

**Community Partnership Meeting – 05<sup>th</sup> July 10**  
**held at Sketty Park & District Community Centre, 6pm**

**Those Present**

Fred Lerwell (PCSO), Claire Jones (Communities First), Jason Williams (Communities First), Nasir Shahzad (Communities First), Barbara Brimfield (Resident), Clare Hazell (Resident), Eric Gregory (Resident), Gillian Gregory (Resident), Lauren Humphreys-Love (SCVS), Jon Howes (Resident), Riaz Hassan (Central Support Team), Arjan Ali (Community Cohesion officer), Councillor Paul Meara, Julia Mitchell (Resident), Timothy Gale (Resident), Pam Thirwell (Resident), Sonia Miller (Resident), Taha Idris (SBREC), Shahab Miah (EYST), Caressa Dauncey (resident)

**Apologies**

Councillor Cheryl Philpott, Councillor Mike Day, Mandy Harvey (Parkland Church), Maggie Wood, Edward Delyth, Helen Brumwell.

**1. Welcome to the meeting:**

Jason Williams opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all for attending.

**2. Previous minutes and matter arising**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record; in reference to last meeting minutes Julia Mitchell informed the Partnership that Community Centre has got the licence to show films in the Community Centre.

**3. Communities First Update**

- Jason Williams informed the Partnership that Communities First was working closely with Working links, which used to run surgery session at Communities First office in Clyne Court, funding for their outreach support has however finished, with no more surgery sessions from Working links currently being held at the Communities First office.
- Communities First will be working with Swansea working Gateway to support local people in obtaining support into employment.
- A Funding Fare at Carmarthenshire in early June gave the opportunity to network with other organisations. Jason Williams and Maggie Woods (Hanover Parklands) attended the meeting fare with positive feedback, particularly regarding the potential for delivering local computer courses.
- Communities First will put together a plan for Safe Routes into Community over the next few months which will be based on community needs and safety; Barbara Brimfield and Fred Lerwell agreed to be involved in the work.

**Youth Consultation**

- Claire Jones informed the Partnership that consultation work took place at Olchfa School and Parkland Primary School with a total of 406 responded to the consultation exercises.
- Olchfa priorities were:
  1. Play ground for older children
  2. Multi User game area (MUGA)
  3. Youth Centre
  4. Skate Park
  5. Sport Playing Field
- A further 22 young people from the sixth form stated a need in the area for a local ATM/Cash Machine, with no withdrawal fees.

- Parkland School children age 7-11 were involved in a classroom consultation. Following a presentation to the school assembly.
- Parkland Primary School priorities were:
  1. Play ground for older children
  2. Youth Centre
  3. Sports Playing Field
  4. Skate Park
  5. Multi Use game area.
- This work was followed by door to door visits within the area to establish opinions and further suggestions.
- Door knocking was done in Gabalfa Road, New Mill Road, Aneurin Way, Aneurin Close, Coedfan.
- Generally it was encouraging that residents were happy to see plans develop for youth provision.
- The 5 priorities were talked about during the door knocking, with 15 out of 59 concerned over the suggestion of a skate park; listed at number 4 in the priority list.
- Jason said that we will look into all the results of the consultation and then discuss what we can realistically do, with all partner organisations involved, to enable us to proceed with applying for funds for the projects.
- An open public meeting has been organised regarding this provision; the meeting will be held at Parkland Church, Maes y Gollen, Sketty Park at 6pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> July; where we will discuss in more detail the consultation.

### Environment Group

- Jason asked interested people to sign up to the Environment Group; signup sheets were provided.

### Training

- Training sessions that have taken place since the Training information day were detailed:
  1. Bookkeeping for beginners (24/3/10)- 2 attended at SCVS
  2. Committee Skills (13/5/2010- 10 attended
  3. Organising a community event (17/05/10) - 3 attended at SCVS.
  4. Cultural Diversity (08/06/2010) - 7 attended.
  5. Sustainable fund raising (26/05/2010) – 4 attended
  6. Child Protection (23/6/2010) - 5 attended
  7. First Aid training day 1 and day 2 ( 28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010) – 6 attended
- Claire informed everyone that there is Protection of Vulnerable adults training session organised for the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Upcoming training will include Basic food & Hygiene and a visit to another partnership. She further said that there will be Basic IT training courses running, Money Management and a follow up to the recent Cultural diversity training.

### Older People Forum

- Jason spoke of Communities First's plans to organise an initial get-together for older people in the area, to jointly organise a plan for joint activities throughout the coming year. This get-together will also provide a forum for voicing the concerns of this sector of the community.
- Communities First is holding the first planning meeting for this forum and launch event on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, Hanover Parklands, Parkway, Sketty Park.

### 4. Substance Misuse Action team presentation

- Jason informed the partnership that the Substance Misuse Action Team (SMAT) agreed to deliver a presentation to the partnership at this meeting; unfortunately they pulled out at the last minute. He informed the meeting that Riaz Hassan; Principal Communities First Links Officer will replace their slot with his presentation.

## **5. Community Safety Reassurance Project**

- Riaz Hassan explained the project to the partnership. He explained that a similar pilot project was recently undertaken in Penlan with the aim to tackle the impact of insecurity and fear of crime on people's health and well-being. He said that the pilot project achieved this through:
  - Tackling known factors that contribute to the fear of crime
  - Addressing identified community safety issues within communities
  - Involving the community in the process from start to finish
  - Information gathering and sharing information
- He informed the meeting that if the partnership is interested they can replicate the same project in the Sketty Park area. Initially the Partnership needs to be involved to identify issues ranking via a Workshop, agreed on a Timetable/Action Plan, and to identify Key Stakeholders. The key stakeholders then develop a questionnaire and further engagement strategy with a realistic Action Plan for delivery, drawn up
- Riaz and Jason have asked the partnership members if they are happy with the pilot project idea and if a workshop session to be held at a future partnership meeting. Members have agreed to the idea and the proposal to go ahead.

## **6. PACT Update**

- Fred Lerwell was to update the partnership on PACT but had to leave the meeting due to an urgent response call.
- Next PACT meeting date is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, at the Sketty Park and District Community Centre at 7pm, with everyone encouraged attending.

## **7. Community Cohesion Workshop**

Arjan Ali of the Community Regeneration Unit facilitated a workshop relating to the potential for Sketty Park Community applying for funds to run a community cohesion event. After his introduction, Arjan asked some questions during a subsequent workshop:

### **What is community cohesion?**

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| • Togetherness | Acceptance   |
| • Perseverance | Understanding the needs and requirements of everyone |
| • Tolerance    | Self governing group                                 |
| • Involvement  | Neighbourliness                                      |
| • Team work    |  |

"A joining together of local people, old and young, to address community matters with respect and an understanding of other's needs."

"Working together for a common good".

### **What stops the community coming together?**

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| • Disinterest from some parts of the community    | Local crime                        |
| • Lack of respect                                 | Clash between young and old        |
| • Low self – esteem                               | Facilities                         |
| • Intolerance                                     | Lack of respect and understanding  |
| • Prejudice                                       | TV                                 |
| • Bad weather = bad moods                         | Insular                            |
| • Lack of communication – delivery of information | Negative Statistics (crime, youth) |
| • Negative Media (crime, community safety)        | Hooliganism                        |
| • Drugs / alcohol                                 | Lack of tolerance                  |

- Noise Disrespect
- Lack of employment Lack of intergenerational activities
- Age gaps Social issues

**What would increase community cohesion (unity) in Sketty Park?**

- Community event covering all ages Summer fete
- Food day Internet café – Skype
- Music – bags of musical instruments Dance
- Local clubs – set up stalls Hobbies exhibition
- Gardening group – informal language practice and support
- Arjan informed the partnership that the funds are available from Welsh Assembly Government to spend this year and the deadline to submit the application form is 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- The partnership agreed to apply for the funds; which would need to be obtained in line with the following objectives:
  - a) Increased community cohesion
  - b) A reasonable number of partners would be involved
  - c) the initiative would have a reasonable level of sustainability
- Everyone agreed to attend a planning meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 5:30 pm.

**8. Any other business.**

- Questions were raised regarding the broken pavement slabs and vehicles driving over the curves and parking by CK's and Jenkins; Councillor Meara informed the meeting that the position hasn't been changed from the last time and encouraged those concerned to take this to the PACT meetings.
- Some residents were concerned about the possible development of a Skate Park at Olchfa School. Jason encouraged everyone to attend the planned open public meeting regarding Youth provision on 22<sup>nd</sup> July; where youth provision details will be discussed fully.
- Residents were concerned about parking at Aneurin way which is getting worst; Councillor Meara agreed to bring this matter to the PACT meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

Future meeting date were agreed

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Address
Wednesday	28/10/2010	6pm	Community Centre	Heather Crescent, Sketty Park