

Minutes of PACT Meeting held at OCR on Wed 10th October (Draft)

Apologies for absence: Dr RS Vaughan and D Cargill and Inspector Brock and PC Huw Thomas

Introduction: In the absence of PC Huw Thomas, CPSO Tory Miller advised that Insp Brock had been called at short notice to a city centre problem and could not attend; she would deal with police issues and Rod McKerlich (Chair of Neighbourhood Watch) would chair the meeting in the absence of Ralph Vaughan who had agreed to act as Chair of PACT meetings in future.

Progress on Key Issues:

- a) There had been a drop in calls from residents in the vicinity of the MUGA and, as a result of good intelligence received from the community, offending vehicle owners had been identified and warned. A resident stated that the problem was still acute and 101 calls were not being properly recorded
- b) Speeding and traffic matters were improved by the inadvertent efforts of Welsh Water and 2 ASBO letters had been issued against youths who had moved bollards .Residents stated that speeding was a continuing problem on Heol Isaf and needed to be addressed by speed cameras. Late at night there are regular instances of Bryn Derwen being used as a race track
- c) At the cricket club it was quieter but the police were keen to ensure that we did not inherit problems displaced from Pentrebanne by the issuing of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts

Discussion from floor:

- a) A number of residents expressed disquiet about a wide variety of appalling behaviour centred around some rented homes in Bryn Derwen and around one home in particular. This was known to the police and had been the subject of numerous 101 and 999 calls. No adequate response was received to these complaints
- b) Fisher Hill way had become a centre of youth annoyance in the area of Radyr Woods and the children's play area. Minor arson, vandalism and late night noise were the main problems. Again 101 calls were ineffective
- c) Pant Tawel Lane was a site of rubbish dumping and general bad behaviour
- d) The previous Friday the Muga was the scene of all night noise and no response was received either at the time or subsequently to 101 calls
- e) Rod Mckerlich stated that from feedback from Neighbourhood Watch members he could confirm that the local population feel that 101 calls appear to be a mechanism to dampen public expectations of the police and rarely produce a satisfactory outcome. PC Thomas made a very good initial impact but appears to have been much less visible in the area in recent months; we would like to have him back and feel that problems in other areas should not result in our area being robbed of police presence. It would be helpful to know the police strategy for dealing with youth annoyance.
- f) It was suggested that Inspector Brock and the Chief Constable be apprised of our concerns. Obviously he would receive copies of the minutes.

Priorities for next phase:

Area of Bryn Derwen ; MUGA ;Fisher Hill Way

Date of next meeting to be determined and advertised

