

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1.1 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

2.2.1 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.

They cover the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 January 2007.

#### Beat 48 Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005 – Jan 2006	46	5	3	2	17	18	9
April 2006 – Jan 2007	45	2	4	2	19	24	5
Since Last Committee	11	0	1	0	3	5	3

Violent crime has remained at a similar level during the reported period. 35 of these violent offences were of a minor nature and 33 were detected. Housebreakings are down overall but there is a slight increase in housebreaking to garages and garden huts. Vehicle crime shows a slight increase. Detections for drugs possession continue to show an increase due to pro-activity.

## **Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005 – Jan 2006	121	9	3	5	17	24	2
April 2006 – Jan 2007	85	7	4	8	13	26	10
Since Last Committee	7	0	1	2	0	0	0

Violent crime has continued to show a significant decrease. 78 of these offences were of a minor nature and 76 were detected. Housebreakings in relation to houses have decreased however housebreakings to garages and sheds and commercial properties have increased. Vehicle crime has also decreased during the reported period. Drug possession and supply has again shown an increase due to pro-activity.

**2.2.3** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Doon Valley area is currently running at 74%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate compared to the Force Detection Rate of 69.5%.

**2.2.4** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 focuses on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour.

### **3 OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**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 have risen from 198 to 235 offences within the designated period. This is due to targeted patrols having a positive effect with 15 Action Plans being implemented to tackle antisocial behaviour during the designated period.

**3.1.3** Vandalism fell from 176 to 170 within the designated period and Community Police Officers will continue to address this type of offence through pro-active patrols and education of youths.

- 3.1.4** Additional work to target Antisocial Behavior is being carried out by our community officers in schools and youth clubs in the area. These inputs encourage good citizenship and positive behaviour while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.
- 3.1.5** The Antisocial Behaviour Team and local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO Mediation Service to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means. This has resulted in 2 ABCs and 1 UBN being issued.
- 3.1.6** There have been 4 Parent Alert letters sent out in the Doon Valley area as a result of contact cards being submitted by operational and community officers.

#### **4 AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION**

- 4.1.1 Drongan** – Youths causing annoyance is still being addressed by local officers with action plans being put in place. Increased high profile cycle patrols during the evenings by Community Officers will work towards resolving this issue.
- 4.1.2 Dalmellington/Patna** – Underage drinking and associated disorder continues to cause problems in the Dalmellington / Bellsbank area which is being addressed at present by targeting the areas frequented by the youths along with high profile visits to all off-sales premises. The increase in ‘Boy Racers’ frequenting Dalmellington in particular will also be a focus of attention in the coming weeks as will incidents of wheelie bin fires in Patna.
- 4.1.3 Dalrymple** –The reported incidents of disorder are continuing to drop in the area which is very positive. The work of our partner agencies in building up the youth club and introducing other diversity activities, in conjunction with the 18 Local Authority Parental Letters of Concern advising of youths who have come to the attention of the Local Authority, have had a large part to play in this reduction. Underage drinking and purchase of alcohol by young people are being addressed by an action plan covering the whole Doon Valley area, where success is already apparent.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1** 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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