

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT meeting held on 26th August 2008 .

Attendees 20 from Old Garden Court, Pentwyn, The Uplands, Drovers Way, Llwyn Drysgol, Hazel Tree Close, Plas y Mynach, Heol Isaf, Windsor Avenue, Station Rd, Drysgol Rd, Ael y Bryn, Clos y Gwyddfif, Clos Tylaway, Ty Gwyn Farm, Bryn Castell,

Panel- Chair-Ralph Vaughan, Rod Mckerlich, Paul Tebbutt and Tori Miller
No amendments from last meeting except Rob to Rod Mckerlich.

PACT Updates

Morganstown Skate Board Park

Concerns were raised about the lack of consultation ,the actual location and the monitoring of the area. Objections were raised by Gelynis Farm(about general behaviour) and the Radyr Rangers(damage to the football pitch)..

The Council have agreed to build a footpath around the football pitch and to enclose the skate park within a barrier. This will cost between 10 and 15 thousand pounds..

The total estimated cost will be £100 k on top of the £70k for the project.

Its planned for the skate park to go ahead now the issues have been agreed.

The residents raised issues of increased usage by youths crossing the railway track and the potential problems of increase in drug usage in the area. It was suggested that a meeting is arranged with Arriva trains to discuss the crossing.

It is hoped to open the rest of the field as its felt that the more persons who use the field will act as a deterrent for the minority who will misuse the area. British Transport Police will be contacted with regard to the Lychgate which has no locking facility. There are also concerns that the gate is not wide enough for wheelchair access..

Parking in and around Radyr and Morganstown

Arriva trains have been spoken to about the car parking area. They advised they had no funds to do any changes unless separate funding could be found.

During the summer holiday the problem has not been apparent, but there are concerns about the use of the Disabled Bay outside the pharmacy. There is still an ongoing problem with vehicles parking on the double yellow lines around the Spar shop on Station Rd..It was asked if Station Road could be made one way, but the shopkeepers were not keen on this idea. The police and traffic wardens will monitor this area.It was also suggested that Windsor Crescent should be one way as well. Signage on Station Road used to have 30minutes waiting time, but these seems to have gone. (,can the councillor arrange for them to be replaced).

Youth Workers and their role within the Community.

Issac, the detached youth worker, was asked to the meeting, he was unable to attend, He works normally on Mondays and Fridays from 6pm to 9pm. It was agreed that Steve Mccambridge the Community Outreach Youth Worker be invited to the next meeting to talk to residents about what they youth service does in the locality (may be an issue about transport as Steve does not drive).

Tori was working with Issac on the following Friday to address issues in the area.

Other Issues previously raised ;-

Crime Statistics

For the past 9 weeks there had been 105 calls with 35 crimes and 6 arrests. The crimes were 10 theft from cars (most related to cars where residents had failed to lock their cars).5 Criminal damage to vehicles, 3 Theft (one building material, one bike and one steel), 3 Criminal damage to property(all relate to garden area), 1 Robbery ,4

Burglaries, 4 Trespass and 23 Anti Social behaviour. The calls for the area are 40% compared to a similar ward in the sector.

Anti Social behaviour referrals- In the past 9 weeks there had been 19 first letter referrals for the area. This was slightly up on the previous eight and half weeks.

Other Issues

Pantawel Lane

Officers had regularly attended the area to address the issues of youths drinking in the lane, depositing rubbish and giving verbal abuse to the residents. The residents would like the road closed but it is not possible as the road is not adopted by the Council. Residents were advised to call officers on their work mobile or phone 101 to make officers aware.

Funding from Community Housing

As a result of enquiries about the monies that have been paid to the council to compensate for affordable housing. It was reported that £559K had been given to the council of which 30% was available for local initiatives.

Neighbourhood Watch

The NHW notice at Uplands need replacing. There are 50 plus members who are signed up in the village and there are coordinators for the area. The Ringmaster System which is currently operated by the community Safety partnership sends out messages about crimes and community issues. Paul intends to start a Rural Watch in conjunction with the NFU and the Forestry Commission.

Cold Calling

Residents had concerns about different individuals calling on behalf of various charities. They try and get individuals to give their banking details to sign up for donations to the charity. They tend to be aggressive and can be intimidating to the residents. NHW had agreed to put a notice out to the residents about what action to take. Officers suggested residents could put a notice on their door stating No traders, No hawkers. There was also a spate of collection bags being left. These were usually done by a third party on behalf of the charity. The Radyr Chayne will put a notice in the magazine to advise on these issues.

Parking in Pentwyn

Due to an issues raised in a previous PACT meeting residents had received cautionary notices about parking on both sides of the road, causing problems with vehicles being unable to get through the road. Tori will monitor this closely.

Police Visibility

Residents were still unhappy with the amount of police time that officers spent in the area. Tori is in the locality for most of her shift and does a lot of community work with hard to reach groups. She is always on foot patrol and so is seen as a more high visibility in the area. Paul, as the area officer has a different remit and has to address issues of Crime, Speeding vehicles and other issues which affect the whole of the Fairwater sector. This means he will be more in police vehicles or on his bike and so may not be as visible as Tori.

Residents felt that officers tended to be more reactive than proactive.

Some financial figures were discussed but it was felt this was an issue to discuss via the Councillors and Neighbourhood Watch with senior management.

Action by Chair

- 1) Contact the youth workers and get them to explain their role in the community
- 2) Speak to the Community Council to raise issues with the representative on the Police Consultative Committee.

- 3) Follow up parking issues in Station Road
- 4) Follow up about safety issues for the Skate Park.

PACT priorities

- 1) Safety Issues with regard to the Railway Crossing with Arriva trains and British Transport Police
- 2) Parking on the double yellow lines on Station Road and in the area.
- 3) The street youth working and their role in the community.

Date of next meeting;- Wednesday 15th October at 7pm at Morganstown Community Hall..

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