

# PLAS MADOC COMMUNITIES FIRST

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Wednesday 25th February 2009 at 3:00pm

### **In attendance:**

Tenants / Residents	x11
Cefn Community Council	x1
PMCF	Andrew Harradine
NW Police	Sgt Darren Whibberley
	PCSO Chris Cheshire
WCBC	Cllr Paul Blackwell
WCBC Housing	Mark Owens

### **1) Welcome & Introductions**

ADH chaired the meeting due to the absence of WL.

### **2) Apologies**

x7

### **3) Minutes of Last Meeting**

In section 7. it should have made it clear that tenants / residents were invited to attend the Mini-Audits but not the quarterly "Mandatory" audits. Explanation provided by PCSO CC.

ACTION: Mini Audit 4<sup>th</sup> March to be attended by MH & EH. May Audit – FH (TBC)

### **4) Matters Arising**

PG worked through the list of actions from the last minutes.

Action 1 – Highways. Dealt with on Agenda under section 6.

Action 2 – VAS deployment. Agreed to be within approx. 1 month.

Action 3 – Ongoing NWP enforcement. Ongoing

Action 4 – Crime Statistics. Sgt DW on target for April / May release of data.

Action 5 – Sgt DW to respond to concerns raised by DT at last meeting.

DW has investigated this issue. There were two separate incidents both involving children approx 10 yrs old, which was below the age of criminal responsibility so no charges could be brought. The incidents do however remain on their records. No Yellow Cards were issued as the "offences" were criminal meaning Yellow Cards were inappropriate. There is a signed entry in a Pc's pocket notebook stating that the original complainant was satisfied with the NWP approach and allied to a PCSO reassurance visit within the same month, as such the issue is resolved.

Action 6 – Invites to next Env Audits – see above

Action 7 – ADH to re-contact Ambulance Service – roll to next month

Action 8 – ADH to inform press of Small Grants Scheme – see section 7.

### **5) Police Update**

Crime Figures were provided from date of last meeting to this meeting

2 ASB, 2 Assaults, 3 Theft, 2 Criminal Damage in addition NWP had been involved in returning 6 kids to school following truancy patrols, issued 10 yellow cards, issued 2 Section 5 Public Order fixed penalties, 2 stop-searches resulting in one drugs charge and one street warning.

Sgt DW asked about residents' perception of crime relative to these figures. PP felt that there had been an improvement in Dinas and PG said that he thought that the estate suffered from an historic reputation that was no longer valid.

**ACTION:** Sgt DW will make 5 years of annual crime figures available to PMCF in late April

PP was concerned over dark areas on estate and in particular the substation in Dinas / Alwen. CH asked if there was a known correlation between dark areas and crime. Pc GR thought not for crime but where low level ASB was concerned maybe darker areas were any issues. MH was concerned about the cuts in Cefn Community Council budget imposed by WCBC and the lack of ability to therefore respond to lighting concerns.

DT spoke of an incident in his area of the estate and highlighted a number of related concerns. Sgt DW was not aware of the incident and took an action to bring details to the next meeting to respond to DT. MO was aware of the technical problem raised by DT but was confident this would be resolved before the next meeting although it was an outside agency with direct responsibility.

**ACTION:** Sgt DW to respond to DT at next meeting.

## **7) Environmental Audits**

PCSO CC outlined the Env Audit process and the agencies involved. All actions prioritised for 2008 had been completed and new priorities taken on for 2009. A copy of the most recent audit report was circulated. PCSO CC invited ND to attend in future. Members of the CSG were also welcome to attend. Sgt DW commented that the Env Audit process, as delivered in Plas Madoc was seen as a "gold standard" across the county.

ADH gave an update on an issue raised by FH over problems experienced by the Ambulance Service in reaching certain properties on the estate. The Ambulance Service had been invited to attend a meeting following a site visit by ADH and PCSO CC – to date no response has been received.

EH commented that littering and dog fouling seemed to still be a problem. ADH responded that this was one of those issues that seemed to fluctuate significantly – some audits showed virtually no litter, others highlighted it as a major concern. JW responded to comments over the litter pickers by confirming that staffing structures within WCBC had been altered since the launch of Streetscene and resources were affected in Plas Madoc. CG wanted to flag up the fact that the "litter pickers" appeared to miss out the Brook. JW encouraged all members to report problems such as this so they could be addressed specifically. PB informed the group that since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan there had been 9 fixed penalty tickets issued for dog fouling. CG was worried about the erosion of the banks around the Brook.

**ACTION:** EH and FH to be invited to attend Env Audit

**ACTION:** ADH to re-contact Ambulance Service

## **8) CSG Priorities 2009**

ADH went through the existing NPP priorities and following much discussion the following issues were accepted as 2009 Priorities for the Group.

Litter & Dog Fouling

ASB  
Supply of Drugs  
Criminal Damage  
Vehicle Management (inc. speeding / parking)  
Communal Bin Areas  
Lighting  
Positive Publicity

### **9) Small Grants Scheme**

ADH circulated the application form and guidance notes for the new Small Grants Scheme and talked the Group through the process. Grants of up to £75 can be applied for by households in Plas Madoc to address safety issues in the home / car. Applications would require a validation by NWP and WCBC Housing Office to help avoid duplication and ensure that the grants went to those most in need.

ACTION: ADH to inform the press of the new scheme

### **10) AOB**

There was significant concern about the car parking areas

### **11) Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 @ 3:00pm at The Opportunity Centre.