Item 3

29th September 2022

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Cardonald Area Partnership

Report by Inspector Robert Anderson
Community Policing

Police Scotland Update

Purpose of Report:

To provide Area Partnership members with Community Ward Update

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- note the contents of this report

During the past six months Scotland has incrementally emerged from the grip of the Covid pandemic into a new normality which, in general, is allowing us all to meet once again in person.

Our officers are now able to attend community council meetings, pro-actively interact with schools and clubs, such as TURF, and meet with elected members and key partner agencies.

During the summer, concerts and large scale events have taken place all over Glasgow, including locally at Bellahouston Park where several concerts were held. We now enter the new football season with the challenges and issues that this brings and in anticipation of this, I have held a number of pre-season meetings with my Operational planning colleagues, Rangers FC and NRSMLU to mitigate, as much as possible, some of the recurring problems from previous seasons. This includes police foot patrols on match days in the Craigton area where I am also pushing for partners at City Parking to provide better parking attendant coverage and, if possible, coning.

Some highlights since our previous report also include:-

- **Govan Community Police conducted a further phase of 'Operation Kit' which is a local intelligence led operation targeting drug dealers in the Govan and Cardonald Wards. This was very successful resulting in numerous arrests, drug and cash seizures, seizure of stolen property and wanted persons apprehended.**

- **We continue to support school parking zones including a day of action with pupils at Our Lady of the Rosary primary school earlier in the year. Fixed penalty tickets have been issued to parents failing to adhere to the restrictions (following a period of education), and we will continue to be present as often as possible depending on other competing demands.**

- **There is currently an action plan in operation within Bellahouston Park, particularly during weekend evenings, targeting anti-social behaviour in and around the 'sunken gardens'. Not all young people who frequent this area are committing criminality and we are making efforts to build an intelligence picture whilst attempting to establish a rapport with those who regularly use the area, many of whom also attend the Turf community hub which we also visit regularly.**

- **There continues to be an issue with off-road motor bikes in the Rosshall Park area (and other nearby streets) which mirrors similar activity in the Pollok area, possibly by the same groups. My counterparts at Pollok police office have established an action plan, which also incorporates Cardonald, to identify and deal with those causing anti-social behaviour or danger to other road users/pedestrians. Clearly, this can be a difficult task if riders are wearing helmets to conceal their identity or refuse to stop for police who have a duty of care, not only to the general public, but the bike riders themselves. I would ask that if anyone has information on those who are using off-road vehicles, please contact the Govan community police in confidence.**

- **On 27th April 2022 our School Campus Officers organised and managed an Inter schools football tournament involving five schools in Glasgow South West. The competition, which comprised of mixed gender teams, was a great success with Hillpark Secondary lifting this year's trophy. The focus of the event was to encourage the participation of pupils from all genders, nationalities and religions who mixed well, supported each other and even cheered rival schools on during a good natured medal ceremony.**

As always, my team and I would delighted to meet with any member of the Cardonald Area Partnership if they would like to discuss any of the issues I raise above or any other matter. Additionally, if there are any community council meetings (held in person) where local police are not represented, please let me know.

Thank you
Bob