

Community Partnership Meeting – 28th October 10
held at Sketty Park & District Community Centre, 6pm

Those Present

Kevin Davies(Resident), Karen Dacey Davies (Resident), Roger Beynon (Resident), Ivor Rees (Resident), Delyth Rees (Resident), Ashleigh Smith (Resident), Karen Rees(Resident), Daniel George (Resident), Heather Elphick (Resident), Margaret Hughes (Resident), Pam Lanceley (Resident), Maureen Brown (Resident), Malcolm Brown(Resident), Albert Rogers(Resident), Adelaine Owens (Resident), Elizabeth Geen (Resident), Barbara McGill (Resident), Barbara Brimfield (Resident), Clare Hazell (Resident), Eric Gregory (Resident), Gillian Gregory (Resident), , Jon Howes (Resident), Julia Mitchell (Resident), Timothy Gale (Resident), Councillor Cheryl Philpott, Mandy Harvey (Parkland Church), Maggie Wood (Hanover Parkland), Pam Williams (Hazel Court), Hollie Brayley (Parkland Primary School), L. N. Jones (CCoS), PC Terry Wallace (Police), Orla Banville (Communities First), Jason Williams (Communities First), Nasir Shahzad (Communities First), Lauren Humphreys-Love (SCVS), Allison Goush (CCoS), Lauren Howlett (SCVS), David Stallard (Youth Worker),

Apologies

Councillor Paul Meara, Councillor Mike Day, Councillor Hue Rees, Glenis Pike (CCoS), Taha Idris (SBREC) Julian Fuge (Resident), Bethan Baglow (Olchfa School), Keefe Owen (Parkland Church), Fred Lerwell (PCSO).

1. Welcome to the meeting:

Jason Williams opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all for attending. Orla Banville was welcomed onto the Communities First Team as their new Community Development Worker. Orla has attended previous meetings, representing the local authority's Play Team, so will be a familiar face to many.

2. Previous minutes and matter arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

The Safer Sketty Park initiative has not progressed, partly because of staff shortages. The progression of this work should start in December or January, depending on the availability of members from the Community Regeneration Unit and the Safer Swansea Partnership. Updates will be given at the next partnership meeting.

3. Programme & Initiative Update

The Sketty Park Communities First work has continued well, despite staff shortages. Claire Jones, our development worker, left the team to move on to Penlan Communities First.

The partnership has developed well with an increased sense of ownership demonstrated by its members, particularly in projects and work such as I Love Sketty Park, digital inclusion activities, work around children and young people, and residents associations. Please see the Communities First progress update sheet attached.

Partnership Development - Presentation

The partnership has developed well, to include residents, agencies and service providers that work together to identify needs and aspirations within Sketty Park, defining solutions and influencing local

services. This can develop further through the partnership developing further its themed 'subgroups' relating to specific work/issues.

The partnership's aims and work is primarily based on the needs already identified, which become a part of the annual work programme. Priorities have so far directed a focus on the areas of Financial Inclusion, Environment, Older People, Community Cohesion, Children & Young People, Skills, Education & Employment, Digital Inclusion and Community Safety.

The Communities First partnership board generally consists of: Community, Statutory organisations, Voluntary Organisations and Businesses. A Partnership Board will have a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. Jason suggested a request be made to the WCVA in for their attendance at a New Year meeting, to offer support and training on the partnership's development. Lauren (SCVS) told the Partnership that while we don't know how the Communities First programme will look after 2012, a partnership that is constituted will hold a stronger influence with the Welsh Assembly.

The Communities First team is made up of three workers (Coordinator, Development Worker and an Admin/Finance Officer). They are employed full time to support the development of the partnership, serve its members and the community. The team work to the annual work programme defined by the partnership, giving quarterly reports on progress and finances.

All partnership members can benefit from training and support. This partnership will prove most successful when local people are at the head of its development, working with service providers to influence changes and planning.

We are half way into the three years of current funding and, as a partnership of people, organisations and groups, have achieved significant benefits. Our next stage can now involve defining the structure of our partnership, establishing officers (chair and secretary), governing documents (e.g. a constitution) and continuing appropriate training, according to the partnership's needs. Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) and the Swansea Council for the Voluntary Sector (SCVS) can deliver training and support.

4. Safe Routes into Communities

Alison Gough gave a presentation on the planned Safe Routes into Communities initiative - a Welsh Assembly funded project. The initiative's aim is to change how people travel, resulting in greater social inclusion and improved community safety.

The Safe Routes into Communities initiative will fund capital works including crossings, traffic calming measures, cycle paths, footpaths, secure cycle facilities (including stands and CCTV), lockers and changing facilities for cyclists at their place of work or school. A successful scheme should demonstrate co-operation between local authorities and the wider community, including schools.

This initiative will come to Sketty Park, working closely with Olchfa School, Parkland School, local community groups and residents. The Road Safety team, along with Police, will visit 6th Forms in Olchfa School, educating them about safer driving and the consequences of fast driving.

A steering group will be set up with teachers, students and parents, and the wider community, making it a community driven project with tangible results within a year of the funding being awarded. We will finalise travel plans for the area in partnership with school and local groups. The travel plans will then go to the Welsh Assembly Government as a part of the overall bid for funding.

Jason asked those interested in being involved in the project to tick the 'Community Safety' column in the form provided. They will then be contacted for future meetings. A meeting was organised for the next

Safe Route into Communities for the 7th of December, 1pm at the Sketty Park and District Community Centre. This has now been postponed until January, date to be confirmed.

5. IT Collaboration Initiative - Presentation

Jason Williams gave a brief presentation on a proposed initiative for many partners in Sketty Park to work together, to potentially create a 12 month pilot project that will develop IT provision, resources and learning in the area. If the work is successful, we could see Sketty Park as a community with IT equipment and resources available in accessible venues throughout the community. Local and regular drop-in facilities with a scheduled calendar of local IT access and learning. A selection of courses specific to local interests and needs would also be developed with links to ongoing training.

This initiative could also include employment support and training to help Sketty Park, through collaborative work, become an area where local people learn and access IT locally, opening up opportunities to further learning and employment. An initial meeting is organised on November 3rd at 10:30am In Olchfa School.

6. PACT Update

The PACT priorities at the last meeting held on 02/09/2010 were:

Rowdy/nuisance neighbours; in particular at Aneurin Close with youths playing football on the green at the location. There was a report of anti social behaviour made on 16/09. Patrols carried out on 20/10 and 07/10, spoke to a few residents, youths still playing football in area but no anti social behaviour was reported to police. This is an ongoing problem and residents have been spoken to regarding the matter. The housing officer for the area has also been contacted and is aware of the issue. At this time mediation is in progress. Residents have already been issued with PCSO Fred Lerwell's telephone number (07805 301605) and are to contact him if there are any issues.

The Next PACT meeting is on the 11th November at Sketty Park Community Centre starting at 7PM. All members of the community are welcome to attend and highlight concerns or issues they have by bringing it to the attention of the Police, Councillors and other Multi Agency Partners.

7. Any other business.

Residents asked about the Asbestos information on Clyne Court flats. Alison suggested contacting Environmental health on the issue concerned providing their details.

8. Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting date was agreed

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Address
Tuesday	11/01/2011	1pm	Community Centre	Heather Crescent, Sketty Park