

**Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Benmore, Erinvale and Orpen Areas
22nd April 2013**

Attendance: Harry Smith, Grainne O'Hare, Raymond Stewart, Jackie Mc Donald, Matthew Russell, Sgt Brian Mc Laron, Con Mark Delargy, Ria Jordan, Yvonne Morrow, Anne Cochrane

Apologies: Helen Smith, Billy Marshall, Eddie Cairns, Cecil Kennedy, Keith Addy, Sheila Close, Jim Ross, Dennis Patterson

Last minutes were recorded as true and accurate, proposed by Anne Cochrane and seconded by Yvonne Morrow.

Matters Arising

No matters arising that will not be dealt with by the agenda.

Police Reports: Sgnt McClaron and Const Mark Delargy presented statistics were for the period 21/2/2013 – 18/04/2013 for the Benmore, Orpen and Erinvale areas. Please find statistics attached.

Benmore Stats

33 incidents in total.

These 33 incidents included 5 domestics, 4 criminal damage, 3 theft, 4 assaults, 10 ASB, 6 suspicious person or vehicle and one concern for safety. One particular incident was discussed. It was in relation to youths in Locksley Lane. The youths in question have been causing annoyance to the elderly residents whose houses back on to the Lane. The elderly residents are becoming quite distressed as a result. Anita Duff had agreed at the last meeting to try to arrange for the detached area youth team to take a look at the area and try to talk to some of the youths involved. Con. Delargy has agreed to liaise with Anita on this issue.

Erinvale Stats

12 incidents in total.

These 12 incidents included 3 ASB, 1 Concern for Safety, 7 Suspicious Activity and 1 Robbery. One particular incident was discussed in relation to a robbery on 20/3/13. A bus was robbed at Erinvale turning circle by 2 youths armed with a knife. Descriptions were given, no arrests have been made as yet but CID are still investigating. There was a slight rise in the number of calls relating to suspicious activity. It is reassuring to know that residents are now reporting these incidents.

Orpen Stats

6 incidents in total.

Orpen has been extremely quiet since the last meeting. There have been no reports of Anti Social Behaviour. There was 1 burglary reported in Orpen Park where jewellery was taken. CSI attended and the investigation is ongoing. In addition to this, there was 1 domestic incident, 1 incident of criminal damage, 1 theft and 3 reports of suspicious activity. Anne Cochrane stated that the area

is a changed place and has been the quietest it has been in 20 years. The group stated that they felt this was largely due to the gates at Wedderburn being closed at night.

NIHE Report

Dave Elliot gave his report for March – April 2013. He received 3 new complaints. One of these was closed the same day it was received, one is ongoing concerning a bike in the communal areas of Moylena House, and the third report was regarding a noise complaint which will hopefully be sorted in the near future. Dave stated that it has been very quiet over the past few months.

BCC Report

Keith Addy was unable to attend and had asked Harry to update the members.

Other Business

An update was given by Sgt Mc Laren regarding an assault on a Filipino man a number of months ago in Locksley Park. 3 youths have been prosecuted but have not yet been sentenced.

BCDA has been awarded further funding to produce 2 more Community Safety magazines. These magazines will aim to encourage people to lift the phone and report incidents, however minor they may seem.

Benmore and Erinvale have signed up to the BCC bonfire guidelines. Work is ongoing on making it a safe, enjoyable night for everyone. Erinvale have made a huge difference in reducing the instances of ASB around the Bonfire period.

A new mural is being painted on the wall at the bottom of Geeragh Place to cover an old UDA mural. The new mural will feature Finaghy Primary School as it is now and also as it used to look. Work is due to start this week and should take approx 7 – 10 days.

Finaghy Traders Assoc are setting up a webpage. The traders seem to be working very well together.

The work which had been carried out in Wedderburn Park without consultation with local residents had now stopped and the grounds have been put back to the way they were.

The appeal hearing for the possible Amusement Arcade at Erinvale shops has been adjourned again.

Next Meeting

24th June 2013 at 7.30pm in Finaghy Community Centre