



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

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Community Council:

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Date of meeting: 9th of January 2017

Foreword:

Police report for December 2016 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.

Your View Counts Survey

The main national issue of concern to people across Scotland is the threat of terrorism, followed by violent crime, according to the first results from [Police Scotland's new online survey, 'Your View Counts'](#). The survey has now been live for three months and was completed by more than 10,000 people between 7th April until 30th June 2016. Analysis of the results, which are published on the Police Scotland website and are broken down by division, show that the main issue of concern at a local level is split between anti-social behaviour, housebreakings and drug dealing or misuse.

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.



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- Store your air weapon with someone who has an Air Weapon Certificate.
- Store your air weapon with someone who has a current Firearm or Shotgun Certificate.
- 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.

Festive campaign reminds motorists 'best approach is none

Drivers in Scotland are being reminded that 'the best approach is none' as the Scottish Government and Road Safety Scotland (part of Transport Scotland) launches its festive drink drive awareness campaign.

Last year, 12 months after the lower drink drive limit was introduced – one in 35 drivers stopped during the festive season were over the legal limit compared with one in 50 motorists drink driving over the same period in previous year. With Christmas parties in full swing, drivers are being urged to remember the drink drive limit and not take risks over the festive season. The chances of being caught are higher than ever. More than 20,000 drivers are stopped by police every month. This awareness campaign supports Police Scotland's enforcement campaign, which will see even more patrols on Scotland's roads from Friday 2 December.

Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

- You highlighted parking as a problem locally, the following was recorded regarding parking issues during the month of December 2016.

There have been reports of indiscriminate parking on East and West High Street during the month of December. A large number of vehicles have been issued with advisory notices. A further letter drop to all residents is planned in 2017 that will explain offences in relation to parking. Any vehicles that flout or ignore this advice and are clearly causing an obstruction will be issued with a fixed penalty ticket. Further patrols will continue to be carried out and any vehicles reported or seen parked illegally will be dealt with robustly.



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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 December 2016.

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 December. 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 –

- 13/12 – A68 Lauder, 3-car vehicle accident involving cattle on road, enquiries ongoing.
- 18/12 – Millburn Park, Lauder, report of a assault, enquiries ongoing.
- 20/12 – Old School Place, Lauder report of suspect males at door, enquiries ongoing.
- 24/12 – A697, two-car vehicle accident, no injuries, enquiries ongoing.
- 28/12 – A68 Lauder, vehicle seized, no insurance, enquiries 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!

Police responded to 32 calls during the month of December 2016, 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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