

**1. PRESENT :** I Burt, L Rae, A Stott, C Gourlay, I Cuthbertson, W Aitchison

**Co-opted Members**

<b>Elected Members</b>	Cllrs A Campbell & D Watt
<b>Police</b>	n/app
<b>Members of the public</b>	n/app
<b>Guests</b>	n/app

**2. APOLOGIES**

<b>Community Councillors</b>	D McLean, A Haddow, P Millmore, A Lockhart, A McGillivray, A Dziennik
<b>Co-opted Members</b>	n/app
<b>Elected Members</b>	Cllr G Guichan
<b>Police</b>	PC L Wallace

**3. POLICE UPDATE** - Report sent in by PS P Cochrane

**CALLS TO THE POLICE**

During the period above, Police Scotland have received 2491 calls to the Cowdenbeath area.  
Of the 2491 calls received 14% (353) have resulted in crimes being reported.

The 353 crime records being created for investigation, 211 of the crime records reported have resulted in detected offences against offenders. The detection rate for all reported offences is 59%.

The following are the figures broken down into months

March – 298 calls. 56 crimes recorded and 37 crimes detected. The detection rate for all reported offences is 66%

April – 320 calls. 52 crimes recorded and 33 crimes detected. The detection rate for all reported offences is 63%

May – 346 calls. 65 crimes recorded and 38 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 58%

June – 365 calls. 52 crimes recorded and 29 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 55%

July – 289 calls. 49 crimes recorded and 32 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 65%

August – 319 calls. 50 crimes recorded and 34 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 68%

September – 308 calls. 46 crimes recorded and 25 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 54%

October – 246 calls. 31 crimes recorded and 13 crimes recorded. The detection rate for all reported offences is 41%

The following is a snapshot of the reported crime within the area, this is in line with the current policing plan for the whole of Fife.

**OPERATION PATH – VIOLENT OFFENCES**

There have been 79 violent offences recorded on Police Systems during this time. 63 of the offences have been detected.

**OPERATION PARAMOUNT – ROAD SAFETY**

We have responded to 193 Road traffic matters, 65 of these calls related to road crashes.

There have been 51 Road Traffic offences recorded on Police Systems during this time. 39 of the offences have been detected.

**OPERATION PREVAIL – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There have been 455 Anti –Social Behaviour Offences recorded on Police Systems during this time.

248 of the offences have been detected

55 crimes of vandalism have been detected.

152 crimes of threatening behaviour have been detected.

5 Breaches of COVID Regulations have been detected.

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**OPERATION PRINCIPLE – ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There have been 320 Acquisitive Crimes recorded on Police Systems during this time.  
113 of these offences has been detected.

**OPERATION PROSPECT – DRUG / ALCOHOL OFFENCES**

During this period there have been 12 proactive drugs warrants executed.

As intelligence is received Drugs warrant will be applied for and executed should there be sufficient ground.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Our officers and staff would like to thank the community for their continued support in adhering to the current COVID 19 guidelines.

With the measures continuing, we ask that you keep this up and help protect our communities.

**4. COUNCILLORS REPORT** - Cllrs A Campbell & D Watt,

- Town House – still working on finding out the best way to utilise the building
- Crown Hotel – pushing for something to be done with the hotel. Was put up for auction recently but no details yet as to what is happening
- Mossmorran – quite a number of constituents calls is about Mossmorran. Aim is to ensure the Government carry out a much needed enquiry.
- Covid Infections at BHS – Met with school head. Trying really hard to keep infection rate under control.
- Recycling Centre due to open – lot of hard work has gone into trying to get the centre re-opened. It will be 3 days at Cowdenbeath and 4 days at Lochgelly.
- Flooding – all councillors co-ordinating their efforts to ensure same problems don't happen again. Cleaning of drains/maintenance
- Valley House – development for 23 affordable homes
- Vandalism/Graffiti – very disappointing whats happening within the Town just now. Safer Communities, Fife Council and the police are all aware. Costly to clear up the mess and it takes away teams from something else. *Post Meeting note: Cllr Watt confirmed that the most recent clean up of graffiti has cost approx £400 .*
- TSB – very disappointing that the tsb will be closing. Will be a major loss to the Town. Questions asked about will the ATM machine be left. Is there a legal obligation to ensure ATM left in the Town. **Action:** Cllr Watt to ask the question during his ongoing discussions with TSB reps.

**5. Treasurers Report**

**Treasurers Report** (spreadsheet distributed before meeting). Update on monies paid out/into account advised and discussed. Balance in CC's account as at **29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 is £25,139.45**

Projects	£ 3,316.42	ringfenced for CRT underpass project (£996.42 left from orig amt/£3270 trans from Mens Shed)
	£ 2,200.00	ringfenced for CRT sculptures project (£3000recd Mar 2019/£800 pd out Aug)
	£ 5,505.00	ringfenced for CRT communications (£5665 recd/£160 pd to Beath Bulletin in Nov, agreed with CRT)
	£ 5,580.00	ringfenced for Love Cowdenbeath BIDS funding
Grants	£ 4,000.00	ringfenced for Micro Grant Scheme
Grants	£ 1,500.00	ringfenced for postponed VE Dance/Money received from 4 winds trust.
(Sub Total	£22,101.42)	
BB	£ 258.49	ringfenced for Beath Bulletin (payments received since Nov 19)
	£ 22,359.91	

Balance £ 2,779.45 Amount available to CC

**TOTAL £ 25,139.45**

**Nb:** Agreed at Feb 2020 meeting that £100 be paid to BHS for F24 2020 and £20 be paid for subscription for Mens Shed. This was not actioned as we went into lockdown before this money was able to be paid.

At 29/10/20 meeting, it was agreed that we enter into a joint venture with Civic Week and sponsor £50for Christmas Window Comp  
At 29/10/20 meeting, it was agreed that we grant £200 to proposed trail at Community Woodland being organised by PC Wallace.

## 6. AOB

**Love Cowdenbeath Initiative.** – Community Council is working with Love Cowdenbeath Team (Traders/FC) to try to get people back into the town and encourage a change of mindset in the hope that they stay local and spend local. CG is the community council rep on the initiative (if anyone else wants to join, then let CG know). During lockdown months (ie March – June), there was opportunity to apply for funding from Towns and Business Improvements Districts (BIDS) Resilience and Recovery Fund. As we were unable to have a meeting, all the CC's were emailed and IB,CG,AS,LR,WA,IC,AM,AD,DM,AL all confirmed they were happy for Community Council to apply for funding. The application was successful and we were awarded £6000.

Just now a LOOK LOCAL competition is running for Love Cowdenbeath. Winner will be announced shortly. There are 2 videos (on Youtube) show casing what Cowdenbeath has to offer, please share with your friends and family (Search for Cowdenbeath 2020 – Love Cowdenbeath). After Look Local competition, there will be a Festive Fiver promotion. This was done last year and seemed to prove successful.

**Civic Week Christmas Competition** – CW are trying to generate a wee bit of fun in the Town with a Best Dressed Window for Christmas (shops). Would CC be interested in being involved in a joint venture. CC agreed and we also agreed to donate £50 as the first prize. IB/IC/AS/CG/WA/LR agreed at meeting, AL/AMcG/AD/DMcL agreed via email

**Find the 'Coo'** – local community police officer (PC L Wallace) is working with BHS (pupils/teachers) to create a trail in the community woodland. Something to generate some fun and encourage people to take care of their environment. Appropriate permissions have been secured and PC Wallace is looking for funding to help get materials for the pupils at school to make the trail. IB/AS/CG/LR/IC/WA agreed at meeting, AD/AMcG/AL/DMcL agreed via email to donate £200 to get things started.

**Remembrance Day** – As advised via email in mid Oct, Plans had to be severely scaled back this year because of Covid19 guidelines. We are On track with preparations for the small wreath laying ceremony. 1pm at WW1 and 1.30pm at Town House. Road closure has been requested from FC. Bugler has confirmed, the cadets will attend as will deputy lord lieutenant, MP, MSP, Community Police inspector and Cllr D Watt. Our plans do not prevent any other individual/organisation from paying their respects at a time suitable to themselves

**POST MEETING NOTE:** Guidance received from Fife Council on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 which stated “*outdoor events of more than 6 people from 2 different households are not permitted in Local Authority areas which fall within Protection Levels 2,3 and 4. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the Protection Level for Fife has been assessed as Level 2, which means that organised local Remembrance Events will not be able to take place unless they are held within a place of worship*”. As a result of this guidance, the CC had to cancel their planned event and organised for the deputy lord lieutenant and the chair of the community council to lay their wreaths at 1 & 1.30pm.

**7.Next meeting.** There is every possibility that Covid19 restrictions will still be in place for the foreseeable future. It was agreed that our next meeting would more than likely be Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 via Zoom (similar to this one).