

# PLAS MADOC COMMUNITIES FIRST

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 9:30am

### **In attendance:**

Chair	
Tenants / Residents	x9
PMCF	Andrew Harradine
NW Police	Sgt Darren Whibberley
	PCSO Chris Cheshire
NWFRS	Steve Houghton
WCBC	Cllr Paul Blackwell
Victim Support	Barbara Roberts
WCBC Housing	Andrew Jones
NW Probation (PYW)	Sharon Hughes

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

### **2. Apologies**

x7

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Correction: FH stated that the comments about traffic calming chicanes related to Glaslyn  
Correction: EL pointed out that comments should have been attributed to R Jones not RR.

The minutes of the last meeting (29/10/08) were proposed as a true record by Felicity Hughes and seconded by Paul Blackwell.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- a) ADH repeated the intentions for a shake-up of the group for the new year. His role at the meetings is to be taken on by a resident – one volunteer so far. DW supports this approach and will bring NWP area priorities to next meeting.
- b) Domestic Violence Stats discussed at last meeting were being broken down for more thorough analysis. JH commented that she knew of people from S England who had be re-homed in the Wrexham area following domestic violence issues. It was important to get as much information out to raise awareness.
- c) ADH and CC had visited the garage site in Marlbrook following complaints about lighting at last meeting. It was agreed that there was poor lighting provision and this would be raised with the Community Council.
- d) A timescale was still being sought on the lantern upgrade in Woodward's Walk.
- e) The "DIY" car park in Woodward's Walk was to be completed on Tues / Wed next week.

### **6. Police Update**

CC now trained to use the speed gun. Contact to be made with Safer Roads Officer – Paul Williams to clarify enforcement of 20mph zone and other related issues.

Mini-motos were not as big a problem as they used to be thanks to good work from NWP but reports were made if incidents in 2 locations.

CC acknowledged again the role of Streetscene on Plas Madoc, echoed by ADH.

#### Crime Figures

3 arson, 2 assault, 2 common assault, 4 criminal damage, 1 shop lifting, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 theft of motor vehicle, 2 Burglary OTD and 2 ASB. Figures are still favourable compared to surrounding areas particularly considering that this included the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

The group felt that this period was much improved on recent years and it seemed to have been less spread out in terms of firework nuisance.

SH reported that NW Fire and Rescue had seen a 40% reduction in incidents in the area this year and thanked partners in the group. CC outlined the approach NWP had taken with the schools and ADH reminded the group that all youth club members had been mailed advisory leaflets. JH commented that she thought that the shops were getting better in not selling age-prohibited items. DW cited lessons learned during the development and delivery of the Plas Madoc ASB Workshops as being helpful in ensuring NWP were better at communicating with young people. PG thought that Trick or Treating had been much reduced this year. In summing up ADH looked at a range of good practice in other areas that could be employed in 2009.

DW sought feedback on the new Neighbourhood Policing Team posters that were now in many locations on the estate. There was much discussion over the size of these posters and their readability (RNIB recommend Arial size 14) and also on their locations but eventually it was agreed that as much as was practicable had been done. DW would look at the issues around putting the postcard version door to door as well as limited numbers of large print versions. FH thought that the threat and fear of distraction burglary justified going door to door.

CC and ADH gave an overview of the recent VCRAT operation conducted on the estate. All parked cars on the estate were examined over a 2 hour period. Where valuables were seen to be clearly on view the car details were taken and passed to DVLA which would then issue an advisory letter to the owner in an attempt to prevent car crime. During the operation 24 cars were identified as being at risk – items on view included sat navs, golf clubs, electrical goods, strimmers, handbags incl. Credit cards. What was disappointing overall was the negative response of some of the owners who were spoken to at the time, the attitudes displayed were likely to result in them becoming victims of crime and there was little appreciation that the operation was aimed at helping them.

#### **7. Anti Social Behaviour Workshop (Q&A session from last time)**

Members were given the opportunity to raise any questions about the handouts distributed last time. EL wanted clarification on the source legislation covering ASB as there appeared to be a discrepancy between the info on the handouts and info received from the Council. DW to investigate.

General discussion continued about ASB. KM reported a reduction in issues on Woodward's Walk since engaging with the group. JH was concerned over the behaviour of groups congregating at the shop. ADH spoke about the proposed improvements to that area as part of Extra Care Development.

PG raised issues over the nuisance caused by taxi drivers sounding their horns to alert customers to their arrival. CC to identify taxi firms and make contact.

#### **8. Tom Hogan – Plas Madoc Shop**

CC gave apologies on behalf of Tom Hogan who was unwell.

## **9. Environment in Plas Madoc**

**Litter Picking** – David Davies was unable to attend the meeting as hoped.

Rats had been reported in Whalley's Way, this had been passed to WCBC Public Protection for investigation. No other serious issues were raised by the group.

Problems relating to parking on the corner of Peris and Whalley's Way had been raised with ADH. CC to look at the parking issues here and take appropriate action, although it was pointed out that parking enforcement was no longer the responsibility of NW Police.

The hedge at the Takeaway was again a cause for complaint as it was felt that commitments given over ongoing maintenance had not been realised. The hedge would be looked at on the next Env Audit.

## **10. 2008 Project Updates**

The ASB DVD project was the only outstanding issue but ADH was working with a student from Glyndwr University on getting this project underway properly.

## **11. CSG in 2009**

The meeting structure was re-iterated and examples given of how group members could become involved more closely in the process. A schedule of meeting dates was circulated for the coming year. **NB: Please see below as 2 dates have since changed!**

DW brought a copy of the current Neighbourhood Policing Plan priorities for Plas Madoc and challenged the group to determine what these should be for 2009.

## **12. AOB**

Concern was raised about the speed of cars entering the main estate entrance from the Llangollen Road. This area would be included in the ongoing speed monitoring and reported to the Safer Roads Officer.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 @ 9:30am at The Opportunity Centre.

# **Plas Madoc Communities First**

## **Community Safety Group**

### **Meeting Dates 2009**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	3:00pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	6:30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am
August No Meeting	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	3:00pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	6:30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am
December No Meeting	

**All meetings are held at The Opportunity Centre, Hampden Way,  
Plas Madoc.**