

# **PLAS MADOC COMMUNITIES FIRST**

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 2.00am**

### **In attendance:**

Chair	
Residents / Cefn CC	x2
PMCF	Andrew Harradine (ADH)
NW Police	PC Gary Robertshaw
	Sgt Darren Whibberley
WCBC Housing	Andy Jones
WCBC Streetscene	John Walsh
Victim Support	Phil Rees

### **2. Apologies**

x10

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

GR apologies had not been noted.  
PCSO Browning was not present  
The Date of Meeting was shown incorrectly as 2007.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by DW

The minutes were seconded by PcGR

### **4. Matters Arising**

GR confirmed that the information provided in the last meeting regarding street lighting was incorrect and that Cefn Community Council was not intending to use the £3000 agreed for Plas Madoc for repairs. Repairs are the responsibility of Cefn CC anyway and the money was intended for new / upgraded lighting.

A funding bid had been submitted for the Youth Disco initiative.

### **5. Physical Environment in Plas Madoc**

#### **Junior Wardens**

6 volunteers had come forward from Rhosymedre Community School and the school and Eco-School Staff are well behind the project. It has been a bit slower with Ysgol Rhiwabon due to problems contacting the relevant staff. A press call would be the next stage to launch the project.

#### **Env Action Days**

Following the last meeting 3 dates had been circulated to the key partners for approval – these were Wed 28<sup>th</sup> May, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Although few comments had been received back there was concern over the staffing implications of the Wed 5<sup>th</sup> date. It was also pointed out that this date was in fact incorrect as it was out-with the half-term. There was interest however in holding the event close to the Halloween / Bonfire Night period to tackle the related issues. A new date would be proposed and re-circulated. Consideration should also be given to a formalised bonfire event on the estate to compliment this work.

### **Damage to Verges**

The driver of a specific vehicle that had been causing difficulties for the refuse vehicles has now been spoken to by NWP over parking. Assurances have been given that the vehicle would not be parked in that location anymore. An email from Darren Williams from WCBC Highways was read out – it covered issues relating to Traffic Orders on the estate. It would appear that the only sustainable options involved a community-led approach urging assistance from the tenants/residents involved. Actions therefore now include – preparation of a multi-agency leaflet for distribution to properties in proximity to the problem locations; Police / PCSO action where necessary and consideration of a lamppost for the parking area to the rear of Whalley's Way / Marlbrook to encourage owners to utilise this parking area.

### **Graffiti Removal Day**

A graffiti removal day is scheduled for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. GR is the main local contact for this. The recent Env Audit was focused on Graffiti to inform the prioritisation of areas on the day. There was discussion over the idea of “tolerated graffiti sites” within the interior of the youth shelters. This developed into talk over the re-location of the shelter currently in Bodlyn. WL asked about whether anti-graffiti coatings would be used on surfaces once cleaned – but this was not known.

### **Environmental Audit**

The Audit took place the day before the meeting and as mentioned above primarily looked at locations in preparation for the Graffiti day. It was noted that dropped litter was a significant issue, despite the fact that the beat sweeper was on active duty. There were also notes made regarding two properties in Woodward's Walk, where the gardens were in a very poor state. The main problem property was not council owned and therefore the Housing Office was unable to take any action. JW to speak to Wayne Hughes regarding the Clean Neighbourhoods Act. Consideration was given to the locating of a new litter bin close to this location.

### **Tree Line on Whalleys Way**

A meeting had taken place between WCBC Env and WCNC Housing. The proposal made by Elton Watson from WCBC Env was that the tree line should be cropped to a height of 5ft, which would then be easily manageable by Street Scene. This would come at a cost of £300.

## **6. Road Safety**

Speed check work had been underway on the A539 with the support and assistance of PCSO Gary Scholes. Two periods had been covered 8-9am and 3-4pm. The stretch of road involved is the 40mph section from Plas Bennion crossroads towards Acrefair. These were official checks and therefore conducted in a highly visible manner and as such the implications this has on recorded speed must be noted.

Summary results –     8-9am Av Speed 37.48mph, min. 31mph max. 47mph  
                              3-4pm Av Speed 32.54mph, min. 17mph max. 47mph

Overall speeds in the morning sessions were significantly faster than those recorded in the afternoon, with 3x more cars travelling on or above the stated speed limit.

## **7. Army Familiarisation Course**

After some difficulty caused by very late notice from the Army, 5 young people from Plas Madoc attended the Interview Day at Kinmel Bay Camp. The feedback from the OiC was very positive citing good behavior and excellent potential for the following programme. Unfortunately due to a

poor uptake from other areas the Selection Day planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb had been postponed until 8<sup>th</sup> March. Participants had been informed.

## **8. Skip Site Regulations**

Following the news at the last meeting about changes of rules for accessing the skip site, letters have been forwarded to the Chief Officer from PMCF, PM Tenants & Residents and FH. Communication had been undertaken with and by PB and Joan Lowe, the elected member for the Ruabon / Penycae Ward in which the site sits. The latest word from the Lead Member on Waste implied that pedestrian access would be maintained for those aged over 16 but only household items would be accepted NOT waste that should be in the black or green bins. Written confirmation of this is awaited.

## **9. Police Update**

GR revealed that there had been only 5 crimes in Plas Madoc for the month of February. It was agreed that these figures should be more available to the public to counteract the fear of crime perceptions. ADH to make reference in the Plas Madoc Column in the Leader and then once Safer Living Better Living was completed a more formal press piece would be submitted.

## **10. Issues**

**Drugs** – HRT were reporting a quiet period and were therefore going to return to a more outreach-based approach to access clients.

**Youth ASB** – no issues

**Litter** – see above

**Needles** – see drugs

**Dogs** – Plans for Operation Gruff were underway, notice had been given in the local press. 2 dogs had been seized by wardens in the last 10 days, both were paid for and returned.

**Alcohol** –no issues

**Lighting** – see above

## **12. AOB**

Chris Higgins had forwarded an email in his absence regarding a drama group within HMP Altcourse. The Probation Service was looking at arranging a special viewing of a performance with a view to determining its suitability for use in a number of projects. ADH had spoken with CH and expressed an interest and also informed CH of the links to HMP Altcourse already being pursued.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 6:30pm at The Opportunity Centre.