

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT Meeting held on 15th October 2008 at Morganstown Community Hall.

Attendees ; 25 from Clos y Gwyddfild, Heol Isaf, Llwyn Drysgol, Station Road, Drysgol Road, Windsor Avenue, Fisher Hill Way, Clos Tynway, Pentwyn, Dan y Bryn Avenue, Ty Gwyn farm, Park Road, Gelynis farm, King Road, Ravensbrook and SWP Tutor Pod.

PACT Priority Updates

1) Safety Issues in regard to the Railway Crossing at Morganstown

The council officials have advised that the work will be finished by Friday 24th October 2008. It had all gone to plan and they had been able to integrate some existing equipment into the scheme. The Working Group are very keen for it to be operational. The issues of policing it were raised but the council intends that there will be an increase of youth workers in the locality plus the focus group and their parents and the Police will also increase their patrols in the evenings.

Arriva trains and BTP were invited to address the issues of the crossing but they have failed to get back to either the Chair of Police Officers who have contacted them.

2) Parking on the double yellow Lines on Station Road.

Officers and Traffic Wardens have attended the area and have issued fixed penalty notices to motorists, shopkeepers and local residents have been spoken to and advised about their actions. Councillor McKerlich is trying to arrange with the Highways department for the lines to be replaced. He also advised that the new green bins being on the pavement has stopped vehicles parking on same and has naturally caused vehicles to go slower.

3) Youth Workers and their role within the community.

The Out Reach Worker Steve McCambridge had advised that they were unable to attend PACT meetings due to issues that had occurred at another meeting, he had however attended a Community Council Meeting and spoken to David Carhill about the role of the Out Reach Worker- They work on Monday and Friday evenings between 6pm and 9.30pm. ,they are self directing so will go where the youth are. As they are young themselves they will blend in with the other youngsters. They will be advised to be up around the MUGA in the early days .They were also asked if they could be around Ravensbrook where gangs of older youths loiter around ,throw rubbish and cause a general nuisance. Tori will speak to them and ask them to keep keep a look out in this area.

Clare Barnett who is based at Radyr Comprehensive is very proactive and works closely with the youth at the youth centre .

Other Issues

Skateboard Park –as Item 1

Parking and Road Safety Issues

Problem areas; Double parking by the guide Hall

Park Road by the School- Obstructions to residents homes-Tori will speak to the school about this problem with parents blocking the road.

Kings Road- Parking on the Pavement-Advised they need to contact 101 with registration numbers and to inform them at the time so action can be taken.

The Councillor advised that the Council had followed this matter up by carrying out a survey ,the result was not positive and so not further action at this stage.

Drysgol Road- Concerns were raised about a commercial van which is parked close to the junction of Heol Isaf, it had previously not had Road Tax but after the owner had been spoken to had got the same. Its felt that now the new development is ongoing in

the area the problem may resolve itself. Tori will speak to the driver and see if he can park somewhere else.

20 MPH limit through the villages- A lot of discussion took place about this and Councillor McKerlich will try and get a survey done in the locality to see what is possible and feasible. The problems are worse in Heol Isaf, Windsor road and Bryn Derwyn.

The Crossing on Heol Isaf – Concerns were raised about vehicles failing to slow down and will the new crossing planned by the Guide Hall be any different.

Crime Statistics

Over 8 weeks there had been 123 calls with 49 crimes and 6 arrests. Of the crimes 25 had been theft from motor vehicle most of which were from insecure vehicles, officers had carried out several police operations including plain clothes operations, all houses in the area had been leafleted and posters and flyers had been put up to advise the residents. Generally they had ignored the information given and continued to leave their cars unlocked.

Youth Workers had been advised as had Neighbourhood Watch and the Radyr Chayne and the local news letter.

Neighbourhood Watch

Tori in conjunction with the PCSO for Creigiau intended to set up a Golf Watch for the Golf Clubs as there had been an increase in the theft of clubs from the back of vehicles. The next meeting of NHW is on 27th October at 7.30pm at the Old Church room where Mike Murphy from the leisure department at the council will be giving a talk.

New Issues

Halloween and Bonfire Night

Operation BANG is part of the Community Safety Partnership and they are developing initiative to keep the youngsters busy during this period. A youth disco was been run at Llanishen Leisure Centre on the 31st October with free bus passes. It is planned to develop this initiative in local area for up to 250 youngsters. Other actions being undertaken include Football Tournaments, Go Carting and Music Competitions.

New Issues

Problems have been reported to the local farmer which included several incidents of a red beam being shone around the area, a male partially clothed had been seen on several occasions when he had jumped out on several horse riders and caused them distress. They were advised they should phone 999 immediately so officers can attend. Paul Tebbutt is planning a Farm Watch to help address some of these problems and also issues of poaching, dogs let loose on their leads and safety of riders on horses whilst on the public highway.

Noise Nuisance by Youth near Gelynis Farm

This is a regular problem on Friday and Saturday nights between 10pm and midnight, would like to have more of a police presence at these times. It was advised that its anticipated that there will be a greater youth workers presence and parents from the focus groups monitoring the situation.

There was also issues of dog walkers not keeping their animals on leads and when spoken to given verbal abuse. Paul T will follow up.

Fisher Hill Way

Continuous problems with older youths hanging round the children's play area, drinking, being noisy and abusive to the early hours of the morning, leaving rubbish and bottles all around the area and intimidating the youngsters in the locality.

Sale of Alcohol to youngsters at the Spar

It was reported that a youngster who works at the shop is selling alcohol to underage youngsters, officers will arrange for test purchasing from trading standards and speak to the shop owner.

Road Adoption

Part of the new estate has not yet been adopted by the council and until it is the bench which is causing problems with youths loitering around it cannot be moved.

Policing in Radyr

Concerns were again expressed about the amount of funding paid by residents towards the cost of policing of the area, this matter has been discussed by all parties and when related to similar wards who have the same amount of officers and usually double the amount of occurrences and crimes there were no plans for changing the balance of officer for the area.

Date of next meeting;- Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 7pm at Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

PACT priorities

- 1) **Fisher Hill Way- Anti Social behaviour and Youth Annoyance**
- 2) **Mount Fields and Skate Board Park to be monitored when the MUGA opens**
- 3) **Poaching and Dog Worriying of Live stock.**

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