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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. Should the Community Council have concerns that they wish to raise with the Police or advice that they are seeking, these can either be raised with the officer that attends the meeting, or directly with Sgt Shaw, who sends out this correspondence.

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.

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
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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
LB45	Ardrishaig Community Council

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.

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LB35/36: Has had 85 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Members of Public (13 calls)**, 2) **Public Nuisance (11 calls)**, and 3) **Road Traffic Related (11 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**. 5 calls also related to Disturbances being reported. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **27** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Assault: At 1am on Saturday 1st April, in the area of Kirk Street, Campbeltown, Police have received a report of a man being allegedly head-butted twice in an unprovoked attack by another male. 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 LB00010423;

Vandalism: Between 6pm on Saturday 1st April and 9.30am on Sunday 2nd April, on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, a car has been vandalised, with a long scratch being scored across the length of its body. 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 LB00270423;

Abusive & Threatening Behaviour: At 4.45pm on Thursday 6th April, on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, it has been reported to Police that a group of youth has targeted an address, throwing items at it and shouting abuse at the householder. 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 LB00660423;

Driving Whilst Unfit Through Drugs: At 2am on Sunday 9th April, on the Old Quay, Campbeltown, Officers on proactive patrol had cause to stop a white Seat Cupra. The driver allegedly showed signs of impairment, leading to a drugs swipe, which allegedly tested positive for Cocaine. A man, 18 yrs, was arrested and evidential blood samples have been collected to be measured. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drink Driving: At 11.50pm on Friday 7th April, on Hall Street, Campbeltown, Officers on proactive patrol had cause to stop a black Ford Fiesta. The driver allegedly stopped his car and tried to flee from Police, but was detained, subsequently failing a road side breath test. A man, 20 yrs, was arrested and evidential breath samples were

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taken at Campbeltown Police Station, which were allegedly above the legal limit. The male has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drunk In Charge of a Vehicle: At 1am on Monday 10th April, on Mill Street, Campbeltown, Police on patrol have found a man allegedly slumped in his car with the indicators flashing. Police breathalysed the man at the scene, which he allegedly failed, leading to him being arrested and evidential breath samples being taken at Campbeltown Police Station, which were allegedly above the legal limit. The male, 20 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed, released on Undertaking and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Assault: At 8.30 pm on Saturday 22nd April, near to the Golden Ocean, Longrow, Cambeltown, a male has been on the pavement when another man has allegedly approached him, pushing him on the chest and then slapping his face. It is possible that the attacker is connected to a black pick-up style truck. 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 LB01790423;

Domestic Assault: At 1.45 am on Sunday 23rd April, at Millknowe, Campbeltown, Police were called to a report of a male allegedly attacking a woman. Upon Police attendance the male had left, but following enquiries was subsequently located and arrested. A man, 44 yrs, has been arrested and charged with 2 accounts of Assault and Threatening and Abusive Behaviour. He has been released on Undertaking and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Obstruct/Hinder Emergency Services: At 4.30 pm on Tuesday 18th April, in Campbeltown, Police were alerted to a 13 yr old that had gone missing. In a search involved coastguard and officers drawn from 50 miles away to assist, the girl was eventually located having allegedly been deliberately hiding. In light of this and related incidents, the girl has been charged with the above offence and a report submitted for consideration of Early & Effective Intervention;

Abusive & threatening Behaviour: At 2 pm on Friday 28th April, at Castleacres, Campbeltown, Police were called to a report of a male allegedly behaving in a threatening way to a woman. Upon Police attendance the male had left, but following enquiries was subsequently located and arrested. A man, 29 yrs, has been

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arrested and charged with the offence detailed. He has been released on Undertaking and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Vandalism: At 2 pm on Saturday 29th April, at Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, Police have received a report of someone damaging the door handle to one of the flats and causing a disturbance. 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 LB02630423;

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 s. 1: Between Midday and 1 pm on Saturday 29th April, at farmland near Peninver, Campbeltown, a black and white Springer Spaniel has been witnessed chasing sheep within the field, with subsequent checks showing a lamb deceased from apparent dog attack. 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 LB02590423.

LB37: Has had 45 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (8 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Calls (8 calls)**, and 3) **Pest Control Shoot (6 calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **10** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Driving Without Due Care/Consideration & Possession of Controlled Substance:

At 4.30pm on Saturday 1st April, on the A83 near Westport Beach, Campbeltown, Officers on patrol have allegedly witnessed a white Seat Cupra driving in excess of the speed limit and performing an overtaking manoeuvre on a blind bend. The vehicle was caused to stop and the male and car subsequently searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act, with 3 bags of white powder, alleged to be Cocaine, recovered. Due to an ASBO being in place on the car, the vehicle was seized and the male, 18 yrs, has been charged with the offences detailed. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drink Driving: At 10.15pm on Saturday 15th April, on the carpark of Southend Medical Practice Campbeltown, Officers were called by members of the public who

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had removed the keys from the car of a male who was allegedly driving whilst intoxicated. The man was requested to undertake and subsequently failed a road side breath test. The driver was arrested and evidential breath samples were taken at Campbeltown Police Station, which were allegedly above the legal limit. The male has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drunk In Charge of Child: At 6pm on Friday 14th April, on the Gigha to Tayinloan Ferry, Police were called to a report of a male being intoxicated whilst in charge of a 10 year old child. Police have attended and ensured the safety of the child, returning them to their Mother. A man, 59 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for the offence detailed;

Speeding: At 5.15pm on Monday 10th April, on the A83 near Glenbarr, Officers undertaking speed checks have recorded a white Iveco Daily travelling at 70mph within a 50mph zone. The male driver, 54 yrs, was charged and reported at scene. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB38: Has had 8 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Sheep Worrying (2 calls)**, 2) **Communications Offence (1 call)**, and 3) **Personal Attack Alarm (1 call)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **0** crimes being recorded.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB39/40/41 (Isles of Islay & Jura) - had 44 calls for service over the month of April. When reviewed by Beat the breakdown is as follows:

Beat 39 had 28 of these calls, the top 3 demands being, 1) **Assist Member of Public (11 calls)**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Call (4 calls)** and 3) **Communication Offences (2 calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **3** crime being recorded;

Beat 40 had 16 of these calls, the top 3 demands being, 1) **Road Traffic Related (2 calls)** – **encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Call**

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(2 calls) and 3) **Concern for Person (2 calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to 2 crime being recorded;

Beat 41 had 0 of these calls. However, 2 crimes were recorded.

The press releases Islay & Jura were:

Serious Domestic Assault & Drink Driving: At 12.15am on Saturday 8th April, at Kiells, Islay, Police were called to a report of a male allegedly attacking a woman. As a result of enquiries at the scene a male, 44 yrs, was arrested for Assault and Drink Driving. Following interview the man was charged with the 'Assault' and 'Failing to Disclose the Identity of a Driver', subsequently being released on Undertaking. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Housebreaking with Intent to Steal: Between 5pm on Thursday 6th and 9am on Friday 7th April, at Ramsay Memorial Hall, Port Ellen, unknown persons have forced entry to the property, leaving rubbish within. 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 LB00560423.

LB42: Has had 96 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Assist Member of Public (18 calls)**, 2) **Road Traffic Related (17 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, and 3) **Abandoned 999 Calls (11 calls)**. There were also a further 6 calls relating to Concerns for Person and 3 Domestic Incidents. Of the calls that we received, this translated to 23 crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Possession of Controlled Substance & Possession Offensive Weapon: At 12.20pm on Sunday 2nd April, on the A83, Lochgilphead, Officers on patrol had cause to stop and search a car and its passengers under Misuse of Drugs Act powers. One of the male passengers is alleged to have been found in possession of 0.1g of Cannabis and a Knuckle Duster. A man, 44, was charged with the offences detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

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Drink Driving: At 2.45pm on Monday 3rd April, on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, Officers on proactive patrol had cause to stop a white Peugeot Partner Van, which was driving erratically. The male driver was requested to undertake a breath test for suspected excess alcohol, which he allegedly failed. A man, 49 yrs, was arrested and evidential breath samples were taken at Lochgilphead Police Station, which were allegedly above the legal limit. The male has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Assault & Possession of Bladed Article: At 12.20am on Sunday 9th April, at Bank Park, Lochgilphead, Police were called to reports of a disturbance. Upon attendance it has been alleged that a male was acting aggressively with a knife. As a result of enquiries conducted at the scene, a man, 63 yrs, was arrested and a knife recovered. The male has been released on Undertaking and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

No Insurance: At 8.45 am on Monday 17th April, on Smithy Lane, Lochilphead, Officers on patrol had cause to stop a white Vauxhall Combo Van. Upon undertaking checks the van allegedly had no valid insurance in place and the driver's licence had incorrect details upon it. A 52 yr old male has been charged with both offences and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Vandalism: At 9.15 pm on Saturday 22nd April, on the Show Ground Field, Lochgilphead, officers on foot patrol saw a large fire taking place. Upon attendance in the field they found a group of unknown youths who ran away. The fire had been created from damaging the doors from the porta cabin toilets, stored there for the Mid Argyll Agricultural Show. It is liable that those who were involved would have returned home smelling heavily of smoke. 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 LB02060423;

Concerned in Supply of Controlled Substance: At 4.30 am on Friday 28th April, on the A83, Lochgilphead, Officers on patrol have had cause to stop a car and search it and the driver under Misuse of Drugs Act powers. During the search is alleged that 16.3 grams of Cannabis was recovered and 30.5 grams of an unknown white powder. A male, 36 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed, with a report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. The powder has been sent away to be forensically

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tested and will form part of the case should it also prove to be a controlled substance;

Breach of Bail: At 2.20 pm on Tuesday 25th April, it was reported to Lochgilphead Police that a male who had Court conditions not to contact a named woman had allegedly breached these conditions. Police have investigated the allegation, leading to a man, 56 yrs, being arrested at Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead and charged for the offence detailed. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. The male was held in Police Custody to present before the next available court;

Possession of Controlled Substance: At 11 pm on Thursday 27th April, on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Officers on patrol have had cause to stop a blue Ford Galaxy and search it and the occupants under Misuse of Drugs Act powers. During the search is alleged that 9.31 grams of Cannabis was recovered and a tyre on the vehicle found to be defective. A male, 34 yrs, has been charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, with the driver, 38 yrs, being charged for the defective tyre. A report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB43: Has had 43 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (10 Calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Assist Member of Public (3 calls)** and 3) **Concern for Person (2 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **4** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 1.30am on Saturday 8th April, on Fishers Row Car Park, Inveraray, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to detain and search a man under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 0.54g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The male, 46 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized;

Possession of Controlled Substance: At 12.50 pm on Friday 28th April, on Inveraray Pier, Inveraray, Officers on patrol have had cause to stop and search a group of males under Misuse of Drugs Act powers. One of the males, 37 yrs, was allegedly found to be in possession of 2.8 grams of Cannabis. The male has been issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis seized for destruction.

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LB44: Has had 20 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (6 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Abandoned 999 Calls (5 Calls)**, and 3) **Assist Member of Public (2 calls)**. 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 behaviour a male, 41 yrs, was arrested. He was subsequently charged with the offence and issued a Fixed penalty Notice.

LB45: Has had 19 calls for service over the month of April. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) **Road Traffic Related (4 calls) – encompassing collisions, accidents and offences**, 2) **Concern for Person (2 Calls)**, and 3) **Vandalism (2 Calls)**. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **1** crimes being recorded.

The press releases for this area were:

Possession of a Controlled Substance: At 6.40pm on Saturday 1st April, on the Canal Path, Ardrishaig, Police Officers on patrol have had cause to detain and search a man under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 1.7g of Cannabis was found to be in possession of the man. The male, 21 yrs, was issued with a Recorded Police Warning and the Cannabis was seized.

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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 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 also follow your local teams on Twitter where they post about how they are policing your community.

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

Communities & Partnerships Team contact: matthew.shaw@scotland.police.uk

3. Forthcoming events & Announcements of Note

Police Scotland's conversation with local communities

Police Scotland wants to know and understand the views of Scotland's diverse communities. One of the ways the service listens and understands the views of people living here is the Your Police survey.

[Your Police 2023-24](#) is live on their Engagement Hub and Police Scotland is inviting anyone to take part.

The survey is open all year and asks about your experiences of feeling safe in your community and what you think about the police. The survey also aims to help the police understand more about your experiences of interacting with them. The police will make decisions using the insights gathered through the survey to help inform local service delivery. It's about all of us working together to improve safety and wellbeing in communities throughout Scotland.

Everyone is invited to take part, even if you have taken part previously. This is your opportunity to shape policing in your local area. Responses are reviewed regularly and reports are shared each month with the Police Scotland Executive. Senior management teams in local areas use what you say in the survey to respond to local needs and priorities.

Take part in the survey here: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/consultation/intro/>

An easy read and British Sign Language version of the survey is also available via the above link.