

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST 2023, AT HOLIDAY INN & BY ZOOM.

Community Council		
Name	Position	Present
Mayasa Al-Jubori	Member	✗
Mervyn Barr	Member	✓
Malcolm Collie	Member	✓
Heather Cook	Member	✓
Donald Davidson	Member	✓
David Dent	Associate Member	✓
Becky Ferguson	Vice-Chair	✓
Audrey Findlay	Associate Member	✓
Charlie Flint	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	✓
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	✓ (via zoom)

Members of Public:

At hotel- Lauren Wade, Mikaela Kennedy Zoom - Ken Stewart

1	<u>Welcome and opening remarks</u> Becky Ferguson chaired this meeting. She welcomed all, hoped everyone had good summer. Permission was given for meeting to be recorded. Gordon summarised the meeting room safety info, as shown on the partition.
2	<u>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</u> Apologies received from Mayasa Al-Jubori, Willie Munro, Ben Horsburgh and CLlr Miller
3	<u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 8th June 2023</u> Minutes were approved, with no changes. Proposed Rachid, seconded Elaine
4	<u>Shopping Centre Update</u> Ben Horsburgh is on holiday but sent below report today which has been circulated. <u>Christmas 2022</u> <i>Thanks to the fantastic Christmas event last December, the Centre has been selected as a finalist for a Sceptre Award for "Christmas Campaign of the year" taking place in October 2023, at the Hilton London Bankside. There were 193 entries and we are down to the final 6. Whether we win or not it will be my honour to represent not only the Centre but the whole Community especially all of you, who I know, none of it would have been possible without.</i>

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	<p>Christmas 2023</p> <p><i>The date for the Christmas Event 2023 will be Saturday the 2nd of December. This has been picked largely because it's the only date that Santa can do, but also ties in well with the book sale and the tradition of being the first Saturday of the month. I am really hoping that you are all willing to be involved again this year. Totally open to all new ideas of how we can make it even better this year. We could maybe have a meeting soon to discuss this all further if you are willing?</i></p> <p>Poor conditions of Car Parks</p> <p><i>I had hoped to have been able to officially share the plans with you for this by now but unfortunately, as it stands, we are still waiting on Client approval. (Fingers crossed it's been approved whilst I'm away). The issue has been related to drainage. The lack of drains in the East Car park was identified as the root cause for the frequency of the potholes and this is going to be addressed at the same time. I am still hopeful that this will commence on the 18th of September and will take approximately 3 weeks. As soon as I have the plans, I will be sharing them with you.</i></p> <p><i>As always if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.</i></p>
5	<p>Swimming Pool Timetable Changes</p> <p>Lauren Wade and Mikaela Kennedy attended to discuss the Swimming Pool timetable changes that started in July.</p> <p>After attending the 6th July meeting at Community Centre, Lauren set up the Friends of Westhill Swimming Pool facebook page.</p> <p>Concern that there was no consultation on the reduction in pool hours (from 65 to 50 per week), including closing on Sundays. Didn't really answer questions raised at the meeting, Not many sessions in week for normal lane swimming.</p> <p>Questionnaire has got 244 responses to date. The average satisfaction rate for the current timetable is 2.7 out of 5.</p> <p>Cllr Walker advised there is a Ward meeting next Monday and will try to get a date for the User group to meet with Council officers. Suggested that a senior officer attend our next meeting.</p>
6	<p>Matters Arising/ Actions Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Larg/Broadstraik Park (Malcolm) – No updates at this point. There has been facebook reports of evidence of drug-taking in the park. This should be reported to the Police. Academy Outreach- No responses to emails sent to Academy after the good meeting with them in May, but around 6 people have offered to talk to pupils about their careers. Re getting youth input to the CAP, may need to look at other methods to engage with them, e.g. sports clubs, social media Litter Picking- Gordon advised that there is now 4 group leaders, 2 attend at each of the 2 picks per month. The regular pickers are reminded via the Whats App group. Gordon will also promote the picks on our Facebook page Wi-Fi at hotel- Zoom connection appears to be ok this evening. Will continue to monitor it. Business Association- Elaine has been to a Business Network International (BNI) group meeting at Golf Club. BNI have got article in Autumn Bulletin. Re surveying businesses in Westhill, Iris advised that the Economic Development group in Council could help us

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	to do this. She will get a contact for Elaine.
7	<p>Asylum Seeker Hotel</p> <p>The main updates from the fortnightly meeting yesterday is that there is now 97 service users at hotel. The Home Office have announced that all asylum accommodation being used in Scotland, where it is viable, will be required to double the room capacity. The Westhill hotel will now be doubling up in room occupancy which will take the hotel's capacity from 173 to 346, this will obviously have an impact on services locally as well as the community support currently being provided.</p> <p>Cllr Joji has written to the Home Office expressing concern that this maximisation policy is being rolled out without a proper impact assessment on the community or the vulnerable refugees being carried out.</p> <p>Mervyn will check with Mears on status of the doubling-up in Westhill.</p> <p>Cllr Walker will check with NHS Grampian re how they would cope with the increased numbers.</p>
8	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Reports for June & July have been circulated (see appendix). No major issues. Small increase in public nuisance calls, which is expected at this time of year. Pop Up Bob was deployed at Brodiach for a few weeks in July</p>
9	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Review of secretary correspondence log for last 2 months. (circulated).</p> <p>Main item is notice of CC Induction Training to take place on evening of Thursday 28 September, at Gordon House and online This is open for anyone who wishes to attend, but is focussed on providing advice and guidance for new Community Councillors.</p> <p>Then there is a CC Networking Event on Saturday 4th November at Woodhill House on the new Local Development Plan and National Planning Framework 4 legislation.</p> <p>WECC Meetings Pre-reads – to give members more time to review the submitted reports for the monthly meetings, it is intended to request that they be submitted a few days earlier than previously. So deadline will probably be the Friday before meeting and the reports will be sent out early Saturday along with agenda & draft minutes of previous meeting.</p>
10	<p><u>Ward 13 Councillors updates –</u></p> <p>No reports received in advance of meeting</p> <p>Cllr Mckail- just returned from holiday. Main issue residents have been contacting me about has been the potholes on the shopping centre exit road.</p> <p>Cllr Walker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still waiting on the Tesco roundabout road markings review to be completed • Some of the lighting at pedestrian crossings is not working, due to a manufacturer fault. Council are trying to resolve the issue • Reported on my facebook page about pavement parking to become illegal by end of 2023 • Grass-cutting/weeding on road verges etc.- council do not allow residents to do this themselves due to insurance issues that would arise if there was an incident.

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	<p>Cllr Joji</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident has raised concerns about the conifer trees bordering the golf course that are overhanging the pavement on Westhill Drive. This has been logged Council tax review consultation- Fatima's understanding is that the proposed increases would not affect 99.5% of residents in the Shire. Only apply to around 630 properties in band H in Shire. In Westhill, this would be the Heights area mainly.
11	<p>Rotary Update/Exchange- David Dent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotary did the car parking at Echt Show in July and manned a gate at the Aboyne Games recently. Re a toilet in Denman Park which Rotary are pursuing funding for, it would need to be owned by a public entity. Neither Rotary nor WECC can 'own' high value assets. This project has been put on hold. Would like to see a petanque court in Westhill. Discussing this with Council. Rotary has a team who have to go to Oldmeldrum to play
12	<p>Westhill Paths Update Circulated report from Gordon Prentice in italics:-</p> <p>Active Projects</p> <p>1. Carnie Woods Path Restoration & Upgrade [1.1km] <i>As reported last time, the contractor is due on site week commencing 28 August, with some disruption expected for 6 to 8 weeks. The contract has been revised to include the links to Carnie Crescent car park and Peregrine Road lay-by following a successful appeal against the need to go through formal planning. Planners were happy to approve the new surface provided it followed the same route as the existing path which will involve removal of the unnecessary boundary fence. Thanks are due to Avant Homes [for granting permission to remove the fence] and to Marianne Evans of Stewart Milne Homes for assisting with the planning application.</i></p> <p><i>Public notices are due to be posted by the City Council's Ranger service at the three main entrances advising users of imminent work and limited access.</i></p> <p>Weeding around the saplings: <i>we have now reached over 100 hours of volunteer time on this activity, spread over 17 sessions. We are still averaging 4 volunteers per session, but this may increase soon following interest from a local company, IKM Testing UK. We had hoped to have asylum seekers on board as well, but Mears have yet to complete a risk assessment. No progress has been made with visitor counting or boardwalk removal.</i></p> <p>2. Broadshade Avenue to Golf Club Upgrade [475m] <i>Completion reports have been submitted to each of the funders; Paths for All and the FCC Communities Foundation. Our contractor has still to install a sign acknowledging the financial support from our funders.</i></p> <p>3. PBIP [Improving Access for all to Westhill's Health-Giving Green Spaces – Denman Park / Arnhall Moss] <i>Mervyn and Rachid have joined the WECC contingent on this project. We had our first meeting and walk-through with Council officials on Tuesday, 1st August. The main purpose of the get together was to agree roles and responsibilities and to work towards agreeing the specification before Invitations to Tender [ITT] are issued. This was largely achieved, although discussions and the site visit led to one or two tweaks in the layout. Follow-up meetings have since been scheduled through to the end of the year. The first of these meetings in September will hopefully see the finalisation of the ITT, which in turn will lead to it being posted on Public Contracts Scotland [PCS], with responses invited in time for us</i></p>

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to reach a decision by end October or thereabouts. By that time, contractor availability and winter weather may play a part in determining exactly when the actual work will start.

Tri-shaws: one has been delivered and is currently stored at Ashdale Hall. It won't be operational until volunteer pilots are recruited and trained. This element is being managed by the Sports Hub.

Ongoing Maintenance / Upgrades

Despite making further attempts, still no contact from the Community Payback Service [CPS] which is deeply disappointing. (Update on 10th August- CPS responded today) All of the work to keep paths clear of vegetation this summer has been undertaken by volunteers using their own equipment. Most of this work has been at Lawsondale, but more recently a small team has cut back weeds and overhanging canopy at Peregrine Road, Silvertrees Drive, Carnie Woods, Denman Park and at Broadshades. The south side of Westhill Heights is on our list to tackle, but will require permission and assistance from Westhill Golf Club.

Permission now received.

A meeting of volunteers was convened on 20th July to discuss the scope of work and tools required, and we decided that it would be best if WECC acquired some tools in the absence of dependable support from the CPS. A grant application will be submitted to Paths for All to help us purchase at least one brush cutter and one hedge trimmer together with accessories.

The Subsea 7 Facilities Manager confirmed that the company is planning to repair the path round the front/south side of their building but declined to put a timescale on it.

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 2022/2. This can be spent on WOT stickers, or quarry material for Meadowlands track, or repositioning of a post on Westhill Heights.

13 **Community Action Plan (Diane)**

Circulated report in italics:-

As part of the CAP process, we are of setting up various focus groups based around 4 questions:

- 1. What is your favourite thing about Westhill and Elrick?*
- 2. What have you seen elsewhere that you would like to see in Westhill and Elrick?*
- 3. Do you currently face any issues in Westhill and Elrick or anticipate any arising in the future?*
- 4. If funding became available how would you like to see it spent?*

The information that was expressed at these sessions was incredibly positive about Westhill/Elrick and the comments were recorded and forwarded to WECC members to comment upon. The planning group are now in the process of compiling a draft action plan and this too has been forwarded to members for discussion. Not yet in public domain Any member who would like to help the sub-group should contact Diane. Need to have meeting with the Councillors.

General need to have banners etc. at anything we do to identify who we are.

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14 **Planning Matters** (Diane Priestly)

Circulated report in italics:-

Planning applications

APP/2023/0559 Broadstraik Inn-Approved

APP/2023/0520 Entier Ltd -holding objection.

APP/2023/0731 Kingshill Commercial Park Arnhall Business Park -Approved

APP/2023/1258 -First floor 30 Abercrombie Court, Prospect Road, Arnhall Business Park -change of use for first floor office to Occupational Health Business and external alterations-awaiting decision

Scottish Conference of Community Councils 10th June

*The title of the conference was Democracy Matters and the discussion focused on how the role of Community Councils role could be **reformed** and **strengthened**. In 2019 before Covid, the Scottish Community Development Centre carried out a series of workshops where many of the community councils expressed that they wanted an automatic entry on the Community Planning Partnership Board, to be consulted earlier in the planning process, the right to know when asset transfers were made locally, increased influence on Local Authority decisions and the right to make a third party appeal on development issues.*

One issue the also arose was the need for community councils to form associations and therefore have a collective voice .At the closing of the webinar a proposal was put forward to establish a Scottish Forum of Community Councils which was to put to the vote and was supported by the majority of participants.

The concept was to form a Scottish Forum to share information which would support best practice, cover both rural and urban community councils, subsets were also to be established such as planning, rural and urban groups, a youth community council for 16 upwards, a food strategy and encouraging more people of working age to join plus conferences online twice a year.

Aberdeenshire Councils Place Strategy

Two of us attended on separate evenings, the Teams meeting focused on what people understand by the word 'Place'. My group was composed of the more northern country community councils who areas covered quite diverse areas and discussing the concept of what was understood by 'place' was quite difficult to establish. Comments on the process raised issues about the use of the word 'strategy' and that it might be more positive to refer to it as 'vision' instead using the word vision rather than strategy as it was felt that the word 'strategy' implied reams of council speak paperwork.

Permitted Development Rights

This review is being carried out by the Scottish Government and is primarily focusing on new and extended rights for domestic and non -domestic renewable energy equipment.

The list of areas that will be covered are:

- *domestic renewables; solar panels, air water and ground source heat pumps, wind turbines and the removal of pdr for certain flues*
- *none -domestic renewables: solar panels, solar canopies on in qualifying parking areas, and air, ground and water source heat pumps*
- *replacement windows for domestic and non-domestic properties*
- *electricity network infrastructure*
- *reverse vending machines*
- *temporary use of land for shooting ranges*

This consultation will run until the 23 August.

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Hill of Fare

Meetings and exhibitions have continued during the months of June/ July and we were contacted by Echt and Skene Community Council to highlight areas of Westhill for possible sites for the Hill of Fare windfarm landscape visualisation to be carried out by RES (the largest independent renewable energy company).

Skene against Pylons

This group continues to fight against the installation of these enormous pylons and have held many meetings to discuss their concerns.

Local Development Plan

The Local Development guidance published by the Scottish Government splits into 4 sections.

1. Introduction

Covers the role of development plans, what constitutes the development plan, the legislative framework and status of the guidance.

2. Aims and expectations of place based LDPs.

How LDPs contribute to the purpose for planning and the expectations of the plans for the future. The three overarching aims for the LDPs are to be.

- delivery focus
- place based.
- people centred.

3. Process guidance and advice on how new style plans can support the implementation of the National planning Framework 4

Including the legislative requirements, how these are met and responsibilities of the stakeholders.

4. Transitional Arrangements and supporting Resources and Annexes-details of transitional arrangements and Resources.

There are various levels of engagement which the SG have identified for Community Engagement

- inform/informing-providing the public with balanced and objective information.
- consult/consulting-obtaining feedback on analysis, alternative, proposals and /or decisions.
- involve/involving working with participants to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are understood and considered.
- collaborate/collaborating-partnership in each aspect of the decision.
- empower/empowering delegating. Placing final decisions in the hand of the participants

Resilience

Resilience meetings are ongoing and on October 2nd there will be a Community Resilience Conference at the Beach Ballroom between 9am to 3pm in conjunction with Aberdeen and Moray Council. There has been a report from the Aberdeenshire Resilience Team that there have been problems with insurance liability when devising Community Resilience Plans.

14 Financials (Gordon Prentice) Circulated report in italics:-

Matters Arising 8 June:

- Honoraria payments due to Secretary for Q1

Financial Transactions – June/July

Income: £100 only – comprising two monthly payments from Vinespring Church.

Expenditure: £3,076. See copy bank statement at **Appendix 1** for detail.

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Outstanding Commitments: £1,366; comprising £633 for supply/install qty 2 Jubilee Drive signs [invoice awaited], plus £733 owing to the secretary for honoraria payments in Q1 plus July. Updates - now transpired that Council are going to install the other 2 Jubilee Drive signs so total cost for this will now be £1266. Need to claim £678 from Council for 50% of cost of the 4 storage units bought recently

Bank Balances at Month End: £29,242

Main Account: £12,761 [see Appendix 1]

Bulletin Account: £16,481

Available Funds: £Nil after adjusting for the following specifics:

- Outstanding Commitments [as above]	£1,366
- Bulletin prepayments	£12,693
- Projects [see Appendix 2]	£4,356
- Community Support Fund	£4,330
- General Reserve**	£7,016

**GR is a notional target of £10,000 to cover fixed asset replacements, unforeseen contingencies plus future CAP projects unknown, but in line with budget agreed in January.

Westhill Bulletin

Summer Issue: the revised invoiced total was £3,545 from 38 invoices. Two, totalling £165 remain unpaid. If the remaining two are settled, then the Summer Issue will make a net contribution of £1,987 to General Funds.

CSF Applications

Although the next round of applications is not due for consideration until October, we received an application from Kingshill Parish Church – formerly Trinity Church – for £500 to help fund a Clothing Bank [mainly shoes and underwear], Conversation Hub and Language Classes for the asylum seekers. The majority of the £6,500 of funds required have come from other sources.

The CSF sub-group met on Monday, 7th August and recommends making the donation in full. The donation was agreed.

15 Green Westhill (Mervyn Barr) Circulated report in italics:-

Summer bedding plants We received our allocation in early June, but unfortunately there was a significant shortage of what we ordered, and some of the substitute plants weren't that appropriate. However, huge/grateful thanks to Sheila Gray from Trinity Church who gave us some valuable advice on how to make the best of what we had received.

One theory is that there was generally a shortage of bedding plants as growers were not prepared to heat their greenhouses with energy costs being so high. In future we need to liaise more closely with Landscape Services to ensure that next year if there are going to be short falls, we are advised in advance so that we can modify our plans accordingly.

Planting Effort Once again thanks to the Greenfingers volunteers for their tremendous effort in clearing winter pansies then planting up the baskets and planters. Also a special word of thanks to Rachid for his diligence in watering the plants in those early days before the summer arrived to water them for us!!

Sculpture Weeding A special thanks also to Barbara Crane for her hard work and weeding the sculpture flower beds. We have been encouraged to treat dandelions as pollinators rather than weeds but its hoped that the heathers will eventually naturally overgrow them,

Recycling compost We need to purchase a new compost bin to allow for a three year rotation to preserve the compost in an optimum, re-usable state. Donald Davidson has spare compost bins which may be suitable.

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Storage Units As previously sanctioned we have now purchased four storage boxes to store Christmas lights and Greenfingers tools and equipment. These to be assembled and installed in due course behind the green wall.

Westhill Green Team-As you will hear/have heard from Gordon there has been a lot of effort done to maintain the Orbital Trail; mainly by cutting down/back overhanging vegetation or encroaching grass/weedy borders. In reality there is considerable overlap between the Greenfingers group and the orbital Trail volunteers group, so Gordon and I are planning to amalgamate the two (and maybe litter pickers) into one group called the Westhill Green Team. Any thoughts on this proposal or name?

Autumn Bulb Planting We have just enrolled on a green spaces, big bulb planting scheme which is planned for late autumn. The idea is that the council will provide us with bulbs to be planted in areas of Council owned or maintained land. Where possible we might want to continue planting borders on the WOT and maybe the new wild-flower meadow pathways on Mains Of Kinmundy Hill?? All ideas welcome.

Winter Pansies – to plant or not to plant? – that is the question.

We need to decide on whether or not to plant winter pansies into the planter barrels this year. The problem is that they don't really come into bloom until April/May time and then we lift them out in June. For the last two seasons we've either given or thrown them away. Suggestions please. Suggested that we keep a few barrels of pansies going over summer.

Asylum Seekers

Huge thanks to the newly arrived Asylum seekers for their hard work in gardening at Ashdale Hall. They did a great job in tidying up a neglected flowerbed - guided by Hall staff. Undoubtedly a win/win!

16 **AOB & Close of Meeting**

Diane would like to take Resilience planning out of her remit, so good if someone else could take this on

Date of Next Meeting- 14th September at Holiday Inn, with Zoom option.

APPENDIX



GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE

Community Council: Westhill and Elrick
Reporting Period: 1 to 30 June 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	2
Housebreaking	0	0
Public Nuisance	4	1
Road Traffic	3 accident, 12 other	3 accident, 7 other
Drugs	1	1

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.

Assault:

There has been 1 incident reported which resulted in minor injury. There is a named suspect who will be traced.

Housebreaking:

There has been no incidents reported.

Public Nuisance:

There has been 4 reports which is an increase. One relates to a female crouching as if urinating which was not reported immediately and therefore the female was not traced. One

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relates to an anonymous report of a drunk male causing a nuisance in the early hours of the morning. The final incident relates to a passenger in a car firing a foam dart at a bird in close proximity to a youth. Neither the youth nor the bird was struck. Enquiries are ongoing into this matter.

None give any cause for significant concern or suggest the emergence of a crime trend/pattern.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 3 reported accidents none of which were classed as serious. None give cause for concern. There has been 12 other calls in relation to manner of driving, obstructions and animals. No offences were identified.

Drugs:

There has been 1 drug related call which related to smell of Cannabis and possible drug dealing, which is being progressed.

Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:

There have been no significant events this reporting period.

Planned Community Policing Activity/Advice:

Our speeding operation continues as before. There is planned activity in Westhill and Skene for July.

This will involve speed checks at locations previously highlighted and will also involve Pop Up Bob being deployed. This is a prop used to help deter speeding and is a visual reminder to drivers to make sure that they drive in a responsible manner.

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, A0645

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Housebreaking	0	0
Public Nuisance	6	4
Road Traffic	0 accident, 5 other	3 accident, 12 other
Drugs	2	1

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.

Assault:

There has been 2 incidents reported. One relates to an on duty Police Officer being assaulted when apprehending a male who was duly arrested. Minor injury was sustained. The other to a minor assault on a child by a parent. No injury was sustained and enquiries are ongoing.

Housebreaking:

There has been no incidents reported.

Public Nuisance:

There has been 6 reports which is an increase. 5 involve youths which is not unexpected given the school holidays.

One relates to a group of youths knocking and kicking on windows and doors. No damage was caused and no youths were traced on Police arrival. One relates to a group of youths being disruptive, swearing at passers-by and making obscene gestures. This was not reported until after the fact therefore no persons were traced. One relates to youths kicking a door. No youths were traced when officers attended. One relates to youths playing football within the playground at Westhill Primary School and concerns that windows would be broken. No damage was caused. The youths were traced and provided suitable advice. The other relates to concerns two children were approaching people asking them to guess how many sweets were in a jar and taking money which may or may not have been for charity. They were not traced.

None give any cause for significant concern or suggest the emergence of a crime trend/pattern.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 0 reported accidents. There has been 3 reports of parked vehicles being struck while parked. Criminality was identified in one instance. Enquiries are ongoing. There has been 5 other calls in relation to manner of driving, broken down vehicles and animals. One male has been charged with Careless Driving.

Drugs:

There has been 2 drug related calls which relate to a smell of Cannabis. One individual was issued a Recorded Police Warning for possession of Cannabis.

Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:

There have been no significant events this reporting period.

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Planned Community Policing Activity/Advice:

Our speeding operation continues as before.

Speed checks were carried out at Brodiach on 27/07/2023. 12 drivers were warned with 12 vehicles found to be travelling between 35 and 37mph and 3 at 39mph.

Pop Up Bob which is a prop used to help deter speeding and is a visual reminder to drivers to make sure that they drive in a responsible manner was deployed between 08/07/2023 and 27/07/2023.

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, A0645