

Community Council Meeting Updates

Our focus..... Your priorities

INTRODUCTION

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the **Eaglesham & Waterfoot Community Council** area for the 5 week period **1st October to 7th November 2017**. A list of these priorities is provided at the end of this report for your reference.

This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent.

This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader.

INFORMATION

1. Assault & Violent Crime

One serious assault was reported during the period under review which occurred on 7th October, within an address in Hill Drive, Eaglesham. Three males aged 16 and 21 years respectively were arrested and charged on the same day and a total of three males have now appeared in court in relation to the incident.

2. Drug Dealing & Drug Use

One drugs offence has been recorded. On the 19th October, a 25 year old male driver was stopped by officers carrying out pro-active patrols in your area and was subsequently found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis.

3. Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

During the five week period under review there has been one incident of public disorder in Craighlaw Avenue, Eaglesham. Police attended and a group of youths were dispersed.

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

There have been no housebreakings in your community council area during the period under review.

Overnight on the 12th into 13th October a car was broken in to on Bonnyton Drive, Eaglesham, and property stolen from within. There were no witnesses to this crime. During the day on the 29th October a vehicle was broken in to at the visitor centre car park at Whitelee Windfarm. Again there were no witnesses.

We remind vehicle owners not to leave property in full view within their vehicles when left unattended.

NEWS

You will hopefully recall the “Your View Counts” survey that was launched in 2016 by Police Scotland. The first year results of this survey were published previously and are being used to inform the local policing plan for East Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Council’s Local Improvement Plan.

The published results for 2016-17 can be found here

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/307421/355352/368284/your-view-counts-national-survey-2016?view=Standard>

This survey was opened again in August 2017, and we would ask Community Councils to encourage all local residents in their respective areas to access and complete the survey. This applies to people who have completed the survey previously, or for the first time.

The online survey can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXH85XJ>

CRIME PREVENTION

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

A number of our officers in East Renfrewshire are now fully trained and registered to create and post Neighbourhood Alerts in partnership with the rapidly developing Neighbourhood Watch Scotland organisation.

This system compliments other social media applications that we use (Facebook, Twitter etc.) to provide real time, “live” alerts and information targeted to your specific locality.

The following is an abstract from information that Neighbourhood Watch Scotland has provided:

The Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches became **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland** in 2011, a registered Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO). NWS aim is to promote Neighbourhood Watch and support Neighbourhood Watch members throughout Scotland and thus help people in Scotland work together to keep their communities safe. Throughout the years many changes which have taken place within Community Safety at a National and Local level but Neighbourhood Watch Scotland has remained a constant, key organisation and continues to develop and grow.

There is now a more flexible approach to NW. If a Community asset already exists there is no need to have another structure; just adopt Neighbourhood Watch and Neighbourhood Watch values into the existing structure. Now focus on Crime / Safety and Resilience issues.

Throughout 2016 Neighbourhood Watch Scotland experienced a 45% rise in membership and since Jan 17, 76 new watches have been established many being generated from Community Councils, Community Groups, Tennant / Housing Associations, New Housing Developments etc.

In this month (October 2017) alone NWS have had 1700 registrations.

Your Community Council may therefore consider registering as a Neighbourhood Watch, or alternatively, individual members may simply wish to register for community alerts.

Either way, registration and the service is free.

In general community alerts are delivered as e-mail messages, but in some circumstances, where we would be trying to circulate critical information very quickly, we have the option to send out community alerts as text messages as well. We wish therefore to encourage all Community Councils to take the time to consider this system and to promote it throughout their respective communities. Further information can be found at www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL PRIORITIES

1. Assault & Violent Crime

You told us that assault and violent crime are concerns within the local area and the impact these have had on how safe the local community feels.

2. Drug Dealing & Drug Use

You told us of your concerns about people selling drugs from their homes and from streets within your community and the associated problems of drug users.

3. Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

You told us that there were problems with public drinking, youth disorder and vandalism/graffiti.

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

You told us your concerns about housebreaking and other forms of theft, including stealing from motor vehicle.

Please remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

Twitter - @policescotland

Facebook – PoliceScotland

Web – Scotland.police.uk

101 – Non emergency

999 – Emergency

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers