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BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2017

A MEETING of the BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWTOWN STREET, DUNS on THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2017 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

7 November 2017

BUSINESS		
10.	Police Scotland (Pages 3 - 6)	10 mins

NOTES

1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

Membership of Committee:- Councillors J. A. Fullarton (Chairman), J. Greenwell, C. Hamilton, H. Laing, D. Moffat and M. Rowley

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"Keeping People Safe"

Berwickshire Area Locality Committee – 9th November 2017

Police Report

Inspector John Scott

East CPA (East and Mid Berwickshire Multi Member Wards)

Purpose of the Report

To update the Berwickshire Area Forum on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to present date.

Local Events

There has been no significant incidents on the back of Halloween or Bonfire Night in the past week. Eyemouth fireworks event was concluded with no issues.

Planning is now in place for the annual Remembrance Parades and following a meeting held with Scottish Borders Council Safety Advisory Group, all parades have successfully applied for Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, allowing roads to be closed for the duration of the parades.

Policing Plans

The Multi Member Ward plan priorities, which were obtained following the public consultation surveys in 2014 are published on the Police Scotland website. The plans focus the work of our officers on the issues that you have told us are important to the community.

Ward Plan Priorities:

East Berwickshire

1. Road Safety
2. Misuse Of Drugs

3. Rural Thefts
4. Antisocial Behaviour

Mid Berwickshire

1. Road Safety
2. Inconsiderate Driver Behaviour
3. Antisocial Behaviour

Road Safety and Inconsiderate Driver Behaviour

Drivers are reminded to pay particular attention to the road conditions over the coming months in particular on rural roads. It is reported that there will some prolonged cold conditions in the coming weeks and drivers should pay attention to advice issued by Scottish Borders Council and the Police with regards to road conditions. The SB Alert messaging system is used widely by agencies and weather and driving advice will be issued through this system.

There was one drink driving offence detected in the reporting period.

During the summer there has been a number of complaints from residents of villages across the area in respect of speeding vehicles. Speed checks are carried out both on open roads and in villages by Roads Policing and the mobile camera unit at dedicated locations. These are both for enforcement and education purposes with a number of warnings and advice issues to drivers during checks.

Misuse Of Drugs

Officers are continuing to target drugs offences, there has been 16 drugs offences detected with 1 person reported for supplying drugs.

Antisocial Behaviour

Anyone who is the victim of antisocial behaviour should report this at the time of the incident to the police. If it is an ongoing issue, this can be reported to the Antisocial Behaviour Unit helpline on **0800 028 5711**.

Rural Thefts

There has been a number of rural thefts across the Berwickshire area in the reporting period. The majority of these are opportunist crimes where basic crime prevention would have prevented these.

In addition to this there has been other targeted crimes where motorbikes and quad bikes have been targeted. If farmers or residents in rural communities are concerned with regards to their property, advice is available on the Police

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Scotland website and CBOs can provide crime prevention advice to rural businesses if they require it.

Other Information

Sheep Worrying

Police Scotland are running a month long campaign to prevent livestock worrying.

The Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime, a multi-agency partnership which includes Police Scotland, National Farmers Union of Scotland and Scottish Land & Estates, is working with Scottish Natural Heritage, the Kennel Club and the National Sheep Association (Scotland) to promote responsible dog walking in the countryside.

Rural dog owners and those who choose to exercise their dogs in the countryside must ensure they are under control at all times and try to avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing.

The worrying of sheep and other livestock by dogs not only has an obvious financial and emotional impact on farmers when their animals are killed or injured, but also has an effect on the animals themselves, their productivity and welfare.

We are encouraging farmers and landowners to engage with dog walkers and to help keep them informed by putting up signs on gateways and on key roads and paths alerting them to the presence of sheep and other livestock in their fields and suggesting alternative routes

Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report all incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Police Scotland will robustly enforce the existing legislation, ensuring all reported cases of livestock being attacked by dogs are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

You're View Counts

Police Scotland are continuing to consult communities on what their policing priorities are. We would encourage all Community Council to promote the survey and to take the time to complete it on line.

The survey takes just 5 minutes and this has informed us on what matters locally.

The results of the survey are updated with the results from each quarter and this will allow us to shape the priorities going forward.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation/>

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