

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

Attendance: **Raymond Stewart, Matthew Russell, Sheila Close, Jim Ross, Helen Smith, Anne Cochrane, Ria Jordan, Alderman Tom Ekin, Grainne O'Hare, Harry Smith, Dennis Patterson, Con. Mark D'largy, Insp. Gordon Wilkinson, Sgt. Brian Mc Laren**

Apologies: **Ancy Joseph, Colin Patterson, Eddie Cairns, Keith Addy**

Previous Minutes:

Proposed by Helen Smith

Seconded by Sheila Close

Police Reports: Statistics were given for the time period 20/9/2014 – 21/11/2014 for Orpen, Benmore and Erinvale.

Matters Arising

Sgt Brian McLaren referred to a report that was raised at the previous meeting where a burglary took place but hadn't been included in the statistics. Brian stated that this investigation was on going and apologised for it not being included in the statistics for the last meeting. This was an over sight by the person compiling the statistics.

Harry compiled a letter regarding the introduction of Service First without any consultation with the public to Chief Superintendant Mc Crum. He has received no acknowledgement letter or response as yet. Insp. Wilkinson will chase this up.

Benmore Stats

18 incidents in total – Very little in the way of ABD considering it was Halloween holidays.

6 ASB – These reports included youths hanging around the garages at Moylena House, an elderly resident who was having problems with her daughter and needed her removed from the house and a race / hate crime in Innisowen Drive where a 7 year old had suffered racial abuse from others in the area.

5 Assaults – These all comprised of domestic and neighbour incidents.

2 Thefts – These included the theft of a wheelie bin and flowerpots.

1 Burglary – This took place in Glenarm Square where the criminals entered through the front door and took a playstation, jewellery and money. There was no forensics evidence at the scene but a woman was later arrested at another burglary.

2 Suspicious – One report in Locksley Park where a male saying they were from NIHE was taking photographs in the area. Checks were made and this information was found to be correct as it was a NIHE

contractor carrying out asbestos checks. Also, a suspicious car was reported in Benmore Walk. It was found to be a stolen VW Golf which had been taken from a burglary in Bristow Oark. This has been lifted for forensic examination.

2 Criminal Damage – These both occurred in Innisowen Drive. One incident included a window being smashed and the other involved eggs being thrown at the front of a ground floor flat.

Erinvale Stats

5 incidents in total

1 ASB – This was from a house party in The Hill and the noise hotline was informed.

2 Thefts – One incident was a stolen bin. The other was the attempted theft of a car in Erinvale Drive. A resident discovered youths trying to steal his car in the early hours of the morning. They then went on to try other cars in the street before leaving in their own car. There has since been no trace and no reports of any cars in the street being stolen or damaged.

1 Missing Person – This was a 16 year old person who had a fall out with their family. They have since been found.

Orpen Stats

6 incidents in total.

1 Suspicious – This occurred in Porter Park and involved a report of people calling at a house. There was no evidence to support this.

5 Thefts – These included 2 bins being stolen. It also included a Mercedes car being stolen at a party. The vehicle was later located in West Belfast. A mobile phone was also stolen from the same house. Another report of theft included items stolen from a garage in Orpen Park after work was carried out at a house. Police are unsure as to whether this actually happened as the person reporting has mental health issues.

NIHE Report

No member of NIHE available at the meeting.

Other Business

Crossroads has been very quiet lately.

Dennis stated that the traffic parked on the footpath on Finaghy Road South at the top of Benmore Drive is extremely dangerous to drivers and pedestrians as it is blocking the view of the road and will cause an accident. Police stated that it is an offence to park within 15 yards of a junction and police can deal with this if necessary.

Anne discussed the amount of dog fouling in the Orpen area.

Harry provided an update on employing consultants to develop a community strategy for Community Safety in the Greater Finaghy Area.

Next Meeting

26th January 2015 @ 7pm

ASB
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Crim Damage
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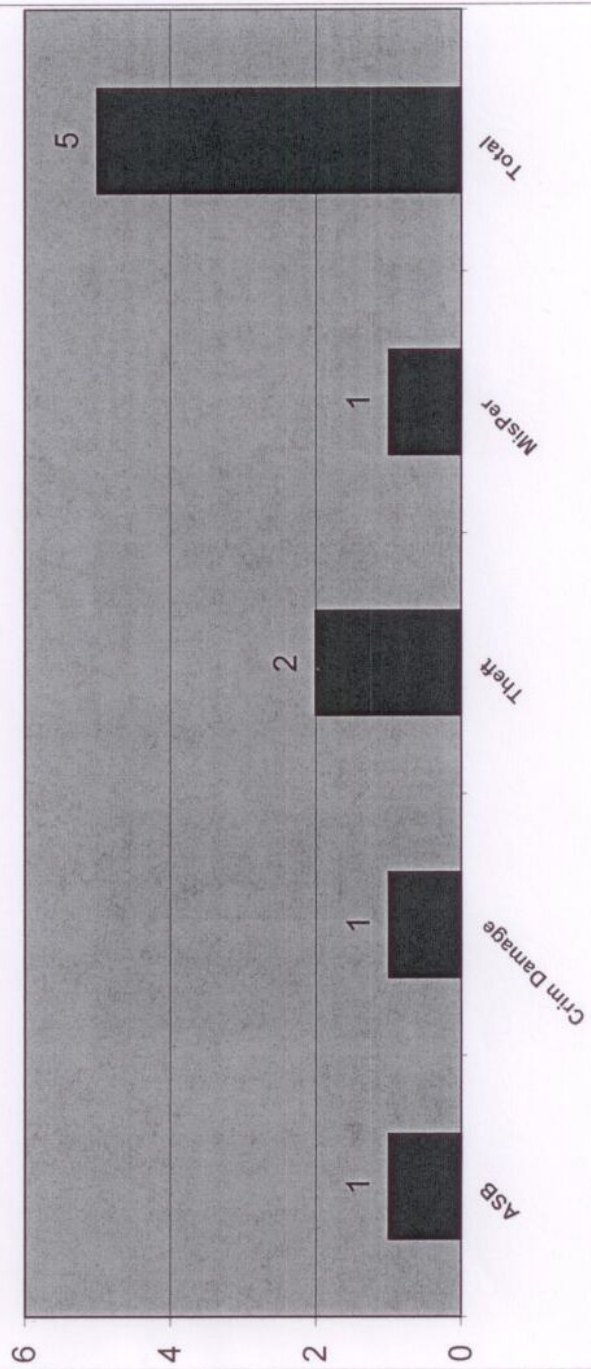
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Total
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ERINVALE STATISTICS 20.9.14 - 21.11.14

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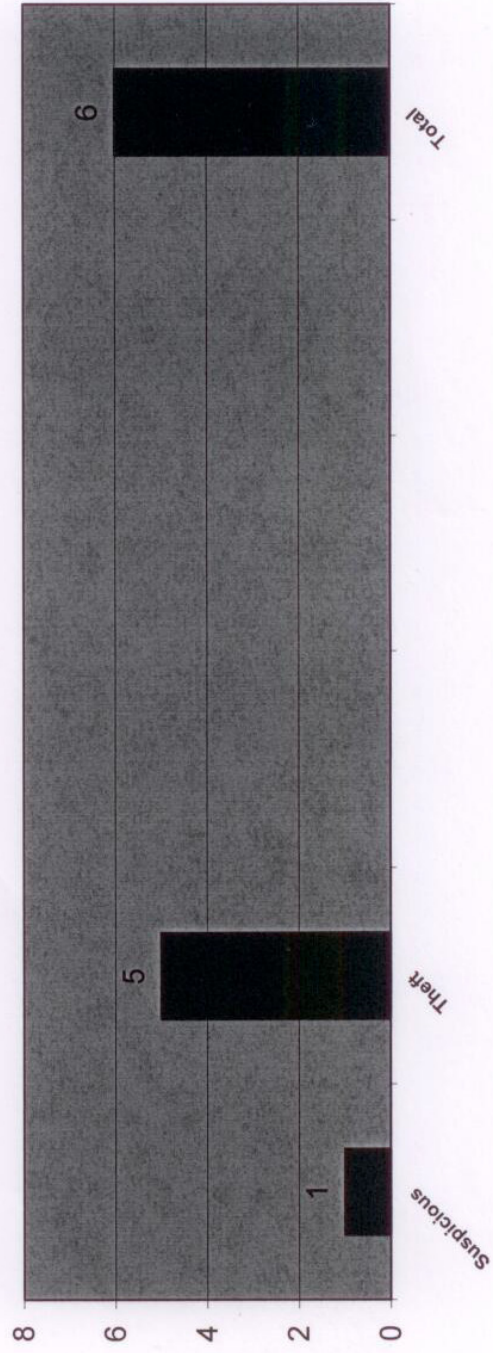
Suspicious
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Theft
5

Total
6

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BENMORE STATISTICS 20.9.14 - 21.11.14

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