

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT meeting held on 15th March 2011.

Panel: Chair- Dr Ralph Vaughan, Rod McKerlich and PC Huw Thomas.

Attendees: Bryn Coed, Ty Gwyn Farm, Cel-y- Bryn, Windsor Avenue, Llwyn Drysgol, Park Road and LLyn Drysgol.

Notes from the last meeting in January were agreed as a true record. The Chairman introduced PCSO Jessica Southam who will take over the area from PCSO Helen Coleman. Jessica has been a PCSO for the last 4 years and has been covering the Llandaff North and Gabalfa areas.

Update of PACT issues.

A) Min-y-Coed- Road Safety and speeding vehicles along Heol Isaf. The speeding camera has been utilised over the last few weeks, but revealed no real issue. The speed gun operation would continue over the next few weeks. It was also mentioned that Mr Webster, who had attended the last PACT meeting, was seeking to organise a petition for road calming measures and for them to be moved further up the road. Mr Webster was not in attendance, so there was no further update.

The council have been looking at the installation of a zebra crossing to assist pedestrians from Min-y-coed and to slow down the traffic along Heol Isaf. Calming measures along this route are looking to be completed within the next month.

The possibility was raised that a crossing would/could be placed on Heol Isaf close to the junction of Min-y-Coed. As yet there have been no firm plans set in place.

Ty Gwyn-Lamping- Although incidents of lamping had decreased, there are still issues. There have been incidents of lamping reported recently and although the police attended, the offenders had already left. The situation will be monitored and any incidents should be reported.

Road calming measures- Heol Isaf- Concerns were raised with regard to the current road calming measures on Heol Isaf. Residents have stated that the narrowing of the road, has caused cyclists to move further out into the road and there have been a number of near misses. Some members of the meeting did state that they have had no issues.

Damage to pillars- Concerns regarding the damage to the pillars located at the entrance to Radyr from Llantrisant Road. The meeting asked if it was possible to find out how many times these pillars have been damaged.

Crime Statistics

In the 6 weeks up to the PACT meeting there have been 62 calls with 14 crimes and 6 arrests. From these 6 relate to Anti Social Behaviour (2 relating to motor cycle annoyance). From crimes two relate to theft from vehicle, 2 criminal damage to motor vehicle, 2 burglaries (1 from a shed).

PC Thomas informed the meeting about the availability of police internet sites, such as Our bobby and Police.uk, where members of the public can view crime statistics for their area. Pc Thomas also mentioned the slight rise in distraction burglaries within the South Wales area and offered suitable advice with regard to prevention.

Councillors Update

Cllr McKerlich informed the meeting that his monthly council report can be found on the Radyr website.

Cllr Mckerlich commented that the pot holes on the road caused by the bad weather have more or less been dealt with. The repairs have been of a high quality. The report relating to the councils approach to the bad weather was not as good as it should be. Should this situation arise in the future the council will look at the roads that need to be cleared as a matter of urgency.

Any other business.

- 1.) **Old Bethal Chapel, Morganstown.** The church is still in a state of disrepair. There has been interest in purchasing the property, but this unfortunately has fallen through. There are concerns regarding the structural condition of the property. twelve new bins have also been installed along the Taff Trail.
- 2.) **Community Programmes.** Cllr McKerlich mentioned the signage and action Programme linked with the park and historic society. They will be seeking improvements of the footpaths and sidings as far down as Hailey Park and improvements of the Radyr weir.

PC Thomas mentioned the restorative justice team have been sought in order to organise a litter pick, which will take place when they have enough people.

- 3.) **Tonnage restrictions on Heol Isaf-** At the moment there are tonnage restriction signs of 7½ tons on Heol Isaf close to Pugh's Garden Centre. Pc Thomas did state that the vehicles can be stopped, but it is actually seeing them. The meeting was advised that if they can write down the company vehicle breaching the restrictions, warning letters can be sent. Often the vehicles are not local to the area are sent through Radyr, by their SAT nav systems which do not have weight restriction notices on the system. If the vehicles are from the quarry can these be reported as there is a good relationship with the quarry.
- 4.) **Parking on Station Road-** Issues concerning parking on Station Road and Windsor Road. Residents were concerned that the limited waiting spaces are being abused, the Council CPO's (Civil Parking Officers) have been patrolling. Windsor Road has no parking restrictions or double yellows, but residents are concerned with the volume of cars parked on this street.
- 5.) **Library- Park Road-** Cllr McKerlich informed the meeting that discussions are still on going on whether the library is to be refurbished and extended or demolished and rebuilt.

6.) Loose dogs- Issues concerning loose dogs attacking horses along the lanes, within Pentyrch and Forrest Farm . Cllr Mckerlich can ask the dog wardens to attend if necessary. PC Thomas stated that this is difficult to police, but reported incidents will be dealt with.

7.) Youth annoyance- There has been a decrease in the number youth annoyance calls, but issues of off road bikes has increased. There have been reports of motor cycle annoyance at the back of the cricket pitch in Radyr. The meeting was informed that the council off road team would be holding an operation over the weekend and update would be given at the next PACT.

Concerns have been raised about the use of air weapons within Pant Tawel woods, Pc Thomas updated the meeting that guns had been taken off a number of youths, and details taken.

The search for a new PACT chair is continuing. Dr Vaughan will continue as chair until a new one is appointed.

PACT priority for the next 6 weeks.

- 1. Min-y- Coed- Road safety and speeding along Heol Isaf**
- 2. HGV's- Weight restrictions on Heol Isaf.**

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7pm, Old Church Rooms, Radyr.