

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p>Michael Avril, chair of Water Safety Scotland, welcomed everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> Water Safety Scotland meeting and thanked everyone for their efforts in attending.</p> <p>MA thanked Kenny MacDermid for organising and paying for the meeting at Pinkston Watersports.</p> <p>A safety briefing was given and round table introductions were made to recognise some new faces.</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <p>Michael Avril, RNLI          George Baggley, SFRS          Gillian Barclay, Family Representative          Claire Burnett, RCPCH          Kenny MacDermid , RLSS UK          Carlene McAvoy , RoSPA          Becs Miller, RNLI          Jane Pritchard, Perth and Kinross Council          David Rossetter, Glenmore Lodge, SCA          Jayne Smith, Scottish Swimming</p>	
	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Frank Creighton, Western Isles Council          John Reid , Highlands Council          David Birrell, Volunteer          Helen Miller , N. Ayrshire Council          Liza Linton, RYA          Elizabeth Lumsden , RoSPA          Jane Campbell Morrison , AALS          Dean Cowper, Scottish Government          Jennifer Gracie, Samaritans          Roddy Macinnes , Aberdeenshire Council          Grant Murray, Scottish Water          James Allan, RYA          Iain Mackinnon, Argyll and Bute Council          Jim Flemming, Scottish Canals</p>	

2.	<p><b>Brief from the Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The highs of 2017 so far have been the work which has been put into the strategy response.</li> <li>MA brought up a recent rescue in Lerwick in which a fishing boat sank. All the fisherman were saved – thanks to their lifejackets. You can read about it <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>MA noted that at the moment, we do have a note of how many people have drowned since the beginning of 2017.</li> <li>WAID statistics for 2016 are scheduled to be released at the end of May. This is subject to the NWSF release.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Secretary Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft response to the UK drowning Prevention Strategy will be launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at the RoSPA conference in the Scottish Story Telling Centre. The programme can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>The next Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00 pm till 8.00 pm in the Scottish Parliament. It will focus on Water Safety and the draft response from Scotland to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy.</li> <li>This Year’s Child Safety Week will be from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June. The theme is “Safe Children: sharing is caring”.</li> <li>Drowning Prevention week will take place from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>To support the Strategic Assessment of Building Safer Communities Phase 2, a summary report and associated thematic papers are also due to be released.</li> </ul> <p>The full secretary report can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> from the WSS website</p>	<b>ALL</b>
4.	<p><b>Minutes from Previous Meeting Held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016</b></p> <p>A) Accuracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no amendments highlighted regarding the minutes of the Tenth meeting</li> </ul> <p>B) Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no matters arising from the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>There was no quorum at this meeting and so a vote will take place (via email) to accept the minutes.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

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	The minutes were Proposed by Michael Avril and seconded by Elizabeth Lumsden (via email).	
5.	<p><b>7 day action points</b></p> <p>MA recapped the purpose of the 7 day action points. These action points are pledges to do something to help prevent another drowning fatality. Examples include: telling people at the office about specific campaigns and tweeting about Water Safety Scotland.</p> <p>MA asked the group how they feel about the 7 day action points. He asked if everyone was comfortable to continue with the idea. No objections were made.</p> <p>MA asked all members to pass on their 7 day action points to the secretariat. The collated action points will be located <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
6.	<p><b>Claire Burnett, The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)</b> MA welcomed and introduced Claire Burnett (RCPCH).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claire thanked Water Safety Scotland for their invitation to speak about her experience in working on a UK strategy and putting it into Scottish recommendations.</li> <li>• Claire explained the background to the RCPCH which has roughly 17,000 members worldwide. You can find information on the RCPCH's vision and mission <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• The process of becoming a member was explained and discussion took place on training to become a paediatrician.</li> <li>• As the External Affairs Manager for the RCPCH in Scotland, Claire explained her role was to press for the prioritisation of child health.</li> <li>• Discussion took place in the group on child health issues such as smoking, obesity, deprivation and mental health issues.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Why Children Die</a> was produced by the RCPCH and looked into UK evidence on child mortality. Key findings included: After the age of one, injury is the most frequent cause of death; over three quarters of deaths due to injury in the age bracket of 10-18 year olds are related to traffic incidents. This report was then put into a <a href="#">Scottish</a> context in order to see what could be done to help children specifically in Scotland.</li> <li>• <a href="#">The State of Child Health</a> was also released as a UK wide document to provide a snapshot of infant, children and young people's health in the UK. <a href="#">Recommendations on the State of Child Health</a> for Scotland were also released in January 2017 to focus more specifically on</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Scotland and what could be done to improve child health. The recommendations found in this report are consistent with the rest of the UK but place the issues in a Scottish context. There were many consultations on this document including 300 children and young people. These recommendations were launched in parliament which received good press coverage and political interest. This resulted in a motion of support in the Scottish parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claire then reflected on her learning over writing these Scottish responses. Her main findings were:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The NHS needs a preventable agenda.</li> <li>2. It is not possible to legislate for everything and it is necessary to try and find unique ways of changing public attitudes.</li> <li>3. There is a genuine desire in the Scottish Parliament (cross party) to do the best thing for children and young people.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• The group then discussed how this could be taken into a Scottish context. There was discussion on data and the lack of knowledge and statistics in Scotland around drowning.</li> <li>• Discussion then took place on why Water Safety Scotland decided to write a response as opposed to a full independent strategy.</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Lunch and tour of Pinkston Watersports</b>	
8.	<p><b>Strategy</b></p> <p>MA provided a copy of the draft response to everyone in the group. He then explained that everyone should read through it first and then the group would go through the changes together page by page and CM would edit the draft document.</p> <p>MA explained that the strategy working group originally met on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 and since then lots of hard work has gone into making the response what it is now. MA extended his thanks to CM and KM for their facilitation of the strategy. MA went on to tell them group to be open and suggest changes, adaptations or complete edits.</p> <p>The group then went through the strategy page by page.</p>	

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9.	<p><b>Review of Session</b></p> <p>MA thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have offered to hold the next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June at Cambuslang.</p> <p>If anyone would like to host a future meeting, please email <a href="mailto:watersafetyscotland@rospa.com">watersafetyscotland@rospa.com</a></p>	<b>ALL</b>
10.	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> June 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future meeting dates for your diary:</li> </ul> <p>5<sup>th</sup> September 2017          5<sup>th</sup> December 2017          6<sup>th</sup> March 2018          5<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p>	<b>ALL</b>