

Garthdee Community Council Meeting

Police Report

8 June 2021

Crime overview

Unfortunately as anticipated the lighter nights have impacted and we are seeing an increase in youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.

15 youth calls were logged during May 2021.

Areas being affected include Auchinyell Terrace/Crescent, Garthdee Drive, Ramsay Crescent- premises such as Asda, ski slope, Londis shop and the Garthdee Parish Church.

We have been working hard to visit the likes of the Londis and increased proactive patrols involving specials.

This past weekend at the start of June 2021 has been eventful with a small spree of antisocial behaviour being reported involving a particular group of young males.

The good news is we have quickly identified these youths and have taken prompt action having 2 youths in custody yesterday and today.

We have identified at 13 year old local male and a 16 year old male from another area- they have both been charged with 13 crimes/offences- including a fire to papers outside Londis, fire to wheelie bin, various vandalisms, break in to a shed. They have been reported to youth management and we have made referrals to provide these kids with support and hopefully can divert them from future criminal activity.

The relaxation of guidelines is causing us to continually adapt and we are seeing an increase in the footfall in the city centre and re-opening of hospitality which has an obvious impact on resources to meet demands elsewhere.

Please be reassured that there continues to be a proactive approach to dealing with issues in the Nigg CPT

Tasking has been sent to Community wardens to patrols Garthdee.

Hate Crime

I am aware GREC are attending this meeting so wanted to quickly mention hate crime.

Hate Incident - Any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group but which does not constitute a criminal offence (non-crime incident).

There are currently five social groups protected under hate crime legislation:

- Disability or presumed disability (any disability including physical disability, learning disability and mental health).
- Race or presumed race (any racial group, ethnic background or national origin, including countries within the UK and Gypsy / Traveller groups).
- Religion or presumed religion (any religious group, including those who have no faith).
- Sexual orientation or presumed sexual orientation (sexual orientation towards persons of the same sex or of the opposite sex or towards both).
- Transgender identity or presumed transgender identity (defined as transvestism, transsexualisms, intersexuality or having by virtue of the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (c7), changed gender and any other gender identity that is not standard male or female gender identity. This refers to a whole range of people who find their gender identity or gender expression differs in some way, from the gender assumptions made by others about them when they were born).

Police Scotland take hate crime very seriously. So far during 2021 7 hate crimes have been recorded in the Garhdee area. All but 1 was detected.

One barrier to reporting is the feeling that this type of crime will not be taken seriously by Police, or will not be seen as important.

Please encourage those you support in the community to report matters to us.

I personally review hate crimes and give assurance that they will be treated seriously and actioned.

North East Division Integration Project (NEDIP)

On 31 May 2021 our public counter / reception facilities at Queen Street will move to our new city centre base within Marischal College on Broad Street, signalling a new chapter for policing in the city centre.

Queen Street police station was built in the early 1970s and was opened for the formation of Grampian Police in 1975. Prior to Grampian Police two forces served the Grampian area, Aberdeen City Police and the Scottish North Eastern Counties Constabularies (SNECC) but amalgamation of the two organisations happened on 16 May 1975.

Queen Street Police Station was seen as a modern building at the time of its opening however fast forward 46 years later and the 70s design and construction of Queen Street is not compatible with the requirements of modern policing. It's not environmentally friendly, there are significant limitations for internal refurbishment and reconfiguration and it is costly to maintain and heat.

Following the success of similar integration proposals with Aberdeenshire Council in Buchan House, Peterhead, in September 2020, the Scottish Police Authority (SPA)

approved the sale of Queen Street and the planned integration of staff with Aberdeen City Council in Marischal College and with Aberdeenshire Council in Woodhill House. It is also an ideal opportunity to realign specialist resources to form centres of excellence within our existing estate.

Staff will gradually move out of Queen Street during the course of this year and an important move is that of our public office.

Our new public office will be within the customer service centre at Aberdeen City Council's headquarters of Marischal College on Broad Street and will be open 7 days a week.

Integrating with partners has many benefits, for the public there will be the opportunity to visit two organisations within the same building. Members of the public will be able to get police advice at the same place as getting advice on council matters.

Policing in Aberdeen has always benefited from strong links with Aberdeen City Council but being based in the same building will enhance integration even further. Matters that concern both organisations such as child / vulnerable adult protection, will be an area that will see significant benefits from the co-location of police and council teams together.

There will also be financial savings as a result of this major move as the number of public buildings in the city reduce.

Our staff are looking forward to moving into the brand new facilities and providing the public with an enhance level of service.

For face to face information or advice please find our new public counter within the Aberdeen City Council Customer Service Centre at Marischal College.

Conclusion

As always we would urge the public to call in to report incidents and keep us informed of where the issues are by calling 101 or anonymously via crimestoppers.

Also the community policing team can be contacted on the group email:
airyhallbroomhillgarthdeecpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Thank you

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