

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT meeting
held on the 10th March 2008

Attendance 20 from Heol Isaf, Drovers Way, Pantawel Cottage, Llwyn Drysgol, Bryn Castell, Ty Gwyn farm, Pentwyn, Clos Tylaway, Clos y Gwydofid, Windsor Avenue, Station Road, Dan y Bryn, Old garden court, Blaen y Coed and Plas y Mynach.

Welcome by Chairman Ralph Vaughan, Panel of PC Paul Tebbutt and PCSO Tori Miller, in attendance was PS Elin Bowen. An apology had not been received from Councillor M Drake

PACT Priorities

- 1) Motoring Issues and Offences in Radyr and Morganstown
- 2) Anti Social behaviour in Pant Tawel and Bryn Derwen
- 3) Youth Issues in Radyr and Morganstown

Update of PACT issues

Motoring issues in Radyr and Morganstown

The chair had written to Mrs Chapman, Chief Highways Officer, who said that there was not enough evidence of speeding vehicles on Bryn Derwen and so no action could be taken. In regard to the learner drivers reversing in the road, she felt that the driving instructors were aware of the Health and Safety Issues and would act accordingly.

PC Tebbutt advised that he and Tori had carried out high visibility patrols in the area and worked with the traffic department. As a result one person was given a fixed penalty notice (£60.00 fine and 6 points on the licence) for using a mobile phone. Traffic officers are currently running an initiative to address motorists using mobile phones and will pay special attention to this locality. They had been asked to pay particular attention to areas that were off the beaten track. Cardiff Council were running an operation looking at illegal number plates and road safety initiatives.

The mobile speed camera has been used several times in the area and resulted in 42 warning letters going out to motorists who were speeding. Sadly, mostly were local residents.

Parking issues around Station Road

The chair had written to Arriva trains who advised they only took responsibility for areas within their own boundaries and other areas were the responsibility of Highways and the police.

Tori Miller has carried out High Visibility Policing: she has given out two fixed penalty notices for parking offences. The main issue is that many of the parking spaces are taken up by staff employed in the shops. She felt a softer approach may get results. Perhaps an approach from local residents may get a better result.

Graffiti- This was still an ongoing problem, the council and police were working in collaboration in regard to Operation GROG (Get Rid Of Graffiti). A database has

been set up to address the city-wide issue. Tori Miller is working with the local schools who have been very supportive and they will try and identify the culprits.

Pcs had been working with British Transport Police and 2 youths had been arrested for graffiti offences. An area by Radyr Gardens had been identified as having more graffiti, believed to be produced by local youths from the area. In addition, the bridge by the new estate and the bus shelter were affected. Tori will get the schools' liaison officers to speak to the school children about the offences related to graffiti.

OTHER ISSUES

Medical Centre and The Library : One call of youth annoyance in February, no updates from the Councillor or Health Trust.

Bryn Derwen and Pant Tawel

There are still problems in these areas (2 calls in January and 1 in February). A resident reported that there had been over 70 empty drinks bottles recovered by the council plus numerous condoms and a pregnancy test kit. The informant had been intimidated by motorists who were parked on the lanes and was unable to get home in one instance. There was also a lot of drug taking and dealing.

Fisher Hill Way and Sycamore Place

There had been incidents of shed burglary and theft from motor vehicles. However, both the vehicles and sheds had been left unlocked.

The extra parking issues were mostly by commuters, but no offences were being committed. Gangs of youths were congregating in and around Radyr Woods, officers will closely monitor this area. No offences had been reported at this time.

101

Funding has been secured for the continuation of this service and will continue to develop. Some residents are still experiencing problems with the service but were advised to speak to a supervisor at 101 to discuss these problems.

Residents were advised to report all incidents so that they can be logged for information if not for action by the officers.

Morganstown Skate Park

Officers were invited to a meeting with Ms Roz Chow from Community Safety to discuss the location for the proposed skate park. They had looked at the football pitch site at the rear of Pugh's garden centre. Although it was felt this may not be the best site, nothing was ruled out until further consultations had been completed.

Publicity

Concerns were raised about the advertising of PACT meetings- advised they could access **ourbobby.com** which has up to date information, also the Radyr Chain has a PACT page. The community council will make a space on their notice board to advertise dates. There was also a space on the website for information.

If a date could be agreed for the next meeting it could go on the diary section of the Radyr Chain.

Policing of the area

Residents made presentation at the Police Authority meeting about the lack of a designated police officer for the area. The Chief Superintendent Josh Jones arranged to tour the area which he did with PC Tebbutt.. The Chair will invite the Chief Super to the next meeting to discuss their concerns and issues.

Residents were very complimentary about the work that Tori Miller was doing in the area.

Tori was running PACT surgeries to enable individuals to bring issues forward This was designed for persons who were unable to attend the pact meeting or wanted to discuss individual issues.

Residents felt that officers should be able to name and shame and the need to get back to responsive policing.

It was suggested that a car be sponsored for the local officers, chair to take matter forward.

Improving the PACT meeting

It was felt it would be better if residents were given updates of occurrences. Although they were advised that crime was low, they would like comparisons showing level of crimes. graphs and types of crime. It was also felt trends and cycles for the locality would be of benefit.

It was felt that youth annoyance increased in April, May and June especially over the weekends and a greater police presence was required in the area.

During Operation Maximum Impact, the mobile police van had been sited near problem areas and this had been a positive response to the area. It had also provided crime reduction literature.

Youth Workers

Some discussion took place about the role that the youth worker plays in developing activities for the area. Residents were advised that the outreach youth worker who did activities on a Tuesday and Friday between 630pm and 10pm was no longer able to do so as their funding had been withdrawn.

Residents had concerns as they contributed towards the cost of the youth worker. The youth coordinator Steve Mccambridge, based at Waterhall Youth Centre, was to be invited to the next meeting.

Date of next PACT meeting.

N B --- Wednesday 30th April 2008 at 7pm at Old Church Rooms, Radyr

PACT surgery April 8th and May 6th between 4pm and 6pm at Radyr Police Station, Park Road, Radyr.