# **Road Safety Authority**

# Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker Thursday 28 July 2022

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Kim Colhoun, Director of Finance & Commercial Services
	& Board Secretary
Ms Donna Price	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support
Mr Derek Cawley	Guest Speaker – Alastair De Beer, Transport Infrastructure
	Ireland (TII)
Ms Gillian Treacy	Apologies
	Ms Ashling Cunningham
	Mr Kevin Goulding
	Mr John Cronin
	Ms Sarah Johnson

## **Board Minutes**

1	Apologies and Introductions
	The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.
2	Meeting in the Absence of the Executive
	The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.
3	Conflict of Interest Declaration
	No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.
4	Minutes of RSA Board Meeting, Decision Record and Action Tracker of the 23 June 2022

The Board asked if there will be detailed analysis from the motorcyclist fatalities once it is published on the RSA website. RSA have increased media buy in for motorcyclist campaigns. AGS with RSA support will extend Bikesafe pilot training with motorcyclist to the end of year.



It was noted RSA needs to use the driving test to influence young drivers to be mindful of motorcyclists. Hazard Perception testing is an action in the Government Road Safety Strategy and will review if this can include motorcyclists.

The minutes were approved subject to these amendments.

#### 5 Chairperson's Report

Fatalities figures have increased at 42% to last year. Mid-summer appeal in Donegal was to highlight the increase of people on the roads and the increase in the fatalities. Minister announced increase in monetary fines.

Message to be sent to the Minister that the new fines need to include all road users and not just motorists.

Minister is to consider penalty points which will take time due to primary legislation needed. Increase in penalty points will be a bigger deterrent.

Assistant Commissioner announced operational order from Thursday to Wednesday with increased enforcement in targeted areas. Assistant Commissioner also announced 61 new Go Safety camera zones with 250 more to follow.

Board members welcomed the interventions, but road safety needs more enforcement and increased penalty points. This could include targeted campaigns in each location where laws are being broken i.e., a county with an issue not wearing seatbelts.

Rural roads have 70% of fatalities but need support with rural TDs on plan to highlight the high fatalities numbers. RSA working on a plan to include engagement and regular updates to TD's and to get their involvement in campaigns. RSA could address the All Parties Committee to address our proposals including consideration for additional penalty points.

RSA welcome Ministers discussion to bring forward the fines and to deal with penalty points at a later stage.

Need to review penalty points along with actions in RSS and legislation by Q4 2024. Minister is willing to review and brought fines increase forward by 2 years. Board agreed emergency measures need to be taken now and not in 2024 when changes in penalty points due.

RSA to make proposal to Minister to bring forward penalty points action with Government Road Safety Strategy.



# **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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CEO brought the members through the following in his report:

### Road Safety Update

The Board queried the ten-year strategy for road haulage sector. Training review of CPC will need to occur, and this will be a commitment in the strategy. Work is to commence on the review shortly.

RSA working with DOT on regulations of escooters to restrict speed and weight. The Road Traffic Bill will commence when Oireachtas is back in session in September. DOT estimate late October/early November for signing into law.

Fee increases options for NCT, CVRT and NDLS, on account of increased indexation, was tabled with DOT for discussions. Chair may need to write a letter to DOT on the fee increase issues as RSA will be unable to absorb the fees.

An update on the plans to recruit permanent driver testers, following DPER sanction was provided.

#### Risk Report July 2022

It was noted that Risk 4 and Risk 8 have increased, and detail was provided. The financial impact of indexation may be added for the September meeting once the funding outcome from DOT has been received.

Reviewed and approved by Board.

#### 7 Contract Modification NDLS back office and card production

Ms Colhoun presented the board paper.

The Board approved for these contracts to be extended by which will allow time for all the services to be an amalgamated under a new contract.

#### 8 Update on Ministerial Committee meeting and RSTP Board meeting

The Board raised the importance of all RSS stakeholders devising a communication plan with the public on the Strategy so that all the messaging is not coming from RSA.



	Results Conference to be held annually in January to ensure stakeholders are also involved and given their own updates. Board suggested this be merged with the Road Safety Conference, if possible, executive to review and update the Board.
	The Board asked if the mid-term review could be annual on this Strategy to include all the groups involved including NGOs. Select stakeholders could be involved in the event which could align to the Results Conference in a more public forum.
9	Report of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting of the 21st July 2022
	The Board noted the report.
10	Road Safety Briefing: Alastair De Beer, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
	Alastair De Beer, TII, joined the meeting and provided a Road Safety Briefing to the Board, which was followed by a Q&A session.
	The Board asked if there is public engagement and communications on the engineering solutions to road safety. TII agreed to speak with their communication department and RSA on communication plans to highlight the good work being done.
	The Chairperson thanked Alastair for his input and he left the meeting.
11	Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business
	In-person meetings are the preference for the rest of the meetings this year.
	October Board Meeting will be held in Ballina on 27 October 2022
	Agreed for communication to reach out to Board Members on paperless options for Board Meetings and get members preference.
12	Date of Next Board Meeting
	The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 29 September 2022
Signe	d:
_	Chairperson

Date: