



Police Service of Scotland Community Council Meeting

Gullane Community Council Meeting gaccsecretary@gmail.com

Date of Meeting: Thursday 26th September 2024

Foreword from PC Diane Bath

At the last CAPP meeting the area did not identify any priorities to be looked at in this area.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new temporary North Berwick community officer. I have worked in response policing for the last 15 years covering the North Berwick, Gullane, Aberlady area. I also have grown up in the area and currently reside locally. As a result of this I am aware of the ongoing issues that need to be addressed. I look forward to hopefully meeting you all soon.

This report has included the time that Fringe by the sea has been on. Overall, it has been extremely successful and well attended with only one minor crime being reported.

Police Scotland has launched public consultations to gather the views of the local community on proposals to dispose of three police stations in East Lothian and relocate officers to larger, existing stations within the area.

Following a review of operational buildings, North Berwick, Dunbar and Prestonpans are all being proposed for closure with officers being transferred to alternative East Lothian stations. Each police station is underutilised and incurs significant annual running costs, ongoing repairs and maintenance.

The changes proposed to North Berwick and Dunbar are in line with our policing plan that has been in place for the last ten years. Under that plan, if any member of the public contacts the police in North Berwick or Dunbar, it is actually our response officers based in Haddington who respond to those incidents.

With investment in our fleet and digital device technology our officers are now fully mobile. Officers will continue to remain actively present in the community throughout their entire shifts, ensuring your safety and maintaining a strong, visible police presence.



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If our proposals go ahead, there would be no change to the delivery of policing services and there would be no changes to the local policing teams. We are committed to remaining within the area and continuing to provide a service to East Lothian.

Your Community Policing Officer will not routinely attend Community Council meetings unless specifically requested in response to specific issues. The officer will attend the CAPP (Community & Police Partnership). The CAPP meeting is for elected members and local representatives to agree local priorities; therefore all community councils are encouraged to have a representative attend.

Between 19th August 2024 and 24th September 2024 there were 88 calls to the area. This resulted in the police recording 16 crimes as follows:

East Lothian Policing Priorities

- **Protecting the most vulnerable** (Missing Persons, Elderly, Hate Incidents, Domestic Abuse).

No crimes of this type reported

- **Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour**

1 x Vandalism
2 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour
2 x Assault
2 x Miscellaneous

- **Reducing Acquisitive Crime** (Crimes of Dishonesty)

2 x Theft shoplifting
2 x Attempt Theft Housebreaking with intent to steal
1 x Theft Housebreaking
1 x Theft

- **Improving Road Safety**

1 x Fail to stop after an accident
1 x Careless Driving
1 x Driving over the limit



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- **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime** (Drugs & Crime Prevention)

No Crimes of this type reported

CAPP PRIORITIES

Following the CAPP meeting on Wednesday 21st August 2024 no priorities have been identified.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2024

Please e-mail any feedback to:

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