

**CRATHES, DRUMOAK & DURRIS**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING ON**

**Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm at Crathes Hall**

1. **LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

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**FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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1. **ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

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| **STUDENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN**  Police Scotland has launched its Student Safety 2015 campaign to promote key messages to keep students safe as term time starts. The key messages of the campaign centre around 4 main areas which affect students; partying, identity safety, online activity and looking after their property.  Focusing on 16 to 25 year olds, the campaign provides safety messages to a group who can be vulnerable to the criminal activity.  You can find out more about Police Scotland's safety tips for students on the Student Safety Guide on the website.  **KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE THIS WINTER!**  As the long winter nights draw in, please ensure that you are keeping your home and property as safe and secure as possible. Consider the following:   * Ensure that all doors are secure before you leave for the day or go to bed. * Check that all ground floor and accessible windows are closed. * If you are in the back garden, check that the front door is locked or on a latch. * Consider taking any handbags and wallets upstairs at night. * Handy as it may be to leave a key tied to your letterbox; this is a gift for a thief. * Don't leave garden tools lying around for a thief to use to overcome your door or windows. * Ensure that darkened areas of your garden are well lit and use timed switches to ensure that your home is also well lit. * Ensure that your car is locked and all windows are closed. * When going on holiday get a member of your family or good neighbour to check your house. * Use good quality locks on all doors and windows. * If you have an alarm make sure it is working and set it when you leave the house. * Remember to cancel any deliveries like newspapers and milk.   **HALLOWE'EN**  Police Scotland is to issue their annual request for residents of all ages to make the 2015 Halloween weekend a safe and enjoyable one.    As the big weekend approaches we are issuing some simple guidance for young people to ensure that Halloween passes safely and that anti-social behaviour or irresponsible behaviour is avoided.  The past few years have seen Halloween pass quietly within Aberdeenshire but unfortunately, there are still residents who are affected by the minority who behave antisocially and ruin what should be a fun and family orientated time of the year.  Parents and young people are asked to consider the following advice:   * Stay in well-lit areas and consider carrying a torch. * Don't frighten elderly people or younger children. * Don't enter a house unless you know the person. * Young children should always be with an adult. Older children should ensure that they are with friends. * If a sign says "no trick or treat", respect that person's wishes and move on. * Be visible, it will be dark and it is important that passing traffic can see you. * If you have a mobile phone make sure you look after it so that parents/guardian can keep in touch. * Tell your parents or guardian where you are going and what time you will be back. * If you are given money keep it hidden away in a wallet or clothing.   Other current campaigns include Road Safety and Hate Crime Campaigns - details of which can be found on the Police Scotland website.  Police Scotland is also actively recruiting Officers and Special Constables. Details of the selection procedure can be found on the Police Scotland website. |
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