

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT Meeting held on 26th November 2008

Representatives from:- (15) from Bryn Castell, Fisher Hill Way, Pentwyn, Clos Tylawas, Ty Gwyn Farm, Heol Isaf, Station Rd, Llwyn Drysgol, Plus panel of Ralph Vaughan(Chair), Paul Tebbutt(PC),Tori Miller (PCSO) and Rod McKerlich(Councillor).

Update of PACT Priorities

1) Fisher Hill Way

The police tutor pod were planning an operation in the area. There is currently no feed back .. There has been 1 call to this area since the last meeting. The wooden benches in the area encourage the youth to loiter .Some residents would like them removed. The Children's Playground also can be a problem area when large groups of youths congregate and cause a noise nuisance.

It had been noted that there had been large groups of youths on skateboards in the area, but since the skate park had opened they had not been seen.

The Councillor advised that he was still working for the area to be adopted by the Council .Once this was done he would arrange for removal of the benches.

2) Mount Fields and Skate Board Park

This area has been closely monitored. The apprehension with regard to Anti social behaviour has not materialised, The litter bins have been installed. They are emptied regularly so the problems with rubbish have diminished.

There have been 2 calls to the area with regard to graffiti, Council have been advised. There had been a lot of non local youths at the skate park when it first opened but they seem to have left the area.

Councillor McKerlich advised that the Radyr Rangers had several meetings with him, discussing damage to the pitch and other local issues. Advised they needed to pass names to the Councillor and officers so action can be taken. Tori had passed some names to the youth workers for them to speak to the youths.

Other issues discussed;- Notices to advise entrance at Radyr Road.

Radyr Rangers needed to get verification from the Welsh Football Association with regard to separation of the pitches. They felt the goal post could be re sited to ensure no damage by youngsters using the skate park. The Council plan to put some galvanised ranch fencing around the edge .

As the area is already attracting a lot of graffiti why not put up a graffiti board for their usage, Trevor Gough is investigating..

3) Poaching and Dog Worrying.

There are no further updates. Paul is still trying to get Farm Watch going.

Other issues

Parking and Road Safety

Station Road- Tori had done extensive patrols in the area. She had advised motorist about the parking issues and had issued 10 tickets for obstruction etc.

Other concerns raised included driving whilst using a mobile phone and parking on the single track leading to the Railway Station.

Kings Road- the area opposite Taff Terrace. The double yellow lines have not been replaced –Rod will follow up

Heol Isaf- There appears to have been an increase in large lorries using this road as a thoroughfare. Paul and Tori will set up an operation where they will stop/check vehicles to see where they are coming from and going to and check for loads. They will try and do this in conjunction with the local authority.

Paul has spoken to the Quarry about their drivers. They will pass the message onto their drivers and contractors. It was suggested that the Quarry be asked if the drivers could be prevented from turning right out of the site. The signage will also be checked to ensure it is clear.

Crime Statistics

For a 6 week period there had been 99 calls with 22 crimes and 4 arrests

On the 31/10/08 there had been 10 calls with 3 for Anti Social Behaviour. On the 05/11/08 - 2 calls with 1 for ASB. There had been one ASBO referral in the same period. This compared to Llandaff City for the same period of 154 calls with 41 crimes and 23 arrests

Operation BANG had been working over the 2 problem dates. This had all NPT officers, Specials and 1 of the Response team working. The ASB for the Sector was down by over 50%.

Neighbourhood Watch

There had been a NHW meeting in November where it was felt that the Ringmaster System was spasmodic, (since the meeting the service has been taken over by the Local Intelligence team based at 101 House and it is hoped it will be much improved.) At their last meeting they had a presentation by the air ambulance service (this is a charitable organisation) and the only paid support they get is a paramedic from the NHS.

Use of the Light beam for Lamping Purposes

Verification of what the red beam (a light attached to the gun for night sight) was and explained to the residents. A white beam's used for poaching normally with the dogs. Currently only wild life is being killed although the house cat from one of the farms had been shot. There are concern for livestock in the fields and the possibility of scaring the horses. They have also been seen trespassing on the golf course. Residents are always advised to report these matters. However any firearms incidents are dealt with by the firearms team, It will take a lot longer for officers to attend than normal. Use of the helicopter would not be possible as it is kept for use with Grade 1 calls.

Sale of Alcohol at the SPAR

Officers still have to speak with the managers at the SPAR. It is believed that adults are purchasing the alcohol and passing it onto the youths. Trading Standards have carried out test purchases on several occasions all with positive results.

Any other Business

Burst Water Main opposite Radyr Comprehensive.

There have been concerns raised regarding the vulnerability of the village if Heol Isaf was closed, i.e- what would happen if the school suddenly caught fire?. The future of access via the Golf Club Lane was raised. Currently there are several important Health and Safety issues to be addressed. Councillor Mackerlich will report to the next meeting following discussion at the Council.

Chairman's Letter

Ralph Vaughan had written a summary of his thoughts and comments as Chairman of the PACT meetings. This was passed to members at the meeting and will be published on the Radyr Website.

PACT Priorities

Agreed to keep same priorities as last time

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th January at 7pm at Old Church Rooms, Radyr. CM 01/12/08.