

**Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Benmore, Erinvale and Orpen Areas
26th November 2012**

Attendance: Anne Cochrane, Eddie Cairns, Cecil Kennedy, Grainne O'Hare, Harry Smith, Raymond Stewart, Sgt Brian McLaron, Insp Gordon Wilkinson, Anita Duff, David Elliott, Robert Best, Johnny Strong, Ricky Rice, Pete Murray, Keith Addy, Helen Smith, Dennis Patterson

Apologies: Mary T O'Neill, Matthew Russell, Sheila Close, Colin Patterson, Jim Ross, Ria Jordan, Yvonne Morrow, Cllr Tom Ekin

Introductions were made by everyone stating who they were and in what capacity they were attending the meeting.

Last minutes were recorded as true and accurate, proposed by Helen Smith and seconded by Dennis Patterson.

Matters Arising:

- Ricky Rice has been in touch with Matthew Russell regarding the seating in Erinvale Park. The sites where the seats will be placed have been agreed and the seats will be installed.
- Two meetings ago it was reported that a burglary had taken place in Benmore Walk and keys to the house had been stolen. NIHE were going to address this immediately. This has still not been completed. David Elliot spoke to Seamus Sheehy. Someone will be going out this week with a contractor to arrange what needs to be done.
- There was no update on the hedge at Benmore Drive, David will chase this up.
- The latest Community Safety magazines have been printed and distributed.
- Sgt Brian Mc Laron consulted with Traffic Branch re the car park at Iceland being used as a cut through to Lisburn Road. Traffic branch stated that it was not a PSNI or DRD issue. The most that could be hoped for is for the owners of the car park to place bollards at one end at their own expense. This is unlikely to happen.

Police Reports: Inspector Wilkinson and Sgnt McClaron presented police crime statistics for the period 22/09/2012 – 24/11/2012 for Benmore, Taughmonagh and Erinvale areas. Please find statistics attached.

Benmore Stats:

- One particular incident was discussed. A car was hijacked in Locksley Park by a number of men. It was then driven to Shane Retail Park off the Boucher Road. Police located the car here and waited to see if anyone would return to the car, which they did. These persons were then arrested for various offences. Good police work!

Erinvale Stats:

- One particular incident was discussed regarding anti social behaviour in Wederburn park. A few officers were tasked to the area in response to a call and became surrounded. CS spray was used and assistance from TSG was required. The park has been quiet since this incident.

Orpen Stats:

- It was stated that the gates at Orpen are closing far too early at 4.30pm. It was agreed that 7pm is a more realistic time. For this to happen a security firm would need to be employed to do this. Two residents however have agreed to take responsibility for the closing of the gate if the Council agrees to it. Ricky Rice and Pete Murray agreed to sort this as soon as possible. A new key would be made available to two community volunteers, Ricky Rice and PSNI. Signage is being updated in relation to the closing of the gate.

NIHE Report

David Elliott updated the group on his current cases of ASB. He currently has 11 live cases. Of these cases, 7 should be ok to close and 4 are ongoing. Please find attached sheet detailing these cases.

In relation to the incident in Wederburn Park, David Elliott spoke to the parents of individuals who were involved in the incident. They were reminded that the tenancy of the parents could be affected by behaviour of their children.

BCC Report

Keith Addy highlighted a community safety event in the Great Hall of City Hall on 5th December 10am – 1pm. This is a multi agency event.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

28th January 2013 at 7pm in Finaghy Community Centre