

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT meeting held on 8th September 2009 at Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

Panel- Chair, Ralph Vaughan, Councillor Rod Mckerlich, PC Pul Tebbutt and PCSO Tori Miller

Attendees 17 plus panel from Windsor Avenue, Cefn Coch, Station Rd, Heol Isaf, Graig Lwyd, Heol Berry, Llwyn Drysgol, Sycamore Tree Close, Clos y Bryn, Dan y Bryn, Pentwyn

Notes from the last meeting- were agreed

PC Kevin Jones from the Anti Social Behaviour Partnership was welcomed to the meeting. He briefly explained about the ASBO process and answered the questions that were raised.

PACT update-1) MUGA-Youth Annoyance and Alcohol Consumption.

The calls to the area have been reduced. There have been increased patrols and officers have spoken to the youth and members of the public. A police operation was in place over the summer holiday and there have been no calls to the area at all. There had been an issues of a group of underage youths drinking and camping in the quarry. They were escorted home and their parents spoken to. They were issued with first letter anti social behaviour orders.

Last week a group of youths were found drunk on the level crossing by Gelynys Farm, Sale of Alcohol is an ongoing problem with Trading Standards having recently carried out test purchasing in the area with all shops passing. A shop in Pentyrch failed and received an £80.00 fixed penalty notice. The problem is that adults are buying alcohol for the youngsters which it is a criminal offence but very hard to catch someone doing it.

2) **Parking and Speeding in the Kings Road, Heol Isaf and Station Road.**

At the last PACT meeting the Chair had been asked to write to the head of the council highways about the ongoing problems. However a letter was published in the Radyr Chayne supporting the suggestions The chair is still awaiting feedback from his letter. Councillor Mckerlich has had a meeting with the Highways office about an increase in double yellow lines. Their policy is not to put them on bends. They have agreed to do an audit to look at the problem. It has been agreed to monitor between 08.30am and 9.30am and 16.00pm to 17.30pm and during school times. Officers have issued some fixed penalty tickets and the traffic wardens have been asked to attend and monitor the area. There were also concerns raised about the **planned development at Junction 33**. There is planned to be a 15 minute bus services all day and every day from Radyr Railway station to the site. Residents raised the issue of car parking around the area in regard to the bus service. The Councillor will lobby via the normal agencies with regard to this matter. **Parking by Cheshire Home-** The ongoing problem along Heol Isaf will continue for up to two years whilst the refurbishment continues. Councillor McKerlich has asked for temporary parking restrictions as the lorries ,etc are parking on the pavements and pedestrians are having trouble getting past without going onto the road which is very dangerous. Tori has spoken to the Matron and she has advised her staff accordingly ,Tori will follow up with the Contractors.

Parking by Radyr Comprehensive- During school times there is parking on both sides of the road and on the pavements. Tori will liase with the School Road Safety Officer and take some action, and will speak to the Primary and Comprehensive Schools.

Windsor Avenue and Park Road- Tori has asked the Councillor if the double yellow lines could be extended by one car length it would enable better access from

the buses and reduced the congestion. There had been some conflict of interest as parents and shopkeepers wanted better access to the shops. However if a car is parked in the parking bay the visibility is restricted. It was suggested if the footpaths could be installed along Windsor Road, a park safe, walk safe initiative could be implemented. Bryn Derwyn-Speeding Vehicles. Councillor McKerlich is going to ask for a 30MPH limit all through the main road of Radyr and Morganstown. Residents asked if a speed camera could be installed here, the Councillor will put this forward.

Communications with Residents and Neighbourhood Watch

Over 2700 leaflets were distributed in the locality giving information about Neighbourhood Watch. There had been a 5% response from residents. There have been a number of alerts from the Ringmaster system in reference to car theft, theft of drain covers and from the Old Church rooms. Currently the Ringmaster system is not working. Feedback about a white van has been put on the force information system

OTHER ISSUES.

Flash Boards on Heol Isaf- The poles have been installed but one needs to be moved. After that is done the electrics will be put in place. The connecting speed cameras will be put in place after that, initially they will appear not to work but will be monitoring the speed beforehand.

Bus Shelter at Caer Graig- Adshel have advised that there have only been 9 incidents in 13 months and this constitutes a very few calls for them. It does not warrant a CCTV camera and replacing with poly carbon is more expensive and can be dangerous.

Crime Statistics

In past 7 weeks there had been 86 calls with 23 crimes and 9 arrests. The breakdown was 13 calls for anti social behaviour (3 to Bryn Derwen), 4 Burglary-3 dwelling in Green Place, Heol Isaf and Drovers Way and 1 in Pughs. 1 Criminal damage to a shed, 8 theft from motor vehicle and 9 other thefts-2 lots of wrought iron gates, 1 tree, 2 drain covers, 2 bikes and handbags from Old Church Rooms..

Compared with the same time last year there has been an increase in autocrime and anti social behaviour but a decrease in Burglary and general crime. What it does not take into consideration is the increase in the population in the area and an increase in the number of persons reporting crime.

Summer Activities

The Outreach Team of Youth Workers reported a positive response over the summer, youths had been taken on a skate safari, a visit to Thorp park and other youth activities. Tori will try for more funding for next year.

NEW ISSUES

Autocrime- There had been an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the past 3 months, there had been 30 vehicles with property removed, all had been left unlocked. Officers have done a leaflet drop and were carrying out a police operation over the weekend to address the problem. The problem times have been on a Sunday night/Monday morning NHW to follow up with local residents.

Shop petition- The local shop CHRIS'S is due to close at the end of business on Saturday 12th September. Residents had got a petition up to try and get the landlord to reconsider but were not too hopeful. It was a local asset which would be lost forever. A resident who lives near was happy that the shop was going to shut, due to local anti social behaviour problems.

Security Service- A local resident who has set up as a security company wanted to introduce himself and offered free advice about security matters.

Youth PACT- Tori intends to work with the youth workers to set up a youth PACT to find out the needs and requirements of the local youths.

Hughes Family- Concerns and support were passed onto the Hughes family for their son, the Radyr Golf club intend to do some fund raising to assist them in their court case and for the homecoming of their son.

PACT priorities for the next 5 weeks.

- 1) Car Crime –Theft from Motor vehicle**
- 2) Parking and Speeding through Radyr and Morganstown**
- 3) Youth PACT**

Date of next meeting; 14th October at 18.30pm at Old Church Rooms, Park Road ,Radyr.

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