

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

December 2016 – January 2017 Compiled by PC Raymond Murphy

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 13th January 2017, police stopped a vehicle on the A875, Killearn, during a routine road check. The driver was found to allegedly be in possession of Cannabis.

In recent weeks, concerns have been raised about large numbers of youths loitering around in the grounds of Killearn Primary School in the evenings, and eggs being thrown at windows of residential properties in nearby streets. Local officers will carry out proactive patrols in the area and take action where necessary.

Road Safety

On 14th December 2016, two men were stopped by police whilst riding a motorcycle on the A875, Killearn. They were both charged with alleged road traffic offences and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 19th December 2016, police stopped a vehicle on Balfron Road, Killearn. The driver was found to allegedly have no motor insurance and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 23rd December 2016, a two vehicle road traffic collision occurred on Balfron Road, Killearn. No injuries were sustained.

Theft

In the early hours of 29th December 2016, a commercial premises was broken into on Balfron Road, Killearn. A quantity of alcohol was stolen from within. Police enquiry resulted in one man being arrested in connection with the theft and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been no further reports of any thefts in the Killearn area over the reporting period.

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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.

Social Media

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision

www.facebook.com/policescotland

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol

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Other Incidents / Activity of note

Scams

In recent months, members of the public have fallen victim of various types of scams. These have varied and have consisted of telephone calls, letters and pop-up messages on computer screens. Some of them have purported to be from banks, law enforcement agencies or government agencies, and have made requests for money to be paid to avoid the recipient being arrested or fined. Many of these scams have requested payment in the form of various vouchers or gift cards that can be purchased in most shops.

Please be vigilant if you experience any kind of contact from organisations asking for payment of this kind. No government or law enforcement agency will ask for payment of fines or debts in the form of such vouchers or gift cards. If you are in doubt, contact the organisation using the telephone number found on official documentation, in a phone book or via a directory enquiries service for advice.

Air Weapons

Important information regarding air weapon applications

From 31 December 2016, it will be an offence to use, possess, purchase or acquire an air weapon in Scotland, without holding an air weapon certificate, though if you are an existing firearm or shotgun certificate holder after this date, you will still be able to use and possess air weapons, until your firearm or shotgun certificate expires.

The deadline for air weapon applications being processed before the new laws are introduced on 31 December 2016, have now passed, and in line with legislation for the application process, (Section 4 of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016, it is anticipated that all applications for an air weapon certificate, which were received by Police Scotland after 31 October 2016, will not be processed or granted until 2017, which is after the new legislation takes effect.

Please be advised that any person who has applied for an air weapon certificate after 31 October 2016, which has not been granted by 31 December 2016, will be committing an offence unless one of the following measures are taken, while awaiting the new certificate and authorisation being granted.

1. Store your air weapon with someone who has an Air Weapon Certificate.
2. Store your air weapon with someone who has a current Firearm or Shotgun Certificate.
3. Store your air weapon with a Registered Firearms Dealer.

If your air weapon application was submitted after 31 October 2016, you are advised to make one of these alternative arrangements at your earliest opportunity and before 31 December 2016.

Should you not wish to keep your air weapon you can continue to hand it in to the police for surrender and destruction.

Should you have any query in respect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Air Weapons Licensing Team on 01786 896130 or e-mail at AirWeaponandLicensingProject@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

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Issues raised

Community Council Feedback

I have also sent the following to David McN in response to an email about egg throwing (perhaps they are practising for a new competition in the school sports?)

As you probably know, there is very limited parking at the distillery for those wishing to climb Dumgoyne etc. People then park on the road, more often than not on the pavement. This can become problematic, particularly on nice weekends and public holidays. Between Christmas and New Year there were several beautiful days and on one of these at least there was a very long line of parked cars, almost to the junction with the A875. The concern raised related to safety in general and, more particularly, to those opening car doors against oncoming, fast traffic. We realise that there is probably little you can do, but we thought you should be aware. I will copy this into my report back to Raymond.