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METTING WITH CPO

19TH MAY 2021

1900 VIA MS TEAMS

ATTENDEES

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1. Introductions
2. Police having IT issues therefore discussing items which have been raised as points of discussion.
3. Ros Milne – CPO introduced herself.

Motorbikes – police aware that more of an issue in warmer weather. Dedicated officer (plain clothes) to deal with motorbikes and responses to reported issues on a daily basis. Moped recovered today that has been causing problems recently and people of interest are being traced. No permanent CCTV on the cycle path at present. Please report any issues as often as they happen. Not always possible for officers to attend at the time of the call. Still images/footage is very useful – if it is safe to do so. If not – good description of bike/rider and others in the group. Email to report such evidence is EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk for the attention of Drylaw CPT and street name in the Subject box. Do not use this method to report an incident – use 101 or 999 (in an emergency).

Bonfire Night issues in Wester Drylaw Drive and Drylaw House Estate – piles of plastic, rubbish to burn. Potential pollution. Project run every year with Edin Council to uplift fly tipped rubbish around this time of year. Large scale letter drops with advice on safe bonfires etc or if possible an organised event (not possible due to covid in the last year). If you see a bonfire being formed, contact Police or Council to make them aware – or Crimestoppers (anonymous) via phone or online form. Local resident made us aware of rubbish at the back of Wester Drylaw Drive that has been lying since last November and reported on weekly – online via Edinburgh Council. Local Cllrs will follow this up from residents reference number

Fly tipping – report to Edinburgh Council to uplift. Litter and rubbish Wester Drylaw Park – will speak with the council. If you notice people fly tipping – please report names to your local ward councillors – your name will be kept anonymous. We need to identify those responsible as it is re-occurring almost immediately after reported waste has been cleared. Police echo this as they can only help if they know the incidents are happening. The more evidence, videos, pictures – gives officers ammunition to report to their senior officers and apply more resources to solving the issues.

Loud music – Wester Drylaw Drive – report via 101 or if noise stops while on hold – then please fill in the online “contact us” form on the Police Scotland Website. However this does take longer therefore calling 101 is preferable. CPO’s carry out patrols however do not respond to incidents. The response team do and will be asked if they have the resources to do patrols in these areas.

How does Easter/Wester Drylaw compare to neighbouring areas? – No better or worse across NW Edinburgh. As schools break up/summer general increase across NW Edinburgh of anti social behaviour of youths in open spaces.

Police Guidance on how the public should respond to anti social behaviour. Report as and when happening – emergency 999 (feeling threatened, immediate danger to property, themselves or other) or 101 in all other instances. Pressure needed on Police Scotland the council for more police resources in Edinburgh, PS – operation Proust – to target those who are targeting buses and trams – city wide and mid/east/west Lothian. Number of young people have been charged.

Youth engagement – any adults in the area willing to support YP by organising games of football etc and where would best place to be. Some officers would be willing to support this with assistance from the council to help organise. Spartans have capacity on their 5 aside pitches Monday – Friday 3.30 – 5pm free of charge.

Anyone with any expertise, training experience, ideas for anything that can be done in the Drylaw area? Potentially in Easter Drylaw Park where there are goal posts in place – please make contact with pamhigginsdtcc@gmail.com (secretary of Drylaw Telford Community Council). Can the schools in the area be utilised for their grounds? Meeting has been held with head of Ferryhill Primary – working to build links with the kids who have been using the Church grounds to play football. Ros will be meeting some of the kids at the school next week to build relationships and trust and discuss how their behaviour is causing issues in the community. Rowanfield and Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre will also be contacted to discuss any opportunities to use the grounds for playing football. Jenny is hoping to engage a young group of children who have been using the grounds to play in for many years with Ferrywell Youth Project? Opportunity for the older children S1/S2 to perhaps take part in Judo within the church to learn about discipline and respect. New Youth Group at Fetlor started this evening – free of charge. Police to link in with Fetlor about more information on this.

Thank you to Ros for attending and giving her time to answer these questions. Please email Police Scotland with above email address if you have any questions or queries you may have.

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