

**Greater Finaghy Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Benmore, Erinvale and Orpen Areas
28th September 2015**

Attendance: Harry Smith, Anne Cochrane, Grainne O'Hare, Helen Smith, Dennis Patterson, Eddie Cairns, Jamie Moore, Martin Mulholland (SBAYP), Brian Mc Laren, Philip Pentergast

Apologies: Jim Ross, Billy Marshall, Colin Patterson, Matthew Russell

Previous Minutes:

Proposed by Anne Cochrane

Seconded by Jamie Moore

Police Reports: Statistics were given for the time period 8/6/2015 – 25/9/2015 for Orpen, Benmore and Erinvale.

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Benmore Stats

24 incidents in total

4 ASB – These included stones being thrown at windows and calls regarding flags in Benmore Drive.

4 Thefts – These included theft of bins from Glenarm Square and an incident at Moylena House where a male took money from a van.

7 Criminal Damage – These included windows smashed in Innishowen Drive and a car keyed in Hillmount Gardens. There have been no more of these incidents since mid July in Benmore.

2 Burglaries – These included an incident in Innishowen where a key was taken from under the mat. The television was taken and the house ransacked. Another incident occurred in Benmore Drive where a person claiming they were from the water board distracted a vulnerable elderly lady whilst another two males entered her house. A witness gave the car registration number of the car used. The car was later found and recovered.

2 Assaults – These included an incident in Garron Crescent where a male was jumped by two people and asked if he had any drugs. The male was attacked from behind. The victim believes they knew of him. The male has since left the area. The other incident occurred in Innishowen Drive and was recorded as a hate crime. A report has been forwarded to the PPS in relation to the incident.

5 Suspicious Persons – These included a drunk male in Innishowen Drive, a male calling at a house in Hillmount and a person trying to gain access to a house in Innishowen.

Erinvale Stats

12 incidents in total

1 Criminal Damage – This involved the damage of a wing mirror to a car

1 Assault – This took place at the bonfire.

4 Suspicious person – One incident involved the report of a male at the back of a house in the area.

5 ASB – These incidents occurred around 11-12 July at the bonfire and included reports regarding cars driving on the pitches, noise, flags and music.

1 Theft – This involved the theft of a number plate on a car.

Orpen Stats

4 incidents in total.

1 Burglary – This occurred in Porter Park. This was a creeper burglary. Television and car keys stolen. 6 arrests were made. The house owner recognised one of those arrested.

1 Criminal Damage – This incident occurred in Orpen Park where a window was smashed on a vehicle.

2 Suspicious Persons – One incident involved 2 males trying to enter a property. The other incident involved 3 men in a white van.

Other Business

-It was noted that Innishowen seems to be a hot spot at the minute for incidents.

-There were no incidents reported at the Benmore bonfire in July which was encouraging.

-There seems to be far fewer incidents of ASB in recent months.

- Brian gave an update on the road markings on Finaghy Road South at the junction of Benmore Drive. He spoke to the Road Service traffic management people who will have another look at the markings.

-The Balmoral Neighbourhood Policing Team has changed. It has been reduced to 1 sergeant and 4 constables. The constables are Mark Delargy, Sam Campbell, Geoff Mc Coy and Kathy Milligan.

Next Meeting

30th November 2015 @ 7pm