

PLAS MADOC COMMUNITIES FIRST

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Wednesday 18th June 2008 at 6:30pm

In attendance:

Chair	
Tenants / Residents	x21
Cefn Community Council	Ennys Hughes
PMCF	Andrew Harradine (ADH)
NW Police	PCSO Tom Dewberry
	PCSO Chris Cheshire
WCBC	Cllr Paul Blackwell

2. Apologies

x8

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (21/05/08) were proposed as a true record by AH and seconded by JH.

4. Matters Arising

ADH addressed the group in relation to some suggested terms and conditions for future meetings. It was agreed that specific names and addresses would not be raised publicly during the meeting. This was to protect both the person reporting and the person against which the complaint was being made. Obviously this does not mean that the issues cannot be mentioned. The specific details can be passed to the appropriate Officer outside of the meetings and NW Police will make themselves available for this purpose. ADH will also look at improving the meeting space to ensure that future meetings were more comfortable and effective.

PB brought a further update in relation to street lighting – The majority of lights identified for upgrades in Alwen had now been done. There was probably going to be no precept for Plas Madoc lighting this year.

PB had also written to LHB in support of an extension at the Pharmacy. ADH added that PMCF had also been approached for such a letter.

There were a number of issues raised by new people to the group, those which are not already known to the Group, or otherwise covered within the agenda are listed here:-

- Alcohol use in Dinas park
- Bins left out
- Poor lighting in Woodward's Walk
- General ASB in Dinas
- Rats

In relation to these issues the following was agreed:- PCSOs will provide a more visual presence in Dinas, ADH will include bin issues in the letter to WCBC, the Estate Office will be informed about rats in the Brook. In terms of the lighting it was confirmed by PB that there is probably no precept available for new lighting this year. The Estate Office does not currently provide sensor driven lighting for households.

5. Environmental Action Day

ADH provided the newer members of the group with an outline of what the Env Action Day would encompass.

Unfortunately this item was postponed along with the date of the next EAD due to lack of representation from partner agencies.

6. Highways Traffic Calming

Following complaints in relation to traffic problems caused at the corner on Hampden Way by Druids flats, ADH led discussion about the potential for suggesting another solution to Highways. This had to balance the need to maintain the safety element of the traffic calming scheme, with the day to day practicalities of larger vehicles. Photographs of the location were shown to the group and it was agreed that ADH would propose to Highways that one of the Build-outs adjacent to the foot of Woodward's Walk be removed, as a start to a process of discussion.

7. Off Road Parking – Whalley's Way / Woodward's Walk

Again the Group was shown photographs of the location. Following the suggestion at the last meeting by those living close to this area, ADH had spoken with the Estate Manager who had agreed to the proposal. This means that the overgrown, derelict area can be converted into hard standing for cars with the work being done by local people with the support of PMCF and WCBC. This is subject to a short consultation exercise to ensure all residents living within site of the location are informed and there are no major objections. ADH to progress this project and supply letter for WCBC to send to residents. PB to enquire over the policy on use of rented garages on the estate.

8. Police Update

PCSO Chris Cheshire thanked the attendees for their presence at the meeting and introduced PCSO Thomas Dewberry to the group. Tom is the new ward based PCSO for Plas Madoc, which brings the estate back up to its prescribed 2 PCSOs.

Crime figures for the month

6 ASB

3 Assault

1 Burglary Other Than Dwelling (OTD)

3 Criminal Damage

3 Theft

1 Unauthorised Taking of a Vehicle (UTMV)

Work was continuing in the follow up to Op Gruff tackling loose dogs and fouling. PCSOs were addressing the motorbike problems and in fact had issued 2 Section 59 notices that day. CC spoke about the need to tackle perception of crime and urged the community to share information. EH queried the response times for Police attending issues. CC explained that this was based on priorities in relation to imminent threats to life or property. AH mentioned he had been impressed with the response to a recent call, where he believed the Police had arrived within 3 minutes. There was discussion about the different phone numbers. These are clarified on the sheet below.

Concerns were raised about under-age drinking and ASB at The Railway pub in Cefn and the impact that this had late at night as people returned to the estate from there. Pc R spoke of his involvement in the issues and that he was meeting with licensing.

9. Issues

Drugs

Litter – ADH is writing to Chief Env Officer regarding litter / waste issues. Alwen, Dinas and Woodward's Walk were all mentioned as problem areas. New bins had been installed and pressure would continue for a bin at Ash Grove to tackle the dog fouling problem there. PG suggested a Volunteer Litter Picking Group. ADH will progress this.

Needles

Dogs

Alcohol

Lighting – see previous comments re: Woodward's Walk parking area.

12. AOB

It was suggested that a map of the estate be visible for future meetings so people could more easily relate to the issues being raised. ADH to arrange.

There were reports of children playing on the roof of the Llys Madoc Care Home.

EH was concerned about the implications of the proposed new housing development at the end of Hampden Way, which would reduce the amount of green space and create a new junction on Hampden Way. Concerns to be shared with EH.

The lack of footpath access on the railway bridge was of concern to DT, who had had a couple of near misses with vehicles. ADH to provide contact details for Railtrack.

The large trees along Woodward's Walk were causing interference with SKY signals and FH was hoping that there might be a solution. PB pointed out that these trees belong to Housing and as such budgets would be an issue.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th July @ 9:30pm at The Opportunity Centre.

Plas Madoc Community Safety Group

Contact List

Name	What to call about	Phone Number
NW Police	Non-emergency reporting	08456071002
NW Police EMERGENCY	Imminent risk to life or property at risk	999
Pc 1528 Gary Robertshaw (Plas Madoc Community Beat Manager)	NON-EMERGENCY ONLY CBMs work shift patterns and may not be working when you call.	07854387075
PCSO 2878 Chris Cheshire	NON-EMERGENCY ONLY PCSOs work shift patterns and may not be working when you call.	07854997046
PCSO 2857 Tom Dewberry	NON-EMERGENCY ONLY PCSOs work shift patterns and may not be working when you call.	07854336368
CRIMESTOPPERS	To leave information about a crime anonymously.	0800555111
Plas Madoc Estate Office	Issues relating to housing, tenants and ASB	01978 813000
WCBC Street Scene	This has replaced the need for different numbers for different departments. You can report anything that affects the street scene like litter, dog fouling, recycling, faulty streetlights, abandoned cars or even problems with the road or pavement.	01978 298989
NW Fire & Rescue	To request a free home fire safety check	0800 169 1234
Plas Madoc Communities First		01978 813910
Other useful numbers		