

Notes from the Radyr and Morganstown PACT Meetings held on 5th January 2012.

Twenty attendees from, Ravensbrook, Station Road, Ty Gwyn Farm, Pentwyn, Heol Isaf, Meadowfield Way, Ael y Bryn, Bryn Derwen, Llwyn Drysgol, Blaer-y-Coed.

Panel – Chair- Ralph Vaughan, Councillor Rod McKerlich, and PCSO Tori Miller
Notes by FLSO- Cathy Mangles Apologies from PC Huw Thomas.

Notes from the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Amendment –Mrs King not Mrs Tring.. The Chair had written to her requesting further information about the speed signs. It was felt where they were proposed to be placed was not the right location and that they should be further up Heol Isaf towards Heol y Coed. This should give a good indication of the speed of vehicles in the area and could act as an indicator towards getting a zebra crossing in the area.

Matter arising:- None

PACT Priorities- Station Road-Youth Annoyance

There have been no calls to the area. The youths were spoken to over the Christmas Period and suitably advised about their conduct.

Radyr and Morganstown-Theft of Metal-

There have been no reports of any problems in the locality. PC Thomas was involved in a multi agency partnership operation to stop and check all vehicles which were carrying metal. All vehicles stopped were licensed but there were issues with overloading and other traffic offences. These have been dealt with by the Road Policing Department and Trading Standards.

Councillors Update-

Grit Bins- These have now been installed in the ward and residents have asked for one near the bridge leading towards the Sidings(area is still the property of Taylor Wimpey and they have been asked to action) .

Taylor Wimpey-(T/W) They have amended their application to 9 houses rather than 10 so that they do not have to contribute any Community Funding towards the area or include any affordable housing within the plan. (Named as 106 monies). Rod McKerlich has asked that the planning department negotiate with T/W to contribute towards a Community Fund ,e.g.(Upgrading the Guide Hut).

Concerns were raised with regard to the number of houses actually build on The Sidings site as it had exceed what was originally planned. This obviously affects the amount of 106 monies paid towards Community Events.

New Development Opportunities- Three quarters of an acre of land which had been earmarked for an Old Folks Home may become available as building land as there have been no response by the developers. .

Condition of the Roads- The condition of the road leading into The Sidings is still very poor. T/W have been asked several times to make it to the correct standards but they have failed to do so. Rod felt if some publicity via the local paper and TV was taken, i.e Picketing of the Sales Office, they might take some action.

Residents asked if there was any action they could take to support the Councillor either by the PACT meeting or Community Council.

Fly Tipping- There has been some problems at the rear of Station Road.

Parking on Station Road - The Civil Enforcement Officers(CEO) have been asked to attend .Residents have asked that the lay by at the shops be a No Parking Zone as it is blocking the view on the zebra crossing. Residents asked if the parking area outside the Bank could be utilised. It appeared the main problem was that the shop keepers themselves were parking all day in the area. The Disabled parking area was used by the motorists to go to the cash machine.

There has also been issues of parking on the pavement. Tori can follow up any obstructions. The CEO have to deal with parking issues.

Taff Trail- Concerns about the amount of Japanese Knotweed that is overgrowing the path. The Councillor has walked the area with the Chief Executive from the Council. The problem of the Knotweed was discussed as were the issue of cyclists, poor lighting and signage. This will be addressed by the Council.

The Knotweed is also rife around the car park of the Tynant Inn and towards Radyr Gardens

Refuge Collection- There have been a few complaints with regard to the changes. The main issue raised were that the refuse men were not returning the bins to where they collected them from the residents drives of those with the red and orange stickers on. (persons who need assistance with the bins). .The Street Cleaner has now been replaced.

Crime Statistics and Policing Update.- From 29th November 2011 to 5th January 2012 there have been 58 calls with 10 crimes and 4 arrests.

Two are related to Anti Social Behaviour. There has been one burglary in Meadowfield Way and 2 attempted in Barnfield Drive and Heol Isaf.. Pughs Garden centre has had several calls for Shoplifting. Most problems had occurred in the early hours of the morning. PC Thomas will be working some night shifts to address this problem.

Tori asked that residents keep a look out for some one going around the higher numbers of Dan- y-Bryn ringing doorbells and then running off. If any one sees anything please call 101 to report it.

Officers were thanked by the Community for the assistance they gave at the Christmas Tree ceremony.

New Issues

Nat West Bank- The bank has advised customers that they will in February 2012 they will be only open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Dave Cargill have written to the company and had a very negative response. He has asked that the meeting support a petition and could the Manager be asked to attend the next PACT meeting. The Chair will write to him to invite him along.

Kings Road- Just past the telephone exchange near Taff Terrace it was difficult to see the oncoming traffic, was it possible to have a mirror of some sort to assist? The Councillor advised that these were not favoured by the Council but he would ask them to look at the whole area.

Bryn Derwyn- The lanes at the rear are being used for drug taking and dealing. There is also a large increase in rubbish in the lane and around the car park. Tori will follow up.

Bridle Path- The far gate of the bridle path is now being locked .Can PC Thomas follow up?..

Meadowfields Way-Motor Cycle Annoyance- There has been an increase in motor cycles in the locality, there seem to be two groups one going along the road and the other on the footpath, main problem at weekends.

Pavement Parking-Concerns were raised about vehicles parking on the pavements in the area.This is resulting in the pavements being damaged and problems for pedestrians especially those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Tori has advised that she, where possible, gives them suitable advice and will only ticket them if it is a repeat offence. She can also give them an anti social behaviour order if they persist.

PACT Priorities

- 1) Japanese Knotweed in the locality-Councillor Action
- 2) Motor Cycle Annoyance in the area(Police and Councillor Action)

Date of next meeting;- Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 7pm at Old Church Rooms,
Park.Road, Radyr.

Dates of Meetings throughout the year;- 22nd May, 5th July,6th September, and 20th
November

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