

**Greater Finaghy Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Benmore, Erinvale and Orpen Areas
8th June 2015**

Attendance: Jim Ross, Anne Cochrane, Grainne O'Hare, Smitha Kurian, Eddie Cairns, Jamie Moore, Sheila Close, Matthew Russell, Harry Smith, Insp. Gordon Wilkinson, Sgt. Brian Mc Laron, Angie Boyle (BCC Safer Neighbourhood Officer)

Apologies: Dennis Patterson, Colin Patterson, Raymond Stewart, Ria Jordan, David Elliott

Previous Minutes:

Proposed by Sheila Close

Seconded by Eddie Cairns

Police Reports: Statistics were given for the time period 24/3/2015 – 18/5/2015 for Orpen, Benmore and Erinvale.

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Benmore Stats

18 incidents in total

5 ASB – These included hoax calls from a telephone box in Benmore Drive, a neighbour dispute in Innishowen Drive, threats on facebook and a hate / race related incident in Torr Way.

5 Thefts – These included the theft of a mountain bike and a motorcycle which was not working in Locksley Park.

4 Criminal Damage – These included windows smashed and spray paint on a wall in Garron Crescent, a trampoline damaged in Innishowen Drive and a vehicle window smashed in Benmore Drive.

2 Burglaries – These included an incident in Torr Way where 3 males entered a house with scarves and masks. Armed with hammers they attacked the occupants car upon leaving. Investigation is ongoing. Also, an incident in Locksley Park where the rear window was forced. Nothing was taken and forensics have been submitted.

2 Assaults – These all comprised of domestic incidents.

Erinvale Stats

4 incidents in total

1 Burglary – This occurred in The Crescent. A pane of glass was removed from garage and a mountain bike worth £800 was taken.

1 Criminal Damage – This occurred in Erinvale Drive. Possible attempted burglary. Resident reported that the metal locking system on their door had been bent out of shape. It is believed this was done with a screwdriver. This was reported for information purposes.

1 Assault – This took place at Erinvale Shops. It took place inside the shop and there were no physical injuries, just shock. The complaint was withdrawn.

1 Suspicious – This took place in Hollymount / The Vines – male reported asking to fix slates in roof. Reported for information only.

Orpen Stats

4 incidents in total.

1 Burglary – This occurred in Orpen Drive. Resident was awakened by a noise and witnessed 2 males climbing a fence and smash a security light. 2 arrests were made and linked to 2 other burglaries on same night.

1 Criminal Damage – May be linked to previous incident. Occured in Porter Park. Damage to car by brick.

1 Attempted TADA – This occurred in Orpen Park. Steering Column damaged. Did not take the car.

1 Suspicious – Male promised to carry out work for a vulnerable female. Deposit paid and male never returned to carry out the work.

BCC Report

Angie Boyle had nothing to report.

Other Business

-It was noted and discussed that there has been a lot of race / hate incidents reported in the area lately.

-Matthew stated that there has been a car going around Erinvale area lifting items from gardens. Occured last week in the early hours of the morning. No registration plate taken.

-Gate at Orpen – No problems seem to have been reported with this. Thanks to Johnny Strong for taking on the role of locking the gate.

-Matthew stated that the entrance to Erinvale is very run down. The Road Service don't seem to want to know. Angie agreed to feed this back to BCC.

-Cars parked on Finaghy Road South are causing a sight obstruction to cars trying to exit from Benmorre Drive. This has been raised with Traffic Branch who will liaise with DRD to do a site visit and possibly shorten the white line so cars cannot park as far up to junction.

-Some members of the group voiced their disappointment at the PSNI not contacting them regarding the serious Burglary incident at Torr Way. Insp. Wilkinson apologised for this oversight assuming people in the area would have already known.

-Insp. Wilkinson stated that changes to the structure of the PSNI over the coming month mean that he will move to Musgrave. Sgt. Mc Laren will remain and they will know in near future who the neighbourhood officers will be. The role in Neighbourhood Team has not been defined yet. The Committee wished Insp. Wilkinson thanks for his service in that area and wished him all the best in his new post in Musgrave.

Next Meeting

28th September 2015 @ 7pm (This meeting will take place after the Finaghy Community Centre Committee AGM which will take place at 6.30pm – All are welcome to attend)