

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

November 2016 Compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 31st October and 4th November 2016 there were reports received of youths setting off fireworks in the Killearn village. More of an annoyance factor than anything malicious.

On 4th November 2016 a report was received of a noisy party at Oak Place, Killearn. Occupier made aware and there was no other issues.

In the early hours of 5th November 2016 there was a report of persons fighting in Balfron Road, Killearn. Police attended and spoke to a large group of persons. No persons were fighting on Police attendance and group were monitored till they dispersed.

Theft

No reports of theft have been reported since the last meeting.

A report was received of a suspicious male collecting for charity in Lampson Lane, Killearn. Officers attended, traced male who was a bona fide charity collector. These reports are always welcomed and we encourage residents to phone the Police should they suspect any suspicious activity.

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Road Safety

On 28th October 2016 a 2 vehicle RTC occurred on the A875 between Killearn and Balfron. One male was found to have been drink driving and the subject of a report to the PF.

Speed checks have been carried out in the Killearn area and drivers caught speeding. These checks will be continuing.

Drivers have been caught cutting the mini roundabout at the top of Drumbeg Loan. Drivers have been advised against this practice by Police and one fixed penalty ticket issued. We're aware that it's a tight roundabout however drivers must take the roundabout in the proper manner.

Local officers continue to carry out routine patrols in the area in an attempt to deter travelling criminals.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PCs Ray Murphy and Steven Graham are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the police office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Both officers have access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact. **This email address should not be used to report crimes or ongoing incidents. Such incidents should be reported by calling 101 or 999, or to police officers directly.**

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Other Incidents / Activity of note

Air Weapons Surrender Scheme

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes fully into effect on 31 December 2016. The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to hold them legally.

It will be an offence not to have a certificate for these purposes from 31 December 2016, unless you are exempt, but you are now able to apply to Police Scotland for a certificate.

The new Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act will:

- Clearly define the air weapons which will be subject to licensing
- Broadly follow the principles and practises of existing firearms legislations
- Enable a fit person to obtain a licence to own, possess and shoot an air weapon in a regulated way without compromising public safety
- Ensure appropriate enforcement of the new regime with robust offences and penalties to deal with any person who contravenes the regime

Unwanted air weapons can still be handed into designated police offices. Your local designated police office is Balfron.

Further information can be found at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/airweapons/>

Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey - Your View Counts

The Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey was launched on Thursday, 7th April 2016. In previous years, the survey was paper-based and involved community officers delivering and collating the surveys from members of the local community. This year, the survey has been placed online.

The survey allows local communities to provide feedback to Police Scotland in relation to a variety of topics, including the views of local people and what they feel local policing priorities should be in their communities.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and everyone is encouraged to participate in it.

The survey and further information can be found at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts .

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Police Message of Local Residents

At 2am on Sunday 30th October the clocks went back an hour to mark the end of British Summer time. This also marks the start of the darker nights which can make it easier for thieves to target your property if they can see that nobody is home. We need your help to make it make it harder for the thieves so please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don't give the thieves the tools to break into your house.
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.
- create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at www.immobilise.com
- If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.

If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Raymond Murphy or PC Steven Graham who will be happy to assist

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Issues raised

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