

PACT Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Councillor Rod Mckerlich opened the meeting with update of those items that he has been involved as related to PACT. Those being:

Station Car Park – The new car Park is now operational although there are some problems with it. Rod will take this up with the council although the car park was built by and is the responsibility of Network Rail.

Green Bins – The rules have changed and corrugated waste is no longer accepted. Rod advised that such cardboard is parcelled up placed with Green Bags.

Planning – the application for several more houses to be built by RCT will, when granted, lead to an increase to the traffic along the Llantrisant Road.

Bus Service – there are now 3 buses per hour Monday to Saturday during the day.

Plaisdwr – the development is creating problems for Parc Radur especially the state of the roads. Redrow are holding a public meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 4 – 6 pm in the NSR.

20 Mile an Hour Zone – There will be a 20 mile an hour zone put in place in Lower Park Road. Rod had wanted the zone to include contingent parts of Heol Isaf and suggested that those that agree with him should write to Cardiff Council.

Helen Abdullah (Police) introduced herself this being her first PACT meeting. Helen has had experience of neighbourhood policing in previous roles. The area her team cover has been reduced and the team increased now includes Richard Davies (also at the meeting) Tori Miller and Jessica Southam.

Helen apologised for not having the crime stats to hand but due to an emergency call out she had not been able to print them off. Helen gave an update on the following

Anti Social Behaviour – Helen said there were 2 distinct problems. The first being youths from outside Radyr coming to Fisher Hill Park to do low level cannabis dealing and causing criminal damage – this has been dealt with by the police and there are no further reports of drug dealing or damage.

The second type of problem has been youths from Radyr playing loud music and some smoking cannabis. The police have not wanted to prosecute the youths but made them aware (and in some cases the parents) of the consequences of their behaviour and made the youths tidy up behind them. This appears to have worked as there has been no phone calls from residents since mid august,

HGV Traffic – The police are aware of the problem and the likelihood of it getting worse with the development of Plaisdwr. However to be able to prosecute drivers of vehicles over 7.5 tonnes there needs to be a team of officers able to monitor the progress of the vehicle through the village so as to ensure it was not legitimately making a delivery. The team also needs to include qualified vehicle examiner to confirm the lorry is over the 7.5 tonnes. So far it has not been possible to put such a team together but it is the intention of the police to carry out an exercise.

This lead to considerable discussion as what can be done to stop HGV drivers using this route. Kevin Wright told the meeting that there is legislation that imposes responsibility on the principal contractor (Redrow in the case of Plasdwr) for the logistics of all deliveries to a building site. This would include making all reasonable efforts to ensure the drivers obey the local highway restrictions. Rod Mckerlich said that in addition the planning permission for the development at Plasdwr also put the onus on Redrow to ensure HGVs did not use Heol Isaf.

Following a number of suggestions as to what residents could do Rod suggested that if whilst driving through Radyr a resident follows the HGV and it subsequently drives onto the Plasdwr site they should log the details and send them

to Rod. Equally Rod would be glad to receive details of any HGV leaving Plasdwr and is then followed onto Heol Isaf and through to the end of the villages.

On the same subject David Southers said that it has been reported to him that Ready Mix lorries go through Radyr sometime between 6 and 7 am each morning and he asked Helen if she could arrange for the police to talk to Ready Mix.

Speeding – Helen said that over a 5 day period there had been a speed check carried out through Heol Isaf and that over 38000 vehicles had passed through the check and the average speed had been less than 30 mph. Early evening had been slightly higher than the day but overall the figures had been encouraging. Rod said that the figures from the speed disclosing signs show a less than encouraging picture with vehicles frequently over 30 mph.

Other Issues – Kevin Wright (Sidings Resident Association) said that there is an issue with cars parking on the pavement in some of the roads in the sidings causing people with prams or wheelchair users to use the road. Others at the meeting said a similar problem arises around the schools and whereas on Heol Isaf it used to be for about an hour every afternoon it now seems to be more often with some cars there all day. Helen asked for residents to take photographs if cars have all 4 wheels on the pavement or clearly obstructing the pavement and phone 101 to let them know the details.

There had been an accident at the crossroads near the golf club. After previous incident road markings had been put in the road after this latest incident Rod has asked the council to erect Halt signs on posts.

There is a motorbike (?) that makes its way through Radyr at about 6 am each morning with a very disruptive sound. Helen said that to be able to test the vehicle it would need a qualified examiner and she wasn't sure whether the local police had such expertise available.

In matters with use of Heol Isaf it would help if residents were able to photograph "offending" vehicles. There was a discussion about forming a group of residents willing to take photos and generally assisting the police with traffic issues. It was left that if someone wanted to form such a group they could let Rod know and he could include the persons details in his next report.

Helen said there are 2 trends of crime that she wanted people to be aware of

Theft from cars – number plates, items taken from insecure vehicles as well as break-ins to locked cars.

Thefts from sheds – mostly high value bikes – by leaving roof racks on cars (the ones that secure bikes) outside house advertises to the would be thief that a bike is being stored in the shed or garage.

Computer and phone scams are still prevalent - tax refunds from HMRC and friends stranded abroad.

Priorities for next period

HGV Traffic

Speeding

Parking on Pavements

Chris Wills

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