

## **NOTES OF THE R & M PACT MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH FEBRUARY 2013.**

### **Present R S VAUGHAN,CHAIRMAN PCSO SOUTHAM AND TWELVE REPRESENTATIVES.**

Apologies were received from Councillor R McKerlich and four representatives

The notes of the meeting held on the 15th of January were accepted as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

There were two dates called by the City Council to address issues regarding the Cardiff Local Development Plan. The first date is Wednesday March 13th at St David's Hall between 10am and 5pm. The second date is Monday the 18th of March at the National Museum of Wales between 12 noon and 8-00pm. All are welcome to attend and give their views. Plaid Cymru Councillor, Mr Neil McEvoy addressed the meeting regarding the response from the Pentrebanne Committee. In general, the said committee was strongly opposed to the possible effects that the plan would have on the City in general and Pentrebanne in particular. He invited all members of the R & M PACT to attend a meeting in Pentrebanne on March 5th 2013 commencing at 17-00H. It was suggested that Councillor McEvoy liaised with Councillor McKerlich and Ms Helena Fox, Clerk to the R & M Council.

The monthly report by Councillor R McKerlich was received regarding various issues pertaining to R & M Areas. This report is also published on the local website. There had been an open meeting held at the O C R on Monday February 25 by the Cardiff Bus Company. The main issue was to establish a direct route from R & M into Cardiff City Centre which would also take in the loop at Dane's Court thereby cutting out the Fairwater area. The Chairman stated at the meeting that R & M Residents would like to have a bus link with the Heath Hospital.

There was considerable disquiet regarding the Drug Trafficking in the R & M Areas and, in particular, around the Guide Hall. Despite several calls to both 101 and police representatives, very little seems to have been accomplished. One representative was very concerned that despite many calls, not only was little being done but also the intrapolice communications were very poor. He cited several incidents. The Chairman was asked to write to Inspector P Aarkonpopoulos regarding these issues. He was also asked to invite the Inspector to the next meeting on the 30th of April.

PCSO Southam gave a report on the recent crime statistics. The offences were varied but, once again, residents of the R & M Areas had left property and properties unsecured. Residents were urged to be more vigilant. There had been FOUR arrests. The committee were informed that there will be THREE PCSO's in the area in the coming months.

A letter had been received from the Rt Hon Alan Michael who is the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the Police and Crime Plan (available on [southwalescommissioner.org.uk](http://southwalescommissioner.org.uk)). He requested that residents read the plan, which will cover the period from April 2013 to March 2017, and asked that comments should be sent to his website address at [commissioner@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commissioner@south-wales.pnn.police.uk). There is also a survey on the web which residents could complete and send to the commissioner's office.

Mr D Cargill stated that the local Neighbourhood Watch was running well. He introduced Mr Derek Bateman, who is a Radyr resident, and is currently Deputy Chairman of the Cardiff Neighbourhood Watch and Chairman of the South Wales Neighbourhood Watch affiliations. Mr Bateman stated that he would attend a meeting of the latter in early March and would discuss the items raised at the local meeting.

There were two other items viz; There were motorbikes being ridden in the local wood. There was concern that heavy goods vehicles (greater than 7.5 tonnes) were passing along Heol Isaf. Both these items were noted by PSCO Southam. The Chairman would include both items in his letter to Inspector Arkonopoulos.

The priorities for the next meeting would be;

Drug Problems, Motor Bikes and Heavy goods Vehicles.

The provisional date of the next meeting of the R & M PACT was April 30th 2013