

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 18TH MAY 2023, AT HOLIDAY INN

Community Council		
Name	Position	Present
Mervyn Barr	Chair	✓
Malcolm Collie	Member	✓
Heather Cook	Member	✗
Donald Davidson	Member	✓
David Dent	Associate Member	✓
Becky Ferguson	Vice-Chair	✓ (via Zoom)
Audrey Findlay	Member	✓
Ben Horsburgh	Associate Member	✗
Kate Lumsden	Member	✗
Elaine Manley	Member	✓
Rachid Meghezzi	Member	✓
William Munro	Vice-Chair	✓
Gordon Prentice	Treasurer	✓
Diane Priestley	Member	✓
David Ritchie	Secretary	✓
Ken Stewart	Member	✗
Tim Yeomans	Member	✓ (via Zoom)
Cllr Iris Walker	Ward 13 Councillor	✗
Cllr Ron McKail	Ward 13 Councillor	✗
Cllr Craig Miller	Ward 13 Councillor	✗
Cllr Fatima Joji	Ward 13 Councillor	✗

Members of Public:

At hotel- Jillian Paterson, Christine Houston, Heather Wood, Louis Backwell & Frank ? from Hill of Fare group

On Zoom- Freda Imrie

1	<u>Welcome and opening remarks</u> Mervyn welcomed all, particularly the members of the public. Permission was given for meeting to be recorded. Meeting date had been changed from 11 th to 18 th due to most of the office bearers not available on 11 th .
2	<u>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u> Apologies received from Heather Cook, Kate Lumsden, Cllrs Walker, McKail, Miller & Joji
3	<u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 13th April 2023</u> Minutes were approved, with no changes. Proposed Elaine, seconded Gordon
4	<u>Shopping Centre Update- Centre Manager Ben Horsburgh –</u> Ben not present. Car park exit road (and on to A944) pot holes are getting bad. Gordon will take photo of the A944 section and report that to the Council
5	<u>Hill of Fare Information Group (Louis Backwell)</u> Louis introduced himself. He provided details of the project proposed by Renewable Energy Solutions (RES) to build a windfarm of 16 large turbines on the Hill of Fare near Banchory. His presentation is below

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Hill of fare windfarm proposal -Know the Issues

What is happening?

- RES and Dunecht estate proposing 16 turbines 180-200m tall. Will nearly double the height of the hill and be visible for miles from over 20 Community Council areas.
- Battery storage area and substation.
- To create it will need - access roads, cranes, blasting, peat removal and an export route (planning application after)
- 50 years plus lifetime

Is it needed – the environmental challenge?

- We need renewable energy
- Scotland's onshore generation targets for 2030 are already on track by projects being built or approved.
- Onshore project congestion, network capability, constraint payments.
- Offshore – comparable costs and more efficient, brownfield onshore?
- National Planning Framework 4 - anywhere except National Parks and Special Landscape Areas (SLA) but only if impacts are mitigated.

Issues

- Loss of local democracy – we no say. Aberdeenshire Council and Community Councils are consultees **not** decision makers
- Visual impact – too large for the surrounding populated landscape
- Biodiversity loss – once it's gone it's gone.
- Pollution of water– microplastic shedding – estimated 62kg loss including bisphenol A.
- Water supply – 120-150 homes depend on private water supply – under Scottish law there is no recourse if supplies are damaged or polluted
- River Dee and valley is an SLA (Special Landscape Area).
- Boundary is Raemoir road – approach to the Cairngorms NP.
- Noise – ETSU-R-97 the planning standard is out of date (developed in 1997 when onshore turbines were <50m) and written by the industry including RES – UK government plus devolved nations-funded study recommends major changes in particular on Amplitude Modulation (wump/thump sound) - the UK is the only country with a night-time noise limit higher than the daytime. The standard is recognized as inadequate by the Scottish Government, who have stated that they will continue to adhere to the out of date standard until UK Government responds and updates guidance.
- Shadow flicker
- Loss of dark night sky due to aviation hazard lights.

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- History – Battle of Corrichie the most important
- Blade failure
- Ice throw
- Abnormal load transportation – local roads are B and C class
- Decommissioning – who will be around to pay for it?
- Wind Farm spread – if successful, opens the door to more in the area

What can you do?

Find out more/sign petition :

- www.hilloffare-windfarm.co.uk RES website
- www.hilloffare.org HoFWIG – local action group

Queries from the floor:-

Who gives permission? - Permission would be granted by the Scottish Gov. Energy Consent Unit. Aberdeenshire Council are only consultees. There is a stage-gate process with the ECU. RES have to demonstrate that they can mitigate against the objections that are raised, e.g. they have reduced the turbines proposed heights.

Any benefits to the local economy?- the norm is to give £5000 per megawatt, which would equate to £610,000, based on what the windfarm is capable of producing, but would likely only be 25% efficient. The monies would go to Community Councils to spend on local projects.

Any leisure provisions? - Not likely, it is more likely to have a negative impact on things like walking & cycling tracks. Willie suggested talking to RES about what they could provide.

Environmental Impact Assessment, when is that done? - a draft one has been done, a fuller one will be done this year.

In summary, Louis is of view that offshore windfarms are better, less impact on communities.

If we wish to try to stop the project we should speak to councilors, get more info, object. There is a petition,

Mervyn thanked Louis & Frank for their interesting and informative presentation.

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Matters Arising/ Actions Update

1. **File Share Options** (Malcolm) – All set up and will start to be used properly after the new community council is in place in June
2. **Larg/Broadstraik Park** (Malcolm) – little youth annoyance at the park, and amount of litter has reduced. Got potential source of fruit trees, also for an outdoor gym via the Participatory Budget fund.
3. **Academy Outreach-** Elaine advised they had a good meeting recently with Head Teacher recently. A few offers of help to speak to pupils about their careers came from the Spring Bulletin article. Re the CAP, Academy are happy for us to talk to the Focus groups that exist (by age). Re the litter on playing fields, we may be able to let the school Eco groups borrow our equipment to collect the litter
4. **Litter Picking-**
Ken organised a litter pick on 13th May.

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The Storage box for litter pick equipment will be installed against the pavilion wall soon.
Phil Wilkie has offered to take on the co-ordinator role and is speaking to Raymond Swaffield.
David advised that PBS Offshore contacted him today about doing a litter pick and asking for suggestions as to where to do it. Gordon suggested Peregrine Road area

5. **Wi-Fi at hotel-** Acknowledged that the lap-top being 10 years old is a likely cause of the frequent lost connections we have experienced. Mervyn proposed we buy a new one. Before doing that we should check if the iPad would be suitable. Malcolm and David will meet up before next meeting to test it.
6. **Community Mapping Scotland tool.** We can get this free for first year so recommended that we apply for it. David will do this. It should help us determine who owns pieces of land in Westhill e.g. the secret garden at Tesco

7 **Asylum Seeker Hotel**

No asylum seekers here yet due to the contract with hotel only being finalised now. 20 ASs should be arriving next week, then 20 each week until full quota of 173 reached. A hotel in Elgin has also been taken over for ASs. When asylum is granted they are then classed as refugees and are given accommodation elsewhere. Jane Smith in Aberdeen has formed a charity for assisting the ASs in Aberdeen and may extend this help to Westhill. Trinity church is organising a clothes collection.
Query was raised about how much induction will be provided, e.g. on British behaviour norms. Not known at this stage, but there will be no budget for this. A lady in Banchory has offered to teach some of the English speakers how to teach English. Mervyn will ask James Cherry of Mears if there was a cultural induction planned on arrival
There may be opportunities for them to volunteer to help with work planned in e.g. Carnie Woods

8 **Police Report**

A report for April has been received but David had omitted to circulate it. A standard report with no major issues. The Scouts trailer theft is mentioned in the report but it is not included in the statistics as no category for it. Report is appended to minutes.

9 **Correspondence**

Review of secretary correspondence log for last 5 weeks. (circulated)

Re the first Draft of Community Action Plan survey results which Willie had circulated, Mervyn thanked Willie for the work he has put in to analyse the survey responses. The survey results can be put on website

10 **Ward 13 Councillors update – no Councillors present**

Cllr Mckail - Circulated report in italics:-

Asylum Seekers:

This has been the major concern if the emails and phone calls are indicative of how local folks are feeling. Concerns about personal safety and also that for children are most prominent. Have not received any messages supporting the arrival of the 173 men who at time of submitting this report have not arrived at the Hampton Hilton. Reason being the hotel owners (based in China) have apparently not signed off the contract.

Along with other ward councillors we have been briefed and kept updated by the Area Manager who incidentally has provided a FAQ paper which aims to answer the concerns which residents have raised.

Of interest to me is the comments from Police Scotland who evidenced Aberdeen to illustrate asylum seekers based in hotel/s there for the past year have not caused any incidents of concern to the police. It was commented that the asylum seekers may be more concerned about the local population and how they will be received.

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Hopefully the reception they receive in Westhill will be one of welcome befitting the 'equality statement' we as councillors agree to at every council meeting.

Aberdeenshire Launches £8 Million Prosperity Fund.

As part of the Levelling UP agenda business and communities across Aberdeenshire are being invited to submit their interest for a share of this fund for which grants will be provided for specific projects such as town centre improvements, support and improvement of community and infrastructure projects, improving the natural environment and building resilient, healthy and safe neighbourhoods.

*Under the category of **Local Businesses** the aim is to create jobs and boost the local economy by promoting diversification of social enterprises.*

*Alongside this is the **People and Skills** programme intended to boost core skills, targeting adults who need to upskill their knowledge and practical abilities by reducing adult learning barriers.*

Shire Council policy is promoting this Prosperity Fund and encouraging applications to submit their interest to ukspf@aberdeenshire.gov.uk with the cut off date being May 22nd. Council officers are available for appointments by contacting ukspf@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Mind Your Drains to Save Denman Ponds

(Report provided by Steven Gray, Environment Planner (Projects), Natural Environment Team).

Following the reports of water pollution in the ponds at Denman Park Scottish Water is carrying out surveys of the Westhill surface water drainage network to establish the sources of this pollution. Scottish Water quickly identified the cause of the original pollution as a blockage in a combined inspection chamber where an open surface water unit and the sewerage drains flow openly in parallel. The blockage in the sewerage drain allowed the polluted water to flow into the surface water drain causing the pollution of the ponds.

This blockage has been dealt with by Scottish Water but a reduced scale of pollution is still impacting upon the ponds and Scottish Water are undertaking further inspections of the Westhill surface water drainage network to establish where the other pollution sources are and to remove these pollution sources. Aberdeenshire Council Officers are continuing to make site inspections of the ponds to monitor the health of the ponds in Denman Park and to ensure that the polluted water warning signs remain in place.

A nature restoration project to restore the ponds is being designed and costed using Scottish Government funding, Scottish Water and SEPA are offering specialist advice for this project.

We will invite Scottish Water and/or SEPA to a future meeting to update us on Denman ponds and other issues.

Cllr Miller - Circulated report in italics:-

Asylum Seekers:

At the time of writing, the latest update from the Home Office, via Mears, (the management company), is that the contract dispute has been resolved and the first tranche of asylum seekers will arrive early next week (starting from 23rd May potentially). There has been some discussion regarding whether this information should be made public and at the latest update from Aberdeenshire Council held yesterday, (17 May), no conclusion was reached as there was a balance of opinion ranging from no further publicity, (given some of the comments that came when the information first became public), to full disclosure. Time will tell what route will be taken.

I received a number of hostile comments in my inbox relative to this topic and I am concerned that the people involved may react negatively when the first tranche actually arrive and we must do all that we can to counter this. The church, in particular, has been proactive in seeking out ways to help these folks when they arrive and hopefully the wider community will do so generally.

Waste service changes:

Most residents should now have received the information pack from Aberdeenshire council regarding the

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	<p><i>imminent change in waste collection services. In July, as previously intimated we will move to a 3 weekly collection in Garioch Area.</i></p> <p><i>We have recently experienced issues with collections in Garioch Area, (and more specifically in Westhill), and we have met with Alan Wood, (head of infrastructure), to address some of these issues. We have had a disproportionate amount of missed routes in Westhill and I am pleased to report that remedial actions have been put in place so we should see an improvement over the coming weeks and months. I am hopeful that this will lead to a reduction in the number of complaints received in my inbox over the last 6 months!</i></p> <p><u>Hill of Fare:</u></p> <p><i>The rural parts of Westhill and district ward should by now have received a survey on the proposed HoF development via Andrew Bowie MP's office. Andrew has tailored this survey specifically to extract data from residents on their views on this issue and returns are now starting to be received. Data from this survey will be shared in due course.</i></p>
11	<p><u>Rotary Update/Exchange-</u> David Dent</p> <p>Prep work for Lazy Sunday Afternoon on 4th June is underway. Mervyn proposed a donation of £500 to Rotary towards cost of this event, same amount as last year. This was agreed.</p> <p>Litter pick done last Saturday, same day as WECC one. The skip was nearly full</p>

12	<p><u>Orbital Trail + Links Project Update</u></p> <p>Circulated report from Gordon Prentice in italics:-</p> <p><i>Matters Arising Since Last Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Active Projects</i></p> <p><i>1. Carnie Woods Path Restoration & Upgrade [1.1km]</i></p> <p><i>No change. The contractor is expecting a start date around 29 August with an expected timescale of 6 to 8 weeks. Starting in August avoids bird nesting season. Work will be preceded by a site visit to agree preferred route, plus placement of infrastructure such as benches, picnic tables, waymarker posts and active travel signage.</i></p> <p><i>A message went out on the 30th April to 110 volunteers who came forward to help with Carnie Woods restoration, calling for assistance to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Weed around the 7,000 new tree plants. The first weeding group is scheduled for Saturday 20th May</i> <i>2. Carry out visitor counts</i> <i>3. Remove all sections of boardwalk that don't form part of the new contract, and replace them with membrane and quarry material.</i> <p><i>Access from Carnie Crescent:</i> <i>A submission was made via our four councillors to use £15,000 of the Garioch Strategic Fund making this path and the path at Peregrine Road wheelchair compliant. A decision is awaited. Avant Homes [the landowner] has declined to assist with submitting a planning application for this work.</i></p> <p><i>2. Broadshade Avenue to Golf Club Upgrade [475m]</i></p> <p><i>Work commenced on the 11th April, causing some alarm with some residents of Berryhill Circle who had not</i></p>
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been informed of the work by the factor. The factor's representative and I managed to meet three residents from two households on the 27th to discuss the issues of consultation [lack of], screening [lack of] and drainage/flooding. The first issue is impossible to resolve in retrospect other than with an apology. A number of screening options were discussed, but they are historic and largely down to poor soil quality and plant husbandry. Drainage and flooding are also legacy issues, but as a result of the meeting I commissioned a situation report from our contractor which clearly demonstrated that the poor maintenance of the existing drainage ditch could be a significant contributor to existing issues. That report was forwarded to the factor for the factor to consider with the residents and Kirkwood Homes, the developer.

There has been no further correspondence received from home owners or factor.

Gordon reported that the contractor had essentially completed this work.

3. PBIP [Improving Access for all to Westhill's Health-Giving Green Spaces – Denman Park / Arnhall Moss]

We have been advised that our application has been successful but not to publicise until we have signed the formal funding agreement for £239,967 of funding. A project kick-off meeting took place on Wednesday 26th at the Holiday Inn to agree roles and responsibilities for the project as the project has to be completed by March 2024. Mervyn and I were joined by Jim Robertson and Susan Adams of AC. AC officials will lead on procurement and project management, and Susan agreed to draft terms of reference for the participants. Establishment of the piloted tri-shaw chapter will be left to the Sports Hub.

Approval was given for Office Bearers to sign and accept the PBIP's Offer of Grant

The contractor will invoice Aberdeenshire Council, AC will then invoice WECC for the net of vat amount.

A round of applause was awarded to Gordon for securing this project.

Ongoing Maintenance / Upgrades

Two groups of volunteers helped with spreading type-1 quarry material to reinforce several sections of the path through Lawsondale on 12th and 26th April. Two separate and later visits were made to widen the clear area next to the path by lifting pruning waste from close to the path and moving it closer to the boundary fence.

WOT Annual Maintenance Schedule [requiring volunteers]													
Task	Sectors	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Pruning	1,3,4,5,6												
Strimming Undergrowth **	1,3,5,6b												
Weeding	2 & 4												
Clear drainage channels	6a												
Check signs/signposts	All												
Restore damaged areas	All												
Sectors:	1 Broadshades					4 Hidden Garden							
	2 Gateway Sculpture					5 Lawsondale							
	3 Golf Course					6 Meadowlands [a. farm track & b. lane]							
** requires assistance from Community Payback team													

*** I called the CPS today and was told that the teams are being reorganised but that Westhill still very much in their plans for summer maintenance.*

***Link to Hill of Keir to/from the west:** No change, although there may be changes to operation and/or ownership of the land imminently.*

Funding Update

No transactions this month. £281 has been carried forward from 2022/23.

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Planning Matters (Diane Priestly)

Circulated report in italics:-

Planning applications

Broadstraik Inn APP/2023/0559 - awaiting a decision.

Entier Ltd APP/2023/0520 -awaiting decision.

Kingshill Commercial Park Arnhall Business Park APP/2023/0731 This application is for planning permission for employment, which was originally granted in 2019 however, there is now an area of employment being designated in the Aberdeenshire LDP and thus the applicant wants to market the site for employment use as the original overarching planning permission lapses next month.

Community Action Plan

The planning group met to discuss the next stage in the CAP, we plan to run a focus group day next month, the place and the date is yet to be confirmed. Diane will visit the Men Shed & has visited the Senior Citizens group. Need to also speak to the young residents.

Wanting to get general historical information on Westhill. David will forward the 3 Bulletin articles in 2019 that covered the 50 year history of Westhill.

Local Place Plan

I attended a Teams meeting which was organised by Aberdeenshire Council to discuss Local Place Plans. Local Place Plans are about the development and use of the land; however, they are not compulsory but can sit along a CAP. I am happy to forward the information that I received and if anyone is interested I will email it across to you.

Hill of Fare proposed windfarm.

Newsletters are continuing to be sent to me if anyone wants to read them I am happy to forward them. The latest update, due to the earlier public consultation, sees the plan has been amended so that there will now be 17 wind turbines instead of 18 and the height of the turbines have been reduced from 820 ft to a mix of 590ft and 656ft.

There will be a number of consultations on this development during the summer months.

It will be very interesting to hear the upto date information from Louis Backwell on Thursday.

Information from Planning Democracy

Planning Democracy is a charitable organisation that campaigns to ensure that decisions about Scotland's land is developed ,inclusive, locally accountable and promotes outcomes that are driven by the community needs rather than by profits, it is currently involved in ERA (Equal Rights of Appeal). Community organisations have for a long time been concerned that developers have the right of a free appeal about unfavourable planning decisions but not members of the Scottish public. The only option for legal recourse in Scotland for members of the public is to go to a statutory or judicial review in the Court of Session which is very expensive. Last week Edinburgh Council voted unanimously in favour of the community rights of appeal. This issue will now be raised with the new planning Minister, Joe Fitzpatrick. Watch this space!

<div>14</div>	<div> <div> <div>Financials</div> <div>(Gordon Prentice)</div> <div>Circulated report in italics:-</div> </div> <div> <div>Matters Arising 13 April:</div> <div> <div>Annual Income & Expenditure Account for Year to March 2023</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>The Accounts are with Independent Verifier Alan Moir of Fyfe Moir & Associates. Alan has been asked to provide an opinion on the accuracy of the accounts well ahead of the next meeting and AGM. Gordon has now met with Alan. Alan has approved the draft accounts so they will be adopted at the AGM</div> </div> <div> <div>Financial Transactions – April</div> <div>Income: £5,629, comprising £4,831 reimbursement from Aberdeenshire Council, plus £748 Bulletin advertising income from 6 advertisers, plus £50 from Vinespring Church.</div> <div>Expenditure: £456 – including £396 on pre-approved projects. See copy bank statement at Appendix 1 for detail.</div> <div>Outstanding Commitments: £816; comprising £633 for supply/instal qty 2 Jubilee Drive signs [invoice awaited], plus £183 owing to the secretary for April’s honorarium.</div> <div>Bank Balances at Month End: £37,849</div> <div>Main Account: £16,956 [see Appendix 1]</div> <div>Bulletin Account: £20,893</div> </div> <div> <div>Westhill Bulletin</div> <div>The surplus for the Spring Issue was £1,992 compared to budget of £3,100. We received £57 from last year’s defaulting advertiser who has recovered from illness and back in business and wishing to advertise again.</div> </div> <div> <div>Community Support Fund Applications to be considered</div> <div>Applications totalling £5,800 have been received from two organisations against our annual budget of £5,000:</div> <div> <div>Westhill Tennis Club – annual court cleaning - a donation of £500 was approved. They will also talk to the Sports Hub about a donation from them.</div> <div>Westhill Primary Nursery – creation of secure outdoor nursery garden. This application has now been withdrawn as the School have secured corporate funding for the garden</div> </div> <div> <div>An application was received after the deadline from the Swimming Club for £170 for a shoe rack, to be made by the Men Shed- this was approved.</div> </div> <div> <div>The Academy head teacher had advised Mervyn they are keen to get outdoor shelters, which can’t be funded from school budget, so we may be approached at a later date for a contribution to this. This is a project the pupils themselves could organise.</div> </div> <div> <div>David advised that he recently had 7 christmas street lights sent away to Blachere for refurbishment. The last set of refurb was done 3 years ago. The repair quote is £1600. This includes £595 for repairs to one of the 3 large lights that were put up in shopping centre car park in 2019. They were put up upside down in error by Ben’s contractor and the frame of one of them broke. The blacksmith at Skene rewelded the frame but had the light at his yard for nearly 2 years and most of the leds were not working by the time it came back. The shopping centre will still look good with the 2 other large lights so it was agreed that the large one would not be repaired. Cost of the other 6 lights repairs is around £1000. This was approved</div> </div> </div> </div>	
<div>15</div>	<div> <div>Green Westhill</div> <div>(Mervyn Barr)</div> <div>Our thanks to Barbara Crane for doing regular inspections of the 100 trees planted in April in Denman Park, and repairing the stakes etc. as required</div> </div>	

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16	<p>Possible Business Association</p> <p>Elaine Manley proposed that we look to see if a Business Association could be set up. This had been looked at some years ago by the Chamber of Commerce. A series of Business breakfasts were arranged.</p> <p>The shops and large companies at Arnhall were not interested then in being involved. There is an active Business Network International franchise group that meet in the Golf Club each week. This is mainly for small businesses. Elaine will speak to them to find out more about it.</p>
17	<p>AOB & Close of Meeting</p> <p><u>Date of Next Meeting- 8th</u> June at Holiday Inn, with Zoom option. Will have AGM as well. James Cherry from Mears will be invited to give a short presentation.</p> <p>Nominations for the CC elections closed today. We should hear tomorrow if a ballot is required.</p> <p>Mervyn thanked members for their contributions during his last 3 years as Chair, a great team effort. Willie commented that when he was an Area Manager, none of the Community Councils that he oversaw achieved as much as WECC has done.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 10.15pm</p>

APPENDIX



GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE

Community Council: Westhill and Elrick

Reporting Period: 1 to 30 April 2023

Current Policing Priorities:

Our priorities are:-

1. ASB – Proactive patrols to provide community reassurance and to deter/detect instances of ASB and Vandalism.
2. PROACTIVITY – Increased use of Stop and Search and plain-clothed patrols to deter/detect drug and acquisitive crime.
3. ROAD SAFETY – Enhanced speed checks and other speed reduction measures.

Crime Overview and Explanation:

CRIME TYPE	CURRENT PERIOD	PREVIOUS PERIOD
Assault	1	3
Housebreaking	0	1
Public Nuisance	3	4
Road Traffic	2 accident, 2 other	3 accident, 5 other
Drugs	2	0

Assault – Includes all recorded instances of violence.

Housebreaking – includes all break in's to domestic and commercial premises, including attempted break in's.

Public Nuisance – All youth annoyance and calls in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Road Traffic – all calls in relation to Road Traffic Accidents and Offences (speeding, illegal parking, obstruction etc).

Drugs – all reports incidents in relation to drugs dealing and use.

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Assault:

There has been 1 incident reported. This relates to persons known to one another. There is no wider community impact.

Housebreaking:

There has been no incidents reported. I am aware of the Theft of the 1st Westhill Scout Group trailer. Unfortunately despite extensive enquiry carried out it has not been recovered and the matter has been filed.

Public Nuisance:

There has been 3 incidents reported. Two relate to foam pellets being fired from a moving vehicle at pedestrians. No complaint was made however the driver was traced and spoken to with suitable advice provided. The other relates to a group of youths setting a small fire within a park area. A search was made with no youths traced. There was no requirement for the Fire Service to attend.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 2 reported accidents. One involved two vehicles with no injury sustained and the other to a motorcyclist coming off of his motorbike. He sustained minor injury. There has been 2 reports of parked vehicles being damaged by other vehicles who failed to Stop. Enquiries are ongoing in respect of one incident with no lines of enquiry identified for the second.

Drugs:

There has been 2 reports regarding a smell of Cannabis

Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:

There have been no significant events this reporting period.

Planned Community Policing Activity/Advice:

I know speeding is a concern in the community and our speeding operation continues on a rolling basis. Feedback is required to direct resources to problem areas.

Conclusion:

This is another stable report and if there are any issues that you wish brought to Police attention, please let me know.

Emma Forbes. Sgt

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