

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACR meeting held on 26th January 2011.

Panel-Chair –Ralph Vaughan, Rod Mckerlich, Huw Thomas and Helen Coleman.
Attendees- 15 from Min y Coed, Heol Isaf, Clos Tylaway, Maes y Braillu, Ty Gwyn Farm, Bryn Coed, Station Rd, Drovers Way, Llwyn Drysgol, Pentwyn, Dan y Bryn, Park Rd plus Cathy Mangles (front line support officer, notetaker)

Notes from the last meeting in November were agreed as a true record. Due to a double booking, the PACT meeting in December did not take place.

Items not on the agenda from the last meeting;

Civil Enforcement Officers have been to Dan y Bryn Road

E-mail address for Councillor Mckerlich should be rmckerlich@cardiff.gov.uk

Update of PACT issues

a) MUGA and Cricket Club ground-ASB, Vandalism and Low level Crime

There have been no calls to the area, Helen has patrolled the area regularly. There have been no issues raised concerning the youths or the residents in the locality.

There are some loose horses in the bottom field

b) Ty Gwyn Farm-Lamping

There had been problems during the snow when the lampers dogs were in very close proximity to the horses. This had caused them to be distressed. A male was detained by the farmer and warned about his conduct. There is currently myxomatosis on the farm and will reduce this problem for the time being.e.

Heol Isaf-parking and Speeding of vehicle

The road traffic policing team, as well as the ANPR van and the police officers, have carried extensive operations on this road, especially from under the motorway bridge down to Morganstown. They are usually only effective for the first few minutes as motorists warn other motorists of a police presence. Officers will continue to monitor the area .

It was felt that the solar speed camera by the Old Church Rooms was sighted in the wrong place. Councillor Mckerlich advised it was not working properly due to the overhang of the trees, which were to be moved. If anyone had suggestions for the ideal place, which, need a lot of sunlight to work effectively, please let him know. Residents asked what were the figures for the speed camera were, the Councillor will try and get them for the next meeting.

The original purpose for the sighting of the camera was to reduce speed of vehicles by the zebra crossing. A query was raised about when cars should stop. Advised it was when the person actually stopped on the crossing.

Concerns were raised about the damage to the bollards by the road narrowing, the Councillor will follow this up.

Heol Isaf-Rubbish and Litter

The area from the motorway bridge down to Morganstown is still in need of some more clearing up.. The Justice Seen, Justice Done team have been in the area once, We will ask the Neighbourhood Management Officer to do arrange it to be done again. Residents asked why the refuse man who cleans the top end of Heol Isaf cannot cover this area.Councillor Mckerlich will follow this up. There are a lot of concerns about the amount of dog faeces that are being left on the pavements. Advised would produce a notice to the residents, the Radyr Chayne will do an article and dog bags will be made available in Library and old church rooms. The dog bags can be put in the Council litter bins.

There are also problems of dog faeces in the play area at Morganstown.

Other areas with litter

- 1) Play area and the all weather pitch at Morganstown- In the summer especially there are a lot of broken bottles and not enough litter bins. Advised to call 101 and report to the Environmental Department.
- 2) Radyr Woods- There has been some problems with Rubbish and Anti Social Behaviour; friends of Radyr Woods have regular litter picks. Possibly a good community project working together and getting Tidy Towns involved .
Helen Coleman suggested, if possible, take photos of the problem areas and forward them to her so she could take action.

Crime Statistics

In the 6 weeks up to the PACT meeting there have been 77 calls with 10 crimes and 3 arrests. From these calls 18 relate to Anti Social Behaviour(ASB) (3 relate to throwing of snowballs).From the crimes 2 are theft from motor vehicle, 3 criminal damage to motor vehicle and 3 theft - motor bike, laptop, mobile phone.

Compared to this time last year, crime is down 23%, vehicle crime 8%, ASB 16%.

Councillors Update

RUBBISH Collection- The Council are changing when and what is collected, the green waste bin will be collected weekly, the garden waste and black bins will be collected every two weeks. Nappies can be collected weekly by arrangement. The garden waste is made into compost. The food waste is being taken to Gloucester for processing. In the Radyr Ward 60% of waste is recycled. It was suggested residents apply for a second green bin..

Any other Business

- 1) **Min y Coed-** Residents have raised concerns about the speed of vehicles which go past this road along Heol Isaf. It is a major issue when the children are walking to school or cars are trying to turn out onto Heol Isaf. Councillor Mckerlich advised that this area has been evaluated by the transport department. For a zebra crossing to be placed in this area is 18th on the priority list. Suggested perhaps a lollipop person might help the situation
- 2) **Old Bethel Chapel-Morganstown -** This building had been sold cheaply. The new owner after being turned down for residential purposes, is leaving the building to fall down. There is local interest in making it a community project. Advised to attend the Community Council meeting (next meeting 27/01/11) and they will take it forward.

- 3) **Community Initiatives**

Ideas were more bikes and better facilities for cycle to school projects. Better utilisation of the school computers out of school hours. A Neighbourhood Watch plus Scheme where able bodied residents assisted other members of the Community with small tasks was proposed..

- 4) **The Old Surgery**

Prior to Christmas when the district nurses went to the old surgery to collect equipment either the main door was unlocked or left open. At one point they came upon a male in the building, he threw some keys at them and disappeared. Officers advised to call 999 as a matter of urgency in these circumstances.

- 5) **Policing –Staff issues-** Asked if any of the NPT roles were at risk, advised PCs were currently OK, PCSO's have another two years funding from the Home office. Police Staff roles are at risk

- 6) **Lane by Ty Gwyn Farm-** Last week there was a head on collision in the lane due to speeding vehicles. The students from the Comprehensive School use the lane when they are out jogging. Need to ensure they are aware of vehicle using this lane.
- 7) **Theft of Metal Gates-**4 Farmers in the area have advised Val Allen of theft of metal gates from their fields. Advised they need to report this to the Police so they can take action quicker. A white van has been seen in the area, please try and get the registration number and report to the police.

Future of PACT meetings

The Chair Ralph Vaughan felt that there has been very little progress in matters raised at the PACT meetings in the last three years. He feels it has become too much of a talking shop. He would like to know what is the way forward;-

- a) Someone else to take over the Chair
- b) There are three bodies involved in the development of the area. The Community Council which is an elected body, PACT, which is a Home Office directive and the Radyr Association who aim to work in improving the village. It was felt the way forward may be with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and how it could develop either in conjunction with the PACT or some other group. It was felt that this should be to discussed further at the next meeting.

PACT priority for next 6 weeks

- 1) **Min y Coed-road safety and speeding vehicles along Heol Isaf**

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th March at 7pm ,Old Church Rooms,Radyr.

CM 04/02/11.

