



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

Name of
Community Council:

Lauder Community Council

Date of meeting : 12th of September 2016

Foreword:

Police report for August 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.

Air Weapon Legislation

With effect from 1 July 2016, new legislation came into effect for air weapons. Any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon will be required to have a certificate to legally hold them. Because this is a new process, the public have been given time to achieve the certification and no one will commit an offence of possessing an air weapon without the relevant authority or certification up until 1 January 2017. Since the amnesty ended 11,569 weapons have been surrendered nationally.

Your View Counts - Police Scotland launches new public survey

Your view counts and is valued – that's the message behind Police Scotland's new online public survey which takes just 15 minutes to complete and will help shape policing priorities throughout the country. Results of the survey which has been ongoing for the last three months will be published on the Police Scotland website.

The three blue light services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) have launched a public information campaign to highlight the impact alcohol misuse has on our front line services.

Police officers, paramedics and firefighters have been punched, threatened and spat on as they stand on the front line at times of emergency. But now – for the first time ever – the three blue light services have united with one strong and unequivocal voice to demand it ends. A new staff survey reveals 999 workers report that alcohol misuse is a contributory factor in around half of incidents. Fully one in three have been subjected to physical abuse while attending an incident as a result of alcohol misuse and two thirds have experienced verbal abuse. "On many occasions, it delays police officers, firefighters and paramedics from getting to members of the public who really do need our protection and help." A recent survey



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conducted by each of the services reveals a depressing picture. Fully a third of blue-light workers reported that they had been subjected to physical abuse while attending an alcohol-related incident within the previous four weeks, while two thirds said they had experienced verbal abuse. Roughly half of all incidents that 999 workers attended in the previous four weeks were alcohol related and almost two thirds of emergency personnel had faced difficulties in securing urgent information because of victims or callers being intoxicated. Anonymous responses to the surveys depict the sad reality facing those on the frontline. Police officers, ambulance personnel and firefighters all reported delays in getting potentially vital information as a result of someone being drunk.

Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

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

There have been no reports of indiscriminate parking in the month of August. Mobile and cycle patrols will continue to be carried out. Any vehicles reported or seen parked illegally will be dealt with accordingly.

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 August 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 August. Unfortunately there have been a number of recent thefts from motor vehicles in the Earlston area. Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Ensure vehicles and property are secured and no valuables are left on display.

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 –

02/08 – A68 report of dangerous driving, enquiries ongoing.



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03/08 – Lauder Fancy dress parade, no issues, one vehicle issued with an ASBO warning
06/08 – Lauder Common Riding, male detained (drunk and disorderly).
06/08 – Male reporting assault outside Black Bull, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
07/08 – Female assaulted, enquiries ongoing, The Orchard, Lauder.
07/08 – Vehicle accident, caravan overturned, A68 South of Lauder.
07/08 – Vehicle vandalised, Manse Rd, Lauder enquiries ongoing.
11/08 – Vehicle accident, near to Lauder Golf Club, enquiries ongoing.
12/08 – Report of noisy vehicles, West High St, drivers to be warned.
13/08 – Male charged no insurance, vehicle seized, A68 Lauder.
14/08 – Female charged no insurance, vehicle seized, A68 Lauder.
21/08 – Hit and run vehicle accident, The Orchard, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
26/08 – Male arrested on warrant, Calfward park, Lauder.
29/08 – Male arrested for a breach of the Peace, Maitland Rd, Lauder

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 46 calls during the month of August 2016, these vary from, anti social incidents, assault, minor disturbances, theft and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from
meeting:

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