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Item		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Michael Avril (MA), chair of Water Safety Scotland (WSS), welcomed everyone to the 17th meeting of WSS and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>A safety briefing was given and round table introductions were made.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Members Michael Avril, RNLI Kenny MacDermid, RLSS UK Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA Gillian Barclay, Family Representative Jason Burns-Sweeney, Scottish Canals David Walker, NWSF Laurence Hickin, RLSS UK, Water Safety Wales Ruth Stidson, SEPA Yvonne Beresford, West Lothian Council Ben Liversedge, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Laura Erskine, RNLI Sheena Harper, RLSS UK Ross Greenhill, HMCG Graham Dutton, Aberdeen Water Safety Group Ian Prosser, STA</p> <p>Guests/Speakers ACO David McGown, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA</p> <p>In attendance Carolyn Reid, Water Safety Scotland/RoSPA</p>	
	<p>Apologies received: Dan Price Davies, Aberdeen Water Safety Group Roddy MacInnes, Aberdeenshire Council Ian Mackinnon, Argyll and Bute Council George Rawlinson, NWSF Jane Pritchard, Perth & Kinross Council</p>	



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	<p>Roger Lockwood, RNLI Sheona Smith, RNLI Scottish Council Elinor Findlay, Scottish Government Grant Donaldson, Scottish Water Stewart Prodger, SEPA Nicola Turner, Keep Scotland Beautiful Kevin Paterson, HM Coastguard Peter Lorrain-Smith, Police Scotland/Mountain Rescue Dave Rossetter, Glenmore Lodge Helen Miller, North Ayrshire Council Colin MacDougall, Tayside Multi-Agency Suicide Review Group Jennifer Grace, Samaritans James Jopling, Samaritans</p>	
2.	<p>Steering Group Report The full Steering Group Report can be accessed here. The main points can be found below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Safety Scotland worked with the Scottish Government to help increase Water Safety Scotland and drowning prevention awareness.• It was noted that Annabelle Ewing MSP had been replaced as Minister. A letter of introduction had been sent to the new Minister and a response received.• In July, MA, as Chair of Water Safety Scotland presented to Water Safety Wales on the set up and success of Water Safety Scotland.• 2019 calendar of events in preparation. Members to supply information on events or campaigns to secretariat for inclusion.• Kenny MacDermid (KM), as Vice Chair, Water Safety Scotland, attended the CPG on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism on the 25/9/18.• KM will leave his role at RLSS UK at the beginning of November 2018<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ MA took the opportunity to thank KM for all the valuable work he had done in the past to help develop WSS and wished him well in his new role.• GDPR – MA read out a statement on GDPR and asked anyone with any questions on the topic to speak to himself or Carlene McAvoy (CM) at the meeting.	ALL
3.	<p>Minutes from Previous Meeting held on 5th June 2018 The Minutes can be accessed here</p> <p>A) Accuracy</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no amendments to the previous Minutes. <p>B) Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising from the meeting. <p>The Minutes were proposed by Ross Greenhill (RG) and seconded by Ben Liversedge (BL)</p>	
4.	<p>Action Points</p> <p>The June actions list is available on the website here</p> <p>MA noted two outstanding actions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to the research papers on cognitive benefits around school swimming. MA agreed to make follow-up telephone call. MCA review on Water Safety – update to be given at this meeting. 	<p>MA</p> <p>DW</p>
5. (taken as second item on agenda)	<p>The Cross Party Group (CPG) on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness</p> <p>Elizabeth Lumsden (EL) outlined the background to the CPG which was formed in 2013. There are currently 160 members with attendance of 40-50 members at each of the quarterly meetings. Each meeting has a theme with four speakers with presentations being uploaded to the RoSPA website. Minutes from the current parliamentary session are held on the Scottish Government website with an archive held by RoSPA. Success of the Group has been largely due to the drive and enthusiasm of Clare Adamson MSP. Membership is across a wide cross section of organisations and has been successful in raising awareness on Accident Prevention and Safety. Next meeting to be held on 14/11/18 and if WSS members wish to join and take the opportunity to make useful partnerships, they should in the first instance contact EL elumsden@rospa.com</p> <p>SH noted there had been a fascinating presentation at the Group on sprinkler systems and EL responded to MA's question on liquitabs with an outline of the campaign and the cost/benefit evaluation.</p> <p>MA thanked EL for the support of the CPG and acknowledged the wide range of information available through the Group and encouraged WSS members to attend.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
6. (taken as first item on agenda)	<p>Building Safer Communities Update, SFRS</p> <p>ACO David McGown (DM), Scottish Fire & Rescue Service gave an overview of the BSC programme and its future focus. A strategic assessment had highlighted the main areas of concern/demand as being areas of deprivation, under 5s, over 60s and falls. It had resulted in a summary document and five thematic reports. There were four</p>	



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	<p>objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a better understanding of strategic and policy landscape in Scotland • Identify examples of good practice e.g. hub tool • Data and information sharing • Communication and engagement. <p>Water, road and occupational areas are collegiate but there are other areas where a lot of work needs done to work better together and stop duplication.</p> <p>There was group discussion and DM concluded on the importance of identifying people with a common goal to work together and that he would hold up WSS as a good example of this.</p>	
7.	<p>Suicide Prevention Subgroup Update</p> <p>MA reported on the second meeting of this subgroup which had taken place on 2/8/18 and which had included an interesting presentation from Colin MacDougall, SPAP. Minutes had not been accepted yet but would be posted on website within next few weeks.</p>	MA
8.	<p>Education Subgroup Update</p> <p>KM reported on the subgroup meeting, the first to take place since the strategy launch. He thanked Graham and his team who presented on the schools campaign. Work had started to scope strategy standard with questions posed around messaging. Sport Aberdeen taking this forward. The Group will continue following departure of KM with Sheena Harper (SH) taking on the interim role on behalf of RLSS to ensure no disruption of service.</p>	SH
9.	<p>Data Subgroup Update</p> <p>CM reported that the subgroup had met on 22/6/18 and 12/9/18 to discuss strategy objectives. The subgroup will meet three times per annum prior to main WSS meetings. Next meeting 22/1/19. All minutes published on WSS website. The subgroup was considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of WAID – a letter went to all Chief Executives • Working to sign up different organisations to WAID • Case study comparison – England v. Scotland • The cost of a drowning fatality – CM welcomed any ideas from members and DW suggested finding an economist to do a quick piece of work • Hospital admission data (on the back of the round table meeting in June) 	CM
10.	<p>NWSF Update</p> <p>Dave Walker (DW) updated the meeting on four areas:</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Review <p>NWSF is an advisory committee to RoSPA Board. A continuous improvement workshop had been held the previous week working towards a plan which will take approximately eight months to formalise. Output will be a clearer network to deliver strategy. Impacts on WSS will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR will be redrafted/refocused • A clearer membership framework <p>Next steps – a meeting to be held in December to consider TOR and communications</p> <p>MA noted there was a large actions list associated with this project but considered things would move forward for the better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAID <p>Progress is being made towards a new version of WAID. A new taxonomy has been added. There will be a new format, clean, consistent data set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camber Sands <p>DW outlined working being done by a law partner on root and branch review of the regulatory framework. Work is largely complete with likely publication in the New Year. Final report will be owned by MCA. RG noted that the Coastguard have been leading this, but are not responsible for it and that the situation is more complex in England than Scotland. Further that a wholesale change in law will be required to take it forward.</p> <p>MA noted in terms of WSS there will be an interim report, action plan and call for evidence. It would provide a good opportunity for WSS if managed correctly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Guide of Water Safety for Local Authorities was discussed. This should be available in the next few months. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Organisation/member Updates</p> <p>RoSPA/CM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Local Authority Approaches to Managing Water Safety, updated from 2013, due to be released in next few weeks. • BSC exercise – interviews completed. Next stage to be online survey in next month or so. WSS members encouraged to participate. • Injury Pyramid can be viewed online here <p>Families/GB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB is contacted as a spokesperson but has no formal status. Views given are therefore personal which can be uncomfortable. It would be good to have a formal body to represent families and have a voice on all forums. <p>Scottish Canals/JB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to push visitor risk assessment approach 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop at Falkirk Wheel last month focused on water playparks. PlayScotland attended and gave a presentation.• Have snippet videos on website and will be revisiting over next six months to make seasonal. <p>NWSF/DW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing Safety at Water Sites will launch next month. A critical document that sets collective view of reasonable risk. DW will provide link• RoSPA launching National Accident Prevention Strategy (NAPS) on 11/10/18 which pulls together Home, Road and Water networks in ARCEM• Outlined Public Health England and set out challenges• RoSPA Awards – leisure awards refocused to include managing issues for public e.g. falls <p>Water Safety Wales/LH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOR have been reviewed and organisation will now move forward, following what WSS have been doing over last few years• Working on getting wider involvement <p>RLSS/KM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked everyone, including those around the table, who supported Drowning Prevention Week. Campaign reached over one million people. Next campaign will be Don't Drink and Drown. WSS members urged to share. <p>SEPA/RS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcomed opportunity to attend meeting. SEPA deal in water quality in terms of human health. Do not deal with water safety but there is an open door if there are ways to assist in putting out messages. RS had earlier noted that Scottish Government hold list of people responsible for areas of open water. <p>West Lothian Council/YB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WLC had a Summer Safe campaign. Autumn will be Winter Ready campaign.• Outlined community safety assessment draft. Fire Service are leading. Getting data is a current issue. First draft expected November. <p>SFRS/BL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have 19 local areas. Have worked together with RNLI, RLSS, Police, Ambulance• There have been 89 water incidents and 18 fatalities• Circulating Don't Drink and Drown information via pubs• Using good practice examples to share around areas• Will collect calendar information <p>RNLI/LE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LE reported on Scottish Festival which had produced 280 sign-ups.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They have an address list of 35,000 young people• Would appreciate members sharing new RNLI resources when published in April <p>RLSS UK/SH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SH reiterated information supplied by KM <p>HMCG/RG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RG reported on a busy summer with more incidents this year than last but looks like drowning figures slightly down.• Community Safety trial project recently launched with teams in Ardrossan, Ayr and Leven. Working with RNLI to deliver information and messages in a consistent manner• Launched Autumn campaign 'Storm Watching' a month early• Will be supporting Don't Drink and Drown• Working across Scotland at a number of training events with SFRS. Positive joint working has resulted in more educational events. <p>AWSG/GD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had hoped to copy Fife school assemblies project work but postponed and will revisit next year.• Considering paddleboards safety education video. Liaising with local surf shops. RNLI also looking at this topic.• Beach front signs – final installation date and press launch date to be confirmed• Working on water safety policy for Aberdeen before it becomes mandatory. Have invited Aberdeenshire Council to join until they have their own organisation. Next meeting will be held at Aberdeenshire Council's HQ <p>STA/IP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing with water safety messages through Learn to Swim programme• Starting to target certain groups e.g. Scouts, hopefully leading to their badge scheme• Encouraging swim coaches to consider the water and the people they are working with <p>WSS/CR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logos, photographs and contact details requested for website updates. <p>WSS/MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking at planning over next 2/3 months. An opportunity to liaise with members• Looking for 2 organisations to sponsor June and October meetings in 2019 – HMCG volunteered for June meeting and Scottish Canals for October.	
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12.	Social media A group photograph was taken for use on WSS Twitter account.	CM
13.	Close MA thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked the speakers and GB for hosting the meeting and lunch. The next meeting will be held 11am-3pm on 5 February 2019 and will be hosted by RNLI at their HQ in Perth.. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please contact watersafetyscotland@rospa.com	ALL