

PLAS MADOC COMMUNITIES FIRST

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Wednesday 30th April 2008 at 9:30am

In attendance:

Chair

Residents

x9

Housing Office

M. Owens

A. Jones

Victim Support

B. Roberts

Streetscene

J. Walsh

WBC

J. Sankey

NWP

Sgt Whibberley

PCSO Cheshire

1. Apologies

x5

2. Nominations / Election of Chairperson

NWP presiding in the absence of AH:-

WL was duly re-elected as “Chair” without challenge.

She thanked everyone concerned and formally welcomed those residents attending a CSG meeting for the first time

3. Minutes of Last Meeting (Wed 2nd April 2008)

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and approved as being an accurate account.
(Proposed JH, Seconded EL)

NB: The minutes from the previous meeting were again deferred due to no attendees being present

4. Matters Arising

Unfortunately due to personal reasons Andrew Jordan was unable to attend. Mr Jordan did send apologies but due to absence of AH these were not available to the meeting. Apologies from both parties for any inconvenience caused. An invitation will be extended to address a future meeting.

Again having heard nothing to the contrary, WL concluded that Cllr Paul Blackwell was unable to join us today. It is hoped that we can have an update on “lighting in Alwen” at the next meeting.

KM mentioned that the parking area to the rear of Woodward’s walk is very poorly lit.

MO confirmed that due to limited resources, no further improvements to lighting (beyond routine maintenance) was envisaged. JH suggested that the possibility of keeping lighting on around the leisure centre “out of hours” could be an option worth pursuing.

Trees at Whalley’s way were discussed and the Landscape Architects comments were noted

The Physical Environment in Plas Madoc was discussed in some detail. PcsO Cheshire was asked for his observations on returning to the Estate. He expressed his thanks to the Wardens for their ongoing efforts and concurred with MO that the Estate is in good condition, all things considered. He took the opportunity to mention that the introduction of Junior Wardens is imminent, an initiative that met with everyone's approval.

The function of Environmental Audits was explained to those residents not previously aware and was an obvious springboard into the forthcoming "Action Day" on 28th May. It was clear that the awareness of the aforementioned Action Day needs to be raised, JW pledged his ongoing support and it is agreed that the next EVA (visual) scheduled for 12th May at 10am is an ideal opportunity to plan accordingly.

Sgt Whibberley gave a "Police update". He confirms that crime on the estate is low in general. 3 drug related warrants have been executed since the last meeting, 2 yielding positive results. He took the opportunity to remind residents that the Police can only act on information given. It is their responsibility to come forward with any information that may assist. In doing so, they have his assurance that it will be treated in the strictest confidence. Sgt Whibberley also referred to "Operation Gruff" which is drawing to a close and looks forward to Pc 1528 Gary Robertshaw commenting on the same at the next meeting. He invited comments from the residents on any concerns that they may have:-

ASB "hotspots" on Woodward's walk and Marlbrook were noted and will be discussed further outside the meeting. In particular, Sgt Whibberley requested support from Mark Owens in obtaining an ASBO in respect of one problem family that are clearly affecting the Community. The residents concurred that Alcohol is now perceived as a major problem on the estate, together with drugs, litter and dog fouling. AH called for waste bins along the "Fit Trail" and it was noted that some new waste receptacles were already in evidence on the estate. DT raised concerns about unlicensed Quad / Moto cross bikes being ridden on and around the estate. Sgt Whibberley promised to task Pc 1528 with organising a Special Operation along the lines of Op Gruff, to address the problem. His initiative was warmly welcomed by all. The Sgt took the opportunity to explain the limited Powers that the Police have in dealing with noise related nuisance. He suggested that the Environmental agency is involved as appropriate as they have the means to deal with it, but stressed that Police response is still assured where the safety of persons and or property is a consideration.

JH raised concerns about the Pharmacy on Plas Madoc. In particular, no segregation is evident between clients requiring drugs related needle exchanges and other customers. PcsO Cheshire mentioned that it is an issue that he has discussed with the Harm Reduction Team in the past. He understands that the Pharmacy has an obligation here and agrees to take it up with them. JS confirmed that if necessary the matter can be referred to the LHB.

Future Meetings - Awareness needs to be raised

A preference for daytime rather than evening meetings was expressed by those residents present.

The next meeting is scheduled for the same date as the Environmental Action Day therefore it will now be held on Wednesday 21st May at 2pm at The Opportunity Centre.

Meeting closed at 11am.

Chris Cheshire 30/4/08