonfire event plan had been circulated please check that acceptable and make comments to the organisers
- Beats Cancer noise complaints last year. Heather will speak.
- Royal Lancs Show contact has been made. They will be using the same traffic management company as previously. Event plans are required. ESAG are

aware of neighbourhood objections to this event.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

 Processions – the Police confirmed that following a reorganisation at LCC Ribble Valley now has different personnel responsible for the area. It is thought this will mean that all processions requiring a TPCA will have to have support from Traffic Management companies. Adrian will speak to those organisers affected.

BB to confirm AH

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the RVSAG will be held on **Thursday 20 July 2017** @ **2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Clitheroe**.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.