

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir Operations Commander East Ayrshire

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Local Committee Members of Crime Figures and Police activity within their area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to provide feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

2. CRIME TRENDS

- 2.1.1 Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase in crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.
- 2.1.2 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 48 which relates to Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston, also Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna. Collectively known as the Doon Valley.
- 2.1.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 January 2005.

Beat 48 Drongan, Dalrymple and Patna

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	10	4	1	17	61	3
April 2004 – Jan 2005	5	2	1	5	96	11
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal remained at 0.						

Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs possession
April 2003- Jan 2004	0	6	2	15	88	11
April 2004 – Jan 2005	4	1	10	12	97	24
Drug 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 2 to 5.						

3. DISORDER OVERVIEW

- 3.1.1** Disorder offences, defined by the Scottish Executive as Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public, Drunk and Incapable and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place.
- 3.1.2** Disorder offences rose from 127 to 210 over the specified period.
- 3.1.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in this area is currently running at 65.2%.
- 3.1.4** The problem of underage drinking with its associated problems of anti-social behaviour and vandalism continues to be an area of concern. An increase in disorder related incidents in the Dalmellington area has resulted in action plans being put in place by Community Officers in an attempt to curb this trend.
- 3.1.5** School buses in the Drongan area have been having windows broken from both inside and out. This was causing considerable concern due to the danger to the occupants. Due to the diligence of the local community officer PC Macdonald, several persons have been reported to the Children's Reporter in relation to these incidents. For the time being the vandalism appears to have stopped.

4. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 4.1.1** The 'Up 2 U' Anti-Vandalism bus will be utilised in the near future within the villages of the Doon Valley to address issues vandalism. The bus will be manned by the local area community police officers. Hopefully by utilising this type of youth intervention the local youths may come to appreciate the destruction and upset they cause when committing acts of vandalism.

4.1.2 There have been additional high visibility and plain-clothes patrols in the Doon Valley area to combat anti-social behaviour and areas of public concern. These patrols have had an overall positive effect and will continue where exigencies of duty permit.

4.1.3 There has also been the introduction of a new community police officer for the Dalrymple area PC Laura Dinnie.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1.1 It is recommended that the Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers;
and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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