

Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Held within Community Education Unit, Abbots Road, Grangemouth

On 21st February 2019

Present:

Community Councillors W.Inglis (Chairing), M.Richards, K.McIntosh, T.Brown, J.Miller, D.Higgins, M.A.Milne, L.McKay, A.Gillies, S.Aitkenhead (part of meeting)

In Attendance:

N.Robb & B.Baird (Police Scotland), Cllrs D.Balfour, R.Spears, S.Ross (FC)

Apologies:

CCllrs. A. Mullen, L.McKay, Cllr A.Black,

Police Scotland Report 1-31st January(2 officers attending) A copy of the Police Scotland Report for January can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

Q.

CClr D.Higgins sought clarification on what vehicles are permitted to have Blue Flashing lights. He reported that when driving he had pulled over to allow what he thought was an emergency vehicle to pass only to discover that it was a vehicle recovery vehicle.

A. N.Robb undertook to establish what the criteria is in relation to recovery vehicles.

Q.

CClr M.Richards sought clarification on what type of offences are covered under the term Fraud in the report.

A.

N.Robb advised that in essence it means basically agreeing to do something and not delivering in terms of service or payment. eg bogus workmen.

Q.

CClr. T.Brown asked why when submitting the monthly report there is always the caveat that the figures given should not be regarded as official Scottish Government crime statistics?

A.

N.Robb advised that the figures stated and description of offences in the report are generated locally and the offence codes and descriptions could change following submission to the prosecuting authorities prior to inclusion in the National data base of crime statistics.

Community Safety Team Report 1-31st January (no team members attending) A copy of the Community Safety Team Report for January can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

CClr T.Brown sought clarification on whether the Community Safety Team would be specifically invited to attend a CC meeting.

CClr W.Inglis advised that the CST have an open invitation to attend CC meetings however given their limited numbers and shift patterns this is not always possible. Colleagues were also advised that in general our working relationship with the CST is good and if there are specific areas of concern these are communicated directly to the CST and acted on.

CClr A.Gillies reported that he and CClr S.Aitkenhead had in fact met with the CST earlier today to discuss an issue of concern and will be working with the CST to seek a solution.

SEPA Report Update for January has been submitted and circulated to colleagues. A copy of the report can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

Community Planning Seony Ross from Falkirk Council provided an update on the process and perceived problems of duplication as it is currently structured. There are proposals to streamline how we go about the creation of a Community Plan that would involve liaison with groups and individuals already working within the community.

Concerns have been raised that there is little or no progress in practical terms to resolve any of the issues identified during what is becoming a protracted consultation phase.

Colleagues reinforced the concerns and the lack of hoped for quick wins. After extensive discussion it was agreed that we would support the change of tack on the basis that a rigid timetable is established and specific targets are set.

19/08 Minutes the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February were adopted on the motion of and seconded by

19/09 Matters Arising

19/02 CClr M.Richards advised that a response had been received from MSP A.MacDonald in relation to his survey reference reinstatement of a rail station for Grangemouth and circulated to colleagues.

A short discussion followed in relation to the apparent mandate.

19/10 Correspondence CClr M.Richards confirmed that all correspondence had been distributed to Community Councillors.

Colleagues were updated on an invitation from B.Pirie CCLO to attend a meeting on 27th February to discuss the role of CC now and in the future.

19/11 Planning CClr J.Miller advised

No new significant applications had been received.

A response has been received in relation to the application to create a new access point at Beancross Road advising an imminent decision.

A response has been received in relation to retrospective developments at Yoderhaugh Farm advising that there is no decision pending due to complicated planning history at this location.

Ineos have been granted planning permission to extend parking arrangements at their Headquarters.

19/12 Treasurers Report The current balance of the CC account is £3556.85 with no invoices pending

19/13 Matters raised by Members of the Public

NTR

AOCB

Community Purchase Seminar 2nd March_2 places have been reserved CClr M.Richards confirmed he will attend.

Grangemouth Flood Prevention Scheme CClr W.Inglis expressed concerns about the outcome that may be presented to the community in terms of the option to be adopted based on a response that has been received by councillor Spears and passed to the CC for information. A discussion followed highlighting the need to ensure that the community remains informed and

engaged in this issue. It was agreed that we would contact the Head of Development Services seeking an update and a timetable for a decision on the option likely to be selected.

Grangemouth Sports Hub, contact has been received from Falkirk Community Trust in relation to this initiative. A meeting has been scheduled for 27th February to garner further information on whats involved.

Patient Transfer, contact has been received from Danny Callaghan of Lower Braes CC seeking the opportunity to meet us to discuss establishing a volunteer group to transfer cancer suffering patients to and from treatment centres.

Queens Garden Party Nominations, we have submitted three candidates.

Cllr Spears raised concern about potential issues that could arise for the community in the event of a No Deal Brexit. Are we prepared as a group and a community to help each other?

CClr M.Richards sought feedback from colleagues in relation to our recent meeting with Police Scotland. There was a wide range of comments but in essence the message remains that in order for the Police to respond they need to be contacted (not by social media which is not monitored) before they can react and build up a picture of problematic areas.

CClr D.Higgins raised concern about the lack of coordinated response to cleansing issues in and around Union Road that has been highlighted by the appearance of rats at that location.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

The next public meeting of the Community Council will be held on 21st March at 7pm

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Community Council meeting

Name of
Community Council:

Monthly ward report:	Grangemouth
Date of meeting:	21/02/2019
Author of report:	PC Abby Philliben
Report presented by:	PC Nathan Robb
Reporting period:	01/01/2019 – 31/01/2019

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This monthly report is intended to provide the local community with information on local policing issues and local police activity. Following consultation with the local community, the local priorities for the Grangemouth ward area are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder
- Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse
- Road Safety
- Dishonesty Crimes

Please note that any data presented within this report has been extracted from internal systems within Police Scotland and should not, in anyway, be interpreted as official Scottish Government recorded crime statistics.

Apologies, I will not be able to attend the meeting this evening, however, I will come to the March meeting. It is my understanding that Ian Brocklebank is attending tonight.

In terms of my team reporting – the only thing to update you on is that we had a liaison meeting with **Forth Ports** on 11th January, with Falkirk Council attending also. We discussed the odour complaints we had received last year, and if there were any further measures that could be undertaken. They were looking at further measures for unloading of materials from the ship to the EWOS shed, and vehicle movements, some of which have already been undertaken. There have been three shipments of material coming in Jan/ Feb, and no odours detected by SEPA staff, and no complaints. The team are monitoring this as they are notified when shipments are coming in by Forth Ports.

TSU reporting - **CalaChem**

- During the period December 2018 – February 2019 SEPA has received a small number of odour and noise complaints in the Glensburgh area of Falkirk associated with emission from the CalaChem effluent treatment plant.
- The additional odours appear to be a consequence of small changes in the operation of the waste water plant
- A partial blockage had previously been detected in the biological filters used in the odour abatement system and actions are being taken by CalaChem with the aim of resolving the blockage and modifying plant conditions to minimise odour emissions
- SEPA will continue to pursue improvements to reduce the odour impact in both the short and long term and are still following up on previous odour emission events.

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Ward Priorities

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

During the reporting period there have been 17 charges raised in relation to crimes of disorder. Of these, 12 charges have been detected and 5 remain undetected with enquiries ongoing to trace the offenders.

- 7 of these crimes of disorder were in public places.
- 9 of these crimes of disorder were in private dwellings or were domestic in nature.
- 1 of these were youth related.

During the reporting period there have been 16 charges raised in relation to crimes of assault. Of these, 10 charges have been detected and 6 remain undetected with enquiries ongoing to trace the offenders.

- 6 of these was an assault in public place.
- 10 of these were assaults in private dwellings or were domestic in nature.
- 1 of these were youth related.

During the reporting period there have been 16 charges raised in relation to crimes of vandalism. Of these 4 charges have been detected and 12 remain undetected with enquiries ongoing to trace the offenders.

- 12 of these were vandalisms to property.
- 4 of these were vandalisms to motor vehicles.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

During the reporting period there has been 11 charges raised in relation to drug related offences. These include offences for possession of controlled drugs, being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and incidents where Recorded Police Warnings were issued.

During the reporting period there was 2 drugs search warrants executed in the Grangemouth ward area.

Drug dealing and drug misuse continue to be a problem in the local community. Any information in relation to suspected drug offences can be relayed directly to Police Scotland in strictest confidence by phoning 101 or anonymously by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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ROAD SAFETY

During the reporting period the following road traffic offences have been detected in the Grangemouth ward area:

- 0 Speeding offence
- 0 Mobile phone offence
- 0 No seatbelt offences
- 9 Miscellaneous (such as no mot)
- 1 No insurance
- 1 Drink / drug driving
- 0 Driving whilst disqualified

In response to concerns raised by the local community in relation to speeding, ward officers have been utilising the Handheld Radar Device within the Grangemouth Ward area during the reporting period.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

During the reporting period there have been 30 charges raised in relation to crimes of dishonesty. Of these, 8 charges have been detected and 22 remain undetected with enquiries ongoing to trace the offenders.

- 6 of these were theft or attempted theft by housebreaking.
- 3 of these were thefts of motor vehicles.
- 1 of these were thefts from motor vehicles.
- 19 of these were minor thefts or thefts by shoplifting.
- 1 of these were related to fraud.

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS

Throughout the month of January the Castleton, Bowhouse and Charlotte Dundas areas continued to be priority with uniformed and plain clothed police patrols deployed to prevent ASB, Disorder and Violence. Local officers were also assisted in these patrols by Officers from the divisional violence reduction unit.

Local ward officers are also continuing to pay close attention to the playgrounds of the local primary school's due to reports of youths causing anti-social behaviour.

Hand held radar has also been utilised in the Grangemouth area, due to concerns raised in relation to speeding.

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Community Engagement and Reassurance

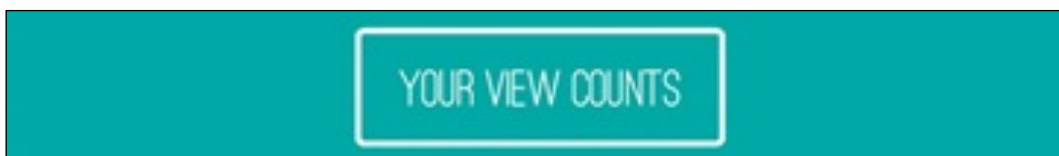


Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round.

The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website;
www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

Feedback from
meeting:

Please email the ward Policing team in relation to any feedback from this meeting at
GrangemouthCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk



Grangemouth Community Council Meeting
 Thursday 21st February 2019
COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

Period: 01/01/19 – 31/01/19

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	EAST- Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST- Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL- Falkirk North and South
102	32	27	43

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
NONE		We identify hotspot areas through a multi-agency tasking group involving Police Scotland, Falkirk Housing, SACRO and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. These are areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour.

Period: 01/01/19 – 31/01/19

Investigations: ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	21
Litter & Fly Tipping	9
Youth related disorder	2
Other	0

Current CST activities in the area

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community.

We are still patrolling and monitoring for Youth related disorder at Charlotte Dundas Court in the evenings.

A male has been reported to Police for acting as an agent in the purchase of alcohol for underage youths.

We are currently monitoring Skye Court, Dundas Street and Wallace Court for Dog Fouling.

Isabel and Kirsty attended the tree planting at Inchyra Park and will monitor the area during the evening to stop any vandalism to the trees.

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