

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 20 SEPTEMBER 2006

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES – COMPOSITE REPORT

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the issues arising and initiatives that have taken place by the community and voluntary groups represented on the Forum.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. It was agreed at the AGM on 7th June that community and voluntary representatives should provide the Community Safety Co-ordinator with a report prior to the Forum meeting. Returns would be collated and a composite report tabled at future meetings.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Co-ordinator would take up the issues raised with the appropriate agency and provide any response at the Forum.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. Six reports in total were received from the following representatives:

Williams Lees, Cumnock Area Local Committee

- *Afton Bakers are still burning waste at the rear of their premises in Afton Bridgend*
- *Kennels on Dalmellington Road (after Dalleagles), are still burning waste.*

Charles Lindsay, Northern Area Local Committee

- *Raised the issue of black boxes being left some distance from bin.*
- *Praised the road works that had taken place at David Dale Avenue/Lainshaw Street, but asked that the old lamp standard be removed as a new one was now in place.*

Mary Fraser, Elderly Forum

- *Pavement on Walker Avenue/Holehouse Road is sinking slightly, cracking up and could pose a danger to older people.*

Jean Smith, East Ayrshire South Against Crime

- *Report attached in Appendix 1*

Jean Smith, East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability

- *Report attached in Appendix 2.*

Jean McFarlane, East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel

- *Report attached in Appendix 3*

3.2 Steps have been taken to raise these issues with the appropriate personnel / department and the Chair will give appropriate responses at the meeting of the Forum.

1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Any costs associated with issues raised are met by budgets set by various groups.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1. The Community Safety Forum provides a platform for voluntary and community groups to raise issues of concern and raise awareness of the initiatives and projects that are currently being undertaken.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

W Stafford
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

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4th September 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. For further information please contact John Crawford, Head of Protective Services, 01563 576111 john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk
2. Implementation Officer – Ann Williams

East Ayrshire (South) Against Crime



Report to East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum September 2006

1. On Sunday 20th August, we as the Panel were in attendance at the Cumnock Highland Games. We arranged for the use of the Mobile Police Office to be there for distributing Crime Prevention literature. Two Panel members were in attendance at the event along with PC Sandy Brown.
2. Const Brown has arranged a Car Security morning at Tesco in Auchinleck on Saturday 2nd September. Tesco will allow us to distribute Car Security leaflets to their customers that day, between 10 am and 1 pm. Autoglass, have also been contacted and will be in the car park at Tesco that morning, to be on hand for advice on etching car windows, etc.
3. The AGM of the Panel is on Thursday 7th September at 7 pm at Cumnock Police Office. We hope to be able to show you a DVD entitled 'Ayrshire Division – Our Year 2005-2006,' which has been produced recently by the Ayrshire Police Division.
4. We have now completed the Travel Pass holder initiative and they are in the process of being distributed to the elderly and others in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area, with the assistance of Panel Member Jean Smith.
5. We successfully put in a bid for joint funding with our colleagues from East Ayrshire North Crime Prevention Panel to enable the Baldie Bain Theatre Company to put on a short play about Bogus Callers at this years Elderly Forum Seminar at Lochside House Hotel, New Cumnock on 27th September.

6. Our School Wordsearch Competition was completed prior to the summer break and while there were not a great number of entries those that were entered, were of a good standard. Prizes are now about to be distributed to the winners and runners up.

7. The Anti-Social Behaviour leaflets that have been produced for the Community Police Officers to distribute to the schools have been completed and these will be given out at School Assemblies to all schools in the East Ayrshire area, by members of the Community Policing unit and the councils ASBO officers. We have to thank the Community Safety Partnership for helping us with the funding for these leaflets.

8. There was a surplus of cash from the printing of the ASBO leaflets and we have asked if we would be allowed to pass on this money to the Community Police Officers in Cumnock, who are in the throws of trying to get Night League football up and running in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area.

9. As always we as a Panel, are endeavouring to encourage new members to attend. To this end PC Brown has asked us to attend at a Church Security Seminar he is arranging in Cumnock on the 27th September in Cumnock. We will have an information stall at the event so that we can try and encourage others to join our Panel. Discussions will also take place with the local press to have an article on the work of the Crime Prevention Panel, put into the local papers.

10. We also hope to have a Christmas Initiative up and running for the end of November, which we will carry out in conjunction with the Community Safety Dept at Cumnock Police Office.

Young people and alcohol

The consumption of alcohol is also a major contributor to anti-social behaviour and violence in the community. Underage drinking is just one example of such behaviour. The fact is a young person's body may be badly affected by alcohol or drugs. So why do it. Look around you and you will probably see the effects for yourself. There are various offences, concerning alcohol, that can affect you as a young person.

Crime & Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997—Confiscation of Alcohol

A constable may confiscate alcohol from a person under the age of 18 and dispose of it in such a manner as he deems appropriate. He may also confiscate alcohol from a person over 18, if he suspects that the alcohol may be given to a person under 18 and dispose of it as he sees fit.

East Ayrshire (Prohibition of the Consumption of Alcohol) Bye Laws 1997—Drinking in Public

It is an offence for anyone to buy alcohol in a public place or have an open container, containing alcohol in a public place.

Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976

A person under 18 shall not buy or attempt to buy alcohol in licensed premises nor consume alcohol in a bar.

A person shall not knowingly act for a person under 18 in the purchase of alcohol, nor shall any person knowingly buy or attempt to buy alcohol for consumption in a bar in licensed premises by a person under 18.

PRODUCED BY

East Ayrshire Crime Prevention Panels

Cumnock Community Policing and Community Safety Depts.

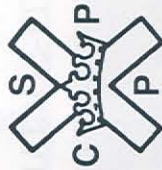
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Anti Social Behaviour

*Information
For Young People*



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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS (ASBO's)

Anti-social behaviour orders or ASBO's were introduced by the Government under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. They are designed to protect the public from anti-social behaviour and are not meant as a punishment for the offender.

WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour is classed as: "Behaviour which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not in the same household as the perpetrator."

The following are examples of anti-social behaviour.

- Abusive and threatening behaviour by large groups.
- Vandalism
- Writing graffiti—which on it's own can make even the tidiest places look a mess
- Fouling the streets with litter
- Excessive noise, particularly late at night
- Engaging in threatening behaviour in large groups
- Racial abuse
- Smoking or drinking alcohol, under age, including drunken behaviour on the streets and the rubbish it creates
- Substance misuse
- Throwing missiles
- Assault
- Vehicle crime
- Criminal acts such as theft

If an order is made against you, it may mean:

- You will be banned from committing any anti-social or criminal acts
- You may be banned from associating with certain friends/acquaintances
- You may be banned from entering defined areas in the community
- You may be banned from entering certain buildings or shopping areas
- You may be banned from leaving your home after a certain time in the evening

The maximum penalty for breaching an order is 5 years for an adult and 2 years Detention and Training Order for juveniles, 12 MONTHS OF WHICH IS CUSTODIAL.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR CONTRACTS (ABC'S)

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts or ABC's are a voluntary written contract which is made between people who are involved in anti-social behaviour and the local police or local council, whereby the perpetrator agrees not to do certain things, examples of which are listed above.

Continuation of anti-social behaviour whilst on an ABC, may lead to the application of an ASBO and/or the perpetrator being reported for criminal proceedings.

CRIMESTOPPERS

- You can call Crimestoppers at any time
- Your call is treated in confidence
- You may be liable for a reward if the information you give leads to an arrest

The number is

0800 555 111

EAST AYRSHIRE SOUTH FORUM ON DISABILITY

REPORT

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

- 1. Roads & Transportation EA, sent a variety of projects for comment on speed limits, road bumps and 20mph for the Cumnock & Doon Valley Area.**
- 2. Connected Kerr Chalmers, to advise of problems at bus stop top of Mauchline, regarding Stagecoach large bus, door does not align with tactile level ,making it had to get on and of bus, Kerr advised he will attend and make comment to Cumnock & Doon Valley Access Panel.**
- 3. Some Bus Drivers still do not bring bus in far enough at Cumnock, Kilmarnock stops making it hard for elderly and disabled to get on and of.**
- 4. We still getting comments from the Communities in the area of people parking at lower kerbs, and on pavements, making it hard for mum's with prams and disabled people in wheel chairs to get from one side of the road to other, causing other problem for disabled, taking a wheelchair on to a road.**
- 5. EASFOD/CDVAP will be putting a suggestion to council at the next Bi-Annual Meeting, on the parking on pavements.**
- 6. Jean Smith has become a Community Advisor to Strathclyde Police, and was one of the speakers at a disability event at City Halls Glasgow and spoke on the issues raised at the various groups in which I am in, and how they worked with the police.**

7. **Jean Smith has been to Castle Primary School, giving a talk on Sensory Impairment, and would like to thank Social Work Staff, for allowing her, to use equipment and for making up work books, for the class to do with their teacher.**
8. **I enjoy giving the talk and if any other primary school is interested, the only thing is getting to the place and a member of Sensory Impairment team, would be able to attend.**
9. **CDVAP attended a meeting in Saltcoats Town Hall, giving advice on How to start a n Access Panel in North Ayrshire, a member of Kilmarnock Access Panel was one of the speakers, as a new Panel, and Chairperson of South Ayrshire Panel , spoke of their work as a panel that has been going for over twenty years,**
10. *Neither Third Place, Weatherthird, could Roadot Transportation, look @ the issue of Parking etc in this area, something is needed ~~before~~ Health + Safety issue.*

Jean Smith
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APPENDIX 3

REPORT ON EAST AYRSHIRE NORTH CRIME PREVENTION PANEL RECEIVED BY MRS J McFARLANE

1. I was able to attend Darvel Gala Day on 24th June, and distribute pamphlets giving information on safety and crime prevention. The Panel Secretary Kerri Martin provided frisbies, balls and yo-yos for distribution with the Panel leaflet on phone and computer safety. The Community Police were present to reassure anyone raising a concern, the upsurge in youth disorder in the town being the most disturbing.
2. On August 19th I had a table at the East Gauchalland Gala Day. The children were delighted to receive a free ball, frisbie or yo-yo and then asked to read the Panel's leaflet on mobile phone and computer safety. The Youth Express was present proving popular with the young people. The public was entertained by the budding musicians who attend the Gauchalland Music Project. This project provides the instruments and the tuition necessary to develop musical skills.

Again the Community Police were in attendance with the greatest concern expressed about the slashing of car tyres throughout the town the Saturday previous to the Gala Day.

Congratulations to all who organised this initial fun day - I wish them well for the future events in their regeneration programme.

3. Panel Chairperson, Mairi Fulton, submitted the article for inclusion in the East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership News. The first meeting of the Panel on 21 September may be able to report a positive response to the request for new members.
4. Following the successful Schools Quiz in April the funding granted was in surplus because of the generous sponsorship. A project which met the criteria of the award was sought. It was decided to support the football competition, promoted by East Ayrshire Council and Community Safety at the Sports Centres throughout the district. As it was world cup year, a cup, winners medals, runner-up medals inscribed with the Panel's name, would be presented to the successful junior and senior team in the final play off at Muirkirk Sports Centre. Mairi Fulton and I enjoyed the final play off before presenting the cup and medals to the senior winning team - New Cumnock. The previous day the junior cup was won by New Cumnock.

Congratulations to all who participated and to their trainers providing a worthwhile diversion during the summer holidays.

5. In conjunction with East Ayrshire South C.P. Panel a funding application was successful to add support to the Elderly Forum, planned for 20 September at Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock. The Panel's contribution will be used to fund a dramatic portrayal of good safety practice by a professional groups of actors. This is an interesting and humorous way of conveying such information effectively to this age group.

6. Recently I was able to visit Dean Castle Country Park and hear of the sets for this years Danger Detectives. Although ten years have passed since I first participated in the event at Rowallan Castle the experience given to the pupils may have changed but are relevant to the present day. The important message at all times is safety.