



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

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Community Council:

Lauder Community Council__

Date of meeting: 10th of April 2017

Foreword:

Police report for March 2017 prepared by PC 5955 Michael Norrie.

This report is based on the Leaderdale and Melrose Multi Ward Policing Plan.

Operation RAC

Anti housebreaking initiative continues to be a focus with regards to crime prevention. Residents should remain vigilant over security to prevent opportunist thieves.

Safer Internet Day

Police Scotland is supporting efforts towards a safer internet. For more information on being safe on the internet visit our [Keep Secure Online section](#) where you'll find information on safe internet browsing, social media, internet dating, phishing and internet shopping. "We can all take steps to maintain our online security, including: using strong passwords with a combination of characters and numbers; changing passwords regularly; maintaining good personal security online by keeping personal information - such as address details, date of birth, financial information - private and only using trusted, secure sites to make financial transactions; and reporting any suspicious activity to Internet Service Providers. "It is also very important to ensure anti-virus software and operating systems are kept up-to-date.

Policing 2026

Policing in Scotland has a long and successful record of adapting to the changing demands and needs of people and communities. We are now setting out for consultation our proposed 10 year strategy, developed collaboratively by the SPA and Police Scotland, to ensure that scottish policing remains fit for the future. Policing has undergone major change in recent years with the transition to a single service. However, Scotland's communities continue to diversify and grow, and the needs of people in society are changing. Demands on policing are growing as the world around us changes at rapid pace. In order to meet the evolving needs of all Scotland's communities we must also continue to change. Our draft strategy sets out why we must change, what will change and how we will make the change happen. Why We Are Consulting The strategy is a draft version. We are seeking your views and input to help us shape the final publication. We want to meaningfully involve our communities in the future delivery of policing service. To access the Consolation 2026 draft please use the following



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link:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/strategic-planning/>

Or to have your say:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/>

Policing Survey 2016 – 2017 Results

The results of the latest phase of the Your View Counts survey which helps determine the policing priorities of communities throughout Scotland have been published. The survey has been live for nine months and has been completed by almost 19,000 people who live across Scotland.

Local priorities were identified as:

- Anti-Social behaviour and disorder
- Homes being broken into
- Drug dealing / misuse
- Violent crime
- Child abuse including child sexual exploitation.

National priorities were identified as:

- Counter terrorism / national security
- Violent crime
- Serious organised crime
- Drug dealing / misuse
- Child abuse including child sexual exploitation.

Hate Crime Awareness Week (27/03/2017 – 03/04/2017)

With over 300 Third Party Reporting Sites across the country, hate crime is a priority for Police Scotland and the campaign seeks to reinforce the message that prejudice based on sexual orientation, transgender identity, disability, racial or religious lines will not be tolerated. As victims don't always think a crime has been committed or thinking that ignoring the issue will make it go away, hate crime has become a widely unreported problem in Scotland. The campaign aims to provide a greater understanding to the public about what constitutes hate crime and how it can be reported. Hate crime is defined as a crime perceived as being motivated by malice or ill will towards a particular social group on the basis of their actual or presumed sexual orientation, transgender identity, disability, race or religion. Individuals who think targeting people who are different to them is acceptable behaviour are being forced to think again. Police Scotland is working with partner organisations to end such activity and bring perpetrators to justice. Report Hate Crime to Police Scotland or [click here](#) to find information on reporting to other supporting agencies.



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Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

- You highlighted parking as a problem locally, the following was recorded regarding parking issues during the month of March 2017.

There has been one report of indiscriminate parking on West High Street during the month of March 2017. Further patrols will continue to be carried out and any vehicles reported or seen parked illegally will be dealt with robustly.

Speeding/Road Traffic

- Speeding is an issue that concerns you particularly in built up areas

Speed checks will continue to be carried out within the Borders at specific areas where there has been concern regarding excessive speed and highlighted accident hot spots. There have been no incidents of excessive speed highlighted in the month of March 2017.

Rural thefts

- Thefts from houses and farms particularly in more remote locations concerns you

There have been no recorded incidents of theft by housebreaking from commercial dwellings during the month of March 2017. However residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information.

In addition to the incidents listed above relating to the ward priorities the following incidents are also of note –

- 01/03 – Fail to stop vehicle accident, Cranston Rd, Lauder.
- 02/03 – Male charged with a mobile phone offence, East High St, Lauder.
- 02/03 – Single vehicle accident A697, Lauder.
- 07/03 – Single vehicle accident, Stow Rd, Lauder.
- 26/03 – Vandalism to motor vehicle, The Orchard, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
- 29/03 – Males selling fish, South Gardens, Lauder, enquires ongoing.
- 29/03 – Males offering to tarmac driveway, Market Square, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
- 30/03 – Fence damaged, Old School Place, Lauder, enquires ongoing.

Residents are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland. If possible ensure that your property and vehicles are securely locked and that all valuable equipment is out of sight!

Update from incident on the 29/01/2017 - Hare coursing on the Tollishill Estate, Lauder. The two males involved have appeared at court and pled guilty, a £600 fine and restrictions regarding their liberty have been imposed.



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Police responded to 30 calls during the month of March 2017, these vary from, anti social incidents, minor disturbances and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from meeting:

Please e-mail any feedback to
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