

Minutes – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

7pm, Cathays Methodist Church

**Chair:** Joanne Campbell

**Councillors:**

- Cllr Norma Mackie
- Cllr Sarah Merry
- Cllr Chris Weaver

**Police:**

- PC Andrew Gardiner
- Evan M, Lowri D, – student Police volunteers

**Host:**

- Martin H (Cathays Methodist)

**INTRODUCTION:**

Chair gave opening address – a new approach/format is warranted.

**NEW POST OFFICE RE-OPENING:**

Eat Drink Greek proprietor Chris gave introduction to new Post Office – informed the group that they are confident the Post Office will re-open at some point in the near future.

**POLICE REPORT:**

PC Andrew Gardiner

Phone hacking / scams: If students/residents are called saying your bank account has been compromised – do NOT continue the call. HANG UP.

Question to Police.

- Fly Tipping App incident – a landlord suspected of having a property on Woodville Road, dumping on Letty Street – a resident challenged the man, yet the landlords apathetic response was not welcome and the resident took issue with this at the PACT.
  - Councillors encouraged attendees to use the Fly Tipping App which allows people to take pictures of the anti-social activity and report it via the App.
- Concerns were raised regarding cycling on pavements – speeding on and dangerous to pedestrians. PC Gardiner emphasised cyclists are not allowed on pavements.
- A general discussion on separating pedestrians/cyclist/motorised vehicles happened with a view to reduce the potential accidents between people/bikes/cars.

**PARKING PROBLEMS:**

An attendee expressed their thanks to parking enforcement, and the residents appreciate their efforts.

It was suggested an information sheet of “rights and wrongs” on parking issue. Possibly guidelines as to when the parking offence is a Police matter or a Parking Enforcement matter.

**COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:**

Cllr Weaver started:

Planning applications have been considerably quieter over this summer (compared to recent years).

Guidance on restricting growth of the HMO’s has worked and a lower level of HMO [House of Multiple Occupancy] room increases have been applied for.

Cllr Mackie continued:

Services such as Taxi drivers refusing to give fares? Report via the Cardiff App or to a councillor.

However the reporting/complaints is not coming forward – the council needs the evidence in order for licensing to act upon problems.

The Flora Pub has issues of noise complaints. The excessive music levels had resulted in complaints being made by the residents over this summer. The council did speak to the Flora staff and the noise/music levels were reduced again.

We actively encourage the residents to REPORT to the council on loud music. The pubs WILL respond as if not they can have their licenses taken away.

The new craft pub (in old post office) did gain its alcohol license without any opposition in the application stage.

Jo Lamacraft, Cardiff University Security, informed the meeting that the University are doing its annual Road Safety project for 3 days in November (Road Safety 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.)

Event will include bicycle registration, immobilise road safety and the Fire Service will be present.

Cllr Merry continued:

Councillor Merry thanked the student police volunteers for their efforts; door knocking to communicate with as many of our students and residents as possible. Also that the bin information / safety information was being circulated.

#### FOULING DOGS:

Dog ban in parks? The issue of dog fouling has come up again – it is a challenge to prosecute dog foulers who do not pick up the dog faeces after their canines have expelled it.

**BARKING DOGS:** A residents asked for guidance on barking dogs.

- PC Gardiner responded: you must report prolonged dog barking. A police officer will go out and ask the noisy dogs owner not to let the dog out in the yard during specific hours.
- Devices are available for making a latent noise which only dogs can hear and it should be make the dogs be quiet.

1 Letty Street lane, the gentleman there manages the houses for the landlord. The alleyway road is in a poor state – the landlord may have paid £4000 for a light to be installed and the roads need to be resurfaced. This should have been undertaken some years back now – the councillors will chase this up.

It was asked if all of the houses going up for sale were required to be relicensed by the new owners.

The councillors confirmed that the new owners must be proven ‘of a fit state’ to have a license (background criminal check etc.) and all licenses will be reviewed with new owners.

‘Letting signs’ randomly appearing; councillors seemed to think it was Letting Agents outside the ward who were unfamiliar with the Cathays restrictions.

#### DUMPING IN YARDS:

Everyone is encouraged to report dumping to C2C.

#### BIN REQUEST:

 CATHAYS HERITAGE LIBRARY:

Message through chair from our head Librarian - Can the library have a bin in their forecourt. The councillors believe this would be a good idea and will review the libraries request.

 WOODVILLE ROAD:

It was requested that a public bin be placed on Woodville Road.

#### BUD FROM CATHAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Bud gave a brief intro the community centre.

[www.Cathays.org.uk](http://www.Cathays.org.uk) is making every effort to engage with the community. Like all venues across Cardiff the community centre must make funds in order to continue.

Hiring of the space to help bring funds into the community centre – yet equally the Cathays Community Centre wishes to engage more with the locale.

Coffee morning held every Wednesday encouraging older/senior citizens to meet and converse.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:

Deadline for picture submissions competition is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October by 5pm.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER XMAS QUIZ:

The quiz will raise funds for the Cathays Christmas Tree.

Chosen 3 priorities:

1) Traffic Warden frequency and parking on corners.

2) Cycling on pavements

3) Bins and cleanliness

A review of CCC public bins in area, especially Cathays Terrace and Woodville Road.

LASTLY – a community litter pick !!

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October - 10am Cogan Park (top of Senghennydd Road)

NEXT PACT MEETING:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 7pm**