

POLICE SCOTLAND



CRATHES, DRUMOAK & DURRIS

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON**

Wednesday 3rd December 2015 at 7.30pm at the Crathes Hall



1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

RECORDED INCIDENTS/ CRIMES/OFFENCES:

Crime remains generally low in the Kincardine and Mearns beat area. Since the November Community Council Meeting there have been 149 incidents reported to Police Scotland in the Portlethen and District area - and of these, 30 Crime Reports have been raised:

13 x Thefts (including attempted break-ins and shopliftings)
5 x Road Traffic Offences
5 x Vandalisms
2 x Drug related offences
2 x Assaults
1 x Domestic Related Incident
5 x Miscellaneous offences.

DETECTED - 11

ENQUIRY ONGOING - 19

OTHER WORK:

High visibility mobile patrols will continue to be carried out throughout the Kincardine and Mearns area, whenever possible, to reduce the likelihood of crimes and offences occurring.

ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

CAMPAIGN URGES DRIVERS TO CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRINK DRIVING THIS CHRISTMAS

Motorists in Scotland are being reminded of the tough legal and personal consequences of drink driving this Christmas as Police Scotland and their road safety partners launched the 2015 Festive Drink Drive campaign on Tuesday 1st December.

This year's campaign aims to raise awareness that there is no grey area for drink drivers in Scotland - no matter how little over the limit a driver may be, in the eyes of the law they are still a criminal.

The legal limit is now 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, compared with the old limit of 80mg, which is still in place in England and Wales.

Less than 1 in 4 drivers in Scotland are aware that drink driving results in a criminal record which stays with them for a minimum of 20 years.

In addition to a lengthy criminal record, anyone found to be over the current driving limit faces an automatic driving ban, having their car seized, a fine of up to £5,000 and the possibility of a prison sentence.

If caught driving over the limit the next morning, you face the same consequences as if you'd been caught the night before.

Throughout the Christmas and New Year period the message is not to drink any alcohol at all before driving as the risk of being caught is higher than ever before.





Police Scotland launched its annual Festive Safety Campaign on Wednesday 18th November with a focus on a number of issues which could affect people in Scotland over the coming winter months.

The five week marketing campaign will offer advice and information to the public regarding online safety, shop safety, party safety and home safety.

Online Safety: encourages people to think about what they are posting on social networking sites and to make sure their web browser and internet security is up to date.

Shop Safely: by keeping presents out of sight in cars and being careful when using cash machines.

Party Safety: messages include planning ahead for nights out, sticking with friends and being sensible about how much alcohol is consumed.

Home Safety: advice includes tips on keeping homes secure and ensuring presents are kept out of sight.

Police Scotland's Festive Safety Campaign runs from 18 November to 25 December 2015.

For more information visit our [Festive Safety campaign page](#) which provides important information to help you stay safe this Festive Period through the four key safety messages.

POLICE SCOTLAND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS IN PARIS ON 13 NOVEMBER 2015.

This might seem like an unusual subject for a rural-based community council meeting, however I am sure that this is a subject playing on the minds of most at this current time...

Be Reassured

The threat from International Terrorism to the United Kingdom remains at SEVERE - an attack is highly likely; this has been the case since August 2014.

At this time there is no specific threat to Scotland.

Be Alert, Not Alarmed

Police have exercised plans to respond to multi seated firearms attacks and may increase their presence in some areas. Don't become fearful or withdraw from the streets.

Businesses and priority Crowded Places have been working with police to protect sites and staff from a variety of terrorist attacks. This includes music, sport and entertainment venues, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Police Scotland will continue to work with all of our partners in order to Keep People Safe.

Be Vigilant and Report Suspicious Behaviour

Police act on information from the public who report suspicious people or behaviour. I would encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant and if you suspect something, report it by calling Police Scotland directly on 101. In an emergency dial 999 or report it through the [anti-terrorist hotline](#) on 0800 789 321.

AND FINALLY...

From behalf of myself and my colleagues during this holiday season, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and very prosperous New Year.

