

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 7th November 2006 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
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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 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock, which relates to Onthank, Altonhill, Wardneuk, Longpark and Knockinlaw, also Beat 36 New Farm Loch and The Dean.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April to 30 September 2005/2006.

Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock

| | Crimes of Violence | House breaking to homes | House breaking to garages and sheds | House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc. | Vehicle crime | Drugs Possession and Supply | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | Possession | Supply |
| April 2005-Sept 2005 | 128 | 46 | 13 | 14 | 87 | 69 | 2 |
| April 2006 – Sept 2006 | 142 | 44 | 19 | 7 | 41 | 66 | 1 |

- 2.1.3 Crimes of violence are showing an increase this reporting period with HB's to homes and commercial premises down. Vehicle crime is down and there are only slight changes to the drugs figures. House breakings to garages and sheds are showing an increase.

Beat 36 New Farm Loch

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| April 2005-Sept 2005 | 77 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 36 | 39 | 27 |
| April 2006 – Sept 2006 | 89 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 39 | 30 |

2.1.4 Crimes of violence show an increase this reporting period. Housebreakings show an overall increase, with HB's to homes being the most prevalent. Vehicle related crime has decreased. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success detecting drug related crimes, particularly, supply of drugs.

2.1.5 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock North area is currently running at 67% average.

2.1.6 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Child Protection and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the year will impact positively on the above figures.

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 rose from 323 to 475 within the designated period.

3.1.3 Vandalism has decreased slightly from 349 to 343 within the designated period.

3.1.4 There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, 10 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 12 Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in place in the North Area. Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Atrium Homes to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

3.1.5 Wardens continue to work closely with the Community Officers providing valuable intelligence, particularly with regards to suspected drug dealing.

4 PROACTIVITY

4.1.1 Northwest

In the Northwest Kilmarnock the issues relating to anti social behaviour in Tourhill Road and Ardgour Place have decreased. Police attention in the area continues and a number of people have been arrested and reported for various disorder related offences. The police have had a meeting with two local residents to discuss the issues and implement further plans. Some youth disorder has also been evident in the area surrounding Tesco store in Glasgow Road. Police action there has led five individuals being reported for offences including Breach of the Peace and Street Drinking.

4.1.2 New Farm Loch

In New Farm Loch community officer, Ian Hilderley has been giving attention to Russell Court and Fraser Walk. Community officer Euan Mitchell takes up his duty on 16 October to replace Lynn Burns.

4.1.3 From Friday 13 October 2006 the custody area of Kilmarnock Police Office will be closed for refurbishment. Custody facilities elsewhere across Ayrshire are being used to detain prisoners during the refurbishment. This will have no adverse effect on policing in the area, which continues as normal.”

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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