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Community Council Police Report

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLANDS (MAKI)

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MAKI COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICE REPORT

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Foreword

This report is to serve as a guide to Police activity and the type of demand within the relevant council areas. Its content is there to help support discussion at the meeting with your policing representative. As directed within the body of the email, all questions and enquires should be directed to the representative attached to your local council. They will be copied into the report when it is sent.

We are fortunate to live in a rural part of the world, with small communities that know one another. As such, the detail, in the report is deliberately lacking in specific content, except where a press release has been undertaken. This is to maintain the anonymity of victims of crime. Should councils wish for more precise work to be done on specific locations, i.e. identified trouble spots and the demand they create, you would need to link with your representative to facilitate this work.

Depending on the council area, you may see more or less crime than would usually be detailed in any previous reports. This is because we work under 'Beat Areas' when reviewing crime. Some council areas might cross these beat boundaries, i.e. Tayvallich village, in Mid Argyll, is in Beat 42, which also encapsulates Lochgilphead, so their council report will show more crime than it would have previously seen. This does not translate to a sudden crime spike, but rather shows a more informative view as neighbouring population areas, which are in close proximity, will share common crime types, with criminals crossing Community Council boundaries.

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1. Crimes, Incidents & Demand

MAKI policing area is divided in different 'beats' for recording crime and calls for service. The beats for MAKI area are listed below and the applicable councils within them attached detailed.

Beat	Councils Served
LB35 & LB36	Campbeltown Community Council
LB37	West Kintyre Community Council Southend Community Council Laggan Community Council Gigha Community Council
LB38	East Kintyre Community Council
LB39, 40, 41	Islay Community Council Jura Community Council
LB42	Lochgilphead Community Council North Knapdale Community Council Dunadd Community Council Craignish Community Council South Knapdale Community Council
LB43	Furnace Community Council West Loch Fyne Community Council Inveraray Community Council
LB44	Tarbert Community Council

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LB45	Ardrishaig Community Council
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The following lists detail the service demand and crimes that have occurred within the previous month for each of the respective beat areas. Where there has been a release to the press, this has been included to provide more context.

LB35/36: Has had 99 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Members of Public (20)**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Calls (14 calls)**, and 3) **Road Traffic Related (10 Calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**. 6 calls also related to assistance being requested by external agencies (like care providers). Of the calls that we received, this translated to **25** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Abusive/Threatening Behaviour, Resist Arrest & Assault Police: At 1.30am on Sunday 5th March at Longrow, Campbeltown, Police were dealing with an incident when a male allegedly began to swear at them repeatedly. Officers, following repeated abuse have had cause to arrest the male, whereby he fought against officers placing handcuffs upon him, tried to head-butt an officer and also racially abused another. A man, 23, has been charged with the offences detailed and was held in Police Custody to present before the next available court;

Drug Driving: At 2am on Saturday 4th March, on Millknowe, Campbeltown, Police on patrol have had cause to stop a white Seat Ibiza. The male driver was requested to provide a specimen of saliva for analysis and allegedly failed the roadside screening for Cocaine within their system. Following arrest an evidential sample has been provided at Lochgilphead Police Station, which will be sent off for analysis. A man, 18 yrs, has been released pending the results of blood tests and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Assault, Threatening/Abusive Behaviour & Possession of Offensive Weapon: At 4am on Wednesday 1st March, Police were called to a disturbance at Glenside, Campbeltown. Once there witnesses have identified a male has having allegedly swung a machete at another male with intent to cause them harm, whilst also being

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verbally abusive and threatening. A man, 34, was arrested at the scene and has been charged with the detailed offences. The male was detained in Police Custody to present before the next available court;

Assault: At 10.30pm on Saturday 11th March, at Ralston Road, Campbeltown, Police received reports of one male assaulting another male. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Quoting reference LB01120323;

Refuse to Leave Licenced Premises, Abusive Behaviour & Resisting Arrest: At 10.30pm on Friday 10th March, at the Kilbrannan Public House, Longrow, Campbeltown, Officers on patrol noted a male at the location who was underage. Upon being asked to leave the male has allegedly refused and then proceeded to be abusive to officers. This has led to his arrest whereby it is alleged that he resisted being placed within handcuffs. A Boy, 16 yrs, has been charged with the offences detailed and was released into the care of his parents to attend court at a later date. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 4.20pm on Thursday 9th March, at Main Street, Campbeltown, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to detain and search a man under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 5.8g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The male, 34 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized;

Vandalism: Between 6pm on Saturday 4th March and 2.20am on Sunday 5th March, at Longrow, Campbeltown, outside of 'Top Cut Barbers', a black Audi TT has had its rear window smashed. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Quoting reference LB00590323.

LB37: Has had 46 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (8 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Assist Members of Public (7 Calls)**, and 3) **Abandoned 999 Calls (6 calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **3** crimes being recorded.

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The press releases for this area were:

No Insurance: At 2.40pm on Monday 13th March, on A83, Bellochanty, officers on patrol had cause to stop a grey Ford Focus. The vehicle was allegedly showing as having no insurance. Following investigation one male, 32 yrs, has been charged with 'Driving Without a Valid Insurance in Place' and one male, 31 yrs, has been charged with permitting the offence detailed. A file has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB38: Has had 15 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Member of Public (2 calls)**, 2) **External Agency Request (2 calls)**, and 3) **Road Traffic Offences (2 calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **1** crimes being recorded.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB39/40/41 (Isles of Islay & Jura) - had 34 calls for service over the month of March. When reviewed by Beat the breakdown is as follows:

Beat 39 had 13 of these calls, the top 3 demands being, 1) **Road Traffic Related (4 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Call (2 Calls)** and 3) **Assault (1 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **1** crime being recorded;

Beat 40 had 16 of these calls, the top 3 demands being, 1) **Road Traffic Related (5 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Call (4 Calls)** and 3) **Drone related (2 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **2** crime being recorded;

Beat 41 had 5 of these calls, the top 3 demands being, 1) **Assist Member of Public, 2) Domestic Assault (1 Call)** and 3) **Fraud (1 Call)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **1** crime being recorded.

There were no press releases for this area. None of the calls or crimes related to the Isle of Jura.

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LB42: Has had 103 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Member of Public (16 calls)**, 2) **Road Traffic Related (15 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, and 3) **Abandoned 999 Calls (8 Calls)**. There were also a further 5 calls relating to both Concerns for Person and Domestic Incidents. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **25** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Domestic Abuse: On Friday 3rd March, in Lochgilphead, a woman has linked with Police to report historic and ongoing alleged abusive behaviour by her ex-partner. Following investigation, a man, 25 yrs, was arrested in connection with this offence and subsequently charged with Communications Offences and Threatening & Abusive Behaviour towards the reporter;

Drink Driving: At 1.25am on Saturday 4th March, on Oban Road, Lochgilphead, Police on patrol have had cause to stop a white Ford Transit. The male driver was requested to provide a specimen of breath for analysis and allegedly failed the roadside screening for excess alcohol on their breath. Following arrest an evidential sample has been provided at Lochgilphead Police Station, allegedly in excess of the legal limits. A man, 19 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed.

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 2am on Saturday 11th March, at Paltalloch Street, Lochgilphead, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to stop a vehicle and search it and the male driver under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 7.9g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The man, 44 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized;

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 9.50pm on Friday 3rd March, on the A83, near Lochgilphead, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to stop a vehicle and search it and the occupants under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 74g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the male passenger. The male, 174 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Domestic Assault: At 6pm on Friday 10th March, at Meadows Place, Lochgilphead, Officers were called to a report of an alleged assault by a male upon a female. Upon

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arrival a man was identified to Police and subsequently arrested for the offence detailed. Following interview, a male, 53 years, was charged with Assault and subsequently released on Undertaking to attend court at a later date. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 11.30am on Friday 17th March, on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to detain and search a man under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 2.57g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The male, 23 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized;

Abusive & Threatening Behaviour: At 1pm on Tuesday 14th March, at Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, a man reported being allegedly verbally abused by a woman. Following investigation a woman, 34yrs, has been arrested in connection with the offence, where she was interviewed but released without further action due to insufficient evidence. Police are still investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Quoting reference LB01400323;

Abusive & Threatening Behaviour: At 3.15pm on Sunday 12th March, at Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a woman reported being allegedly threatened and sexually assaulted by a male. Following investigation a male, 42 yrs, has been arrested in connection with the offence and charged with the offence detailed, with a sexual aggravator and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. The man has been released on Undertaking with a date set to attend court in April;

Incitement to Breach Bail: At 3.30pm on Sunday 12th March, at Monydrain Road, Lochgilphead, Police received report of a woman allegedly refusing to allow a male to reside by his bail conditions, inciting him to breach them. As a result of enquiries made a woman, 53 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Abusive & Threatening Behaviour: At 5.20pm on Thursday 30th March, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Police on patrol had cause to engage with a male. Whilst talking with the man he allegedly became abusive and began to swear repeatedly at officers. As a result of his behaviour the man, 66 yrs, was arrested. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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LB43: Has had 43 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (15 Calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Nuisances (3 Calls)**, and 3) **Concern for Person (3 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **4** crimes being recorded.

There were no press releases for this area.

Careless & Inconsiderate Driving: At 8.30pm on Saturday 11th March, on the A83 between Minard and Lochgilphead, a black Audi was allegedly observed by Police to be speeding within the 40 mph zone, prior to driving at excessive speeds in the national speed limit. The manner of driving was also deemed to be below that of a reasonable and competent driver. The vehicle was stopped and the male driver, 48, was charged with the offence detailed. A report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Careless & Inconsiderate Driving: At 6.30pm on Tuesday 28th March, on the A83, near Lochgair, Officers on patrol had cause to stop a white Ford Transit after allegedly observing it speeding within a 50 mph limit and performing overtaking manoeuvres in conditions with insufficient safe view. The driver, a male, 43 yrs, has been reported at the roadside for the offence detailed. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB44: Has had 21 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (2 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Calls (2 Calls)**, and 3) **Concern for Person (2 calls)**. A further 7 calls related to informing the Police of Planned Shoots. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **2** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Breach of the Peace: At 11pm on Thursday 2nd March, at Harbour Street, Tarbert, Police were called to a report of a drunk male. Upon attendance the male was allegedly observed shouting and swearing at members of the public. Due to this

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behaviour a male, 41 yrs, was arrested. He was subsequently charged with the offence and issued a Fixed penalty Notice.

LB45: Has had 21 calls for service over the month of March. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Member of Public (6 Calls)**, 2) **Concern for Person (2 Calls)**, and 3) **Communications Offences (2 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **5** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 6pm on Thursday 9th March, at West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to detain and search a man under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 1g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The male, 29 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized;

Disturbance: At 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th March, at Tigh Na Creige, Ardrishaig, it has been reported to Police that a small white hatchback style vehicle came into the parking area, before 4 people exited the car and chased a local male resident. It is alleged that weapons were brandished during this interaction. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Quoting reference LB01480323.

2. Local Police Plan 2020-23

Oban, Lorn & the Isles, Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islands is one of three command areas in Argyll & West Dunbartonshire

Priorities

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and

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residents in the Your Police Survey <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/>

- Serious organised crime
- Acquisitive crime
- Road safety and road crime
- Violent crime
- Public protection

You can read more information about how these priorities are decided and how officers work with the local council and partners to improve your community and address these issues, in the [Argyll and Bute Local Policing Plan](#).

Chief Inspector Simon Shanks is the local Area Commander in charge of the Response Officers, Community Officers, and Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department, who work in the stations situated throughout our Policing Area. Underneath him is Community Inspector Lee Page, who leads much of our stakeholder engagement and day to day operational processes.

You can email your local team by clicking on your area below. You can also follow your local teams on Twitter where they post about how they are policing your community.

- Police Scotland urge members of the public to check the security of outlying buildings and property and report any persons or vehicles acting in a suspicious manner , security advice can be provided by contacting your local officer or police office via Tel – 101
- Crime prevention surveys available on request
- Latest Police Scotland campaigns available via Twitter/ Facebook.

Important: please note the email addresses and social media channels are not for reporting crime and are not monitored 24/7.

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3. Forthcoming events & Announcements of Note

Road Safety

Work is currently ongoing to develop short information videos for anyone planning on towing a trailer, boat, caravan or horsebox this year following a change to driving licence requirements meaning individuals no longer have to sit a separate test for towing certain trailers. These will be launched shortly on our social media channels for watching and sharing and are being developed with partners from Campbeltown including Roads Policing Officers and DVLA instructors.

Fraud Prevention

The scam savvy quiz was discussed with the Inveraray Senior Citizens Group which was a great discussion with lots of inputs from local residents providing times where they have or nearly have fallen victim to scams and how we can all learn from this. This has resulted in a number of call blockers being fitted with many still to be installed. Discussions are ongoing with Furnace Community Council around this same event taking place in their area in the future and the possibility for working together for further call blocker funding as well.

Naloxone Roll Out

The roll-out of Naloxone to our officers across Argyll and West Dunbartonshire is nearly complete. The intra-nasal sprays can reverse life-threatening opioid-related overdoses, and are being issued to all constables, sergeants and inspectors across Scotland to supplement their existing extensive first aid training. Nearly 450 officers now have access to these sprays carried in pouches for easy access. Officers complete an online course before receiving the first aid equipment. Since officers in

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Scotland started to carry Naloxone, it has been administered 128 times (correct as of 24/2/23), with positive outcomes on all but 5 of the incidents.

Pub Watch

The Licensing Department within Police Scotland, alongside the Community & Partnerships Team are looking at ways to bring back 'Pub Watch' within all of the main settlements in the MAKI/OLI area. Pub Watch is a scheme that seeks to prevent crime and disorder in and around licenced premises, preventing nuisance to neighbouring businesses and residents, providing a safe and secure environment for the staff and indeed for members of the general public to frequent establishments that are part of it. It is a voluntary process whereby licensed premises come together to help problem solve and drive forward responsible practice, whilst working with key stakeholders like the Police and Council.

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