

Greater Finaghy Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Benmore, Erinvale and Orpen Areas
24th March 2014

Attendance: Dave Elliott (NIHE), Helen Smith, Harry Smith, Grainne O'Hare, Matthew Russell, Sheila Close, Ald. Tom Ekin, Jim Ross, Joan Bailey

Apologies: PSNI, Raymond Stewart, Cecil Kennedy

Police Reports: Statistics were given for the time period 23/1/2014 – 21/03/2014 for Benmore and Erinvale. Please find statistics attached.

Matters Arising

As PSNI were unable to send a representative, there was no further information other than the statistic sheets. The group expressed their dissatisfaction at the PSNI not sending any representative. The group felt that as the meetings only take place once every two months, it is fair to expect that someone from the PSNI attends, particularly in the aftermath of the incident involving an offender in Geeragh Place recently. The PSNI have assured the group that this non attendance is a one off and should not happen again.

Benmore Stats

11 incidents in total.

Erinvale Stats

7 incidents in total.

Orpen Stats

None available.

NIHE Report

Dave Elliott reported that he has 2 active cases. One is in relation to noise in the multi-storey blocks and is has been dealt with by a warning letter and the other is a case in Innisowen. Dave stated that the relationship between himself, the housing officer for the area (Susan) and the community makes their work so much easier as people know where to go if they have issues. Dave also stated that the NIHE had recently been able to bring 16 'brew drops' back into circulation where they can be offered out to people genuinely in need of accommodation.

BCC Report

Elaine Mc Williams was not present to give an update.

Other Business

Charlene Norrelle (previous NIHE housing officer) has been offered a permanent position in Ballymena. The group wished to express their best wishes and thanks for all the hard work she has done in Benmore over the last number of years.

Matthew stated that there had been some issues in Erinvale regarding cars racing in the area at around 3am in the morning. No other information could be given as PSNI not present.

A BMW car in Locksley was damaged beyond repair as a result of an apparent drunk driver. No other information could be given.

The group were reminded that the PSNI had launched a new number for contacting them regarding non-emergency calls. This new number is 101. The group were reminded however that they should still telephone 999 if there is a real emergency.

Next Meeting

Monday 19th May 2014 @ 7pm in Finaghy Community Centre