

		<b>BLACON COMMUNITY FORUM: ACTION NOTES</b>		<b>MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2011 At Blacon High School (Community Wing)</b>		
		<b>Chairman: Councillor Reggie Jones</b> <b>Vice chair – Cllr Marie Nelson</b> <b>Councillor – Carolyn Graham</b> <b>Head of Service: Cliff Mallows</b>		<b>Neighbourhood Manager: Janet Gittins</b> <b>Area Manager: Michelle Talgam</b>  <b>Meeting attended by approx. 48 residents</b>		
<b>Item</b>		<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Person</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>On-going issues and Matters arising</b>	1.1	Blacon Youth Shelter	Following a meeting of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer group Colin Keenan (CDHT) is now looking to discuss options with the police, residents and youths. This could be sited by the proposed riding facility (1.2 below)	<b>Colin Keenan (CDHT)</b>	Cleaner, Safer, Greener group progressing.	On-going
	1.2	New proposal for a BMX/Riding track in Blacon	Project group to assess sites for a biking facility. Young people continue to lead the process and consult widely. A future BMX facility could also be an option for re-siting the youth shelter (see above). - Ramp Riders contacted to facilitate activity days during the summer. Over 150 young people got involved. Very successful. - October sessions held at half term. - New Facebook page set up in July 'Blacon Riders'. Over 700 friends.	<b>Colin Keenan</b>	Summer riding days a great success.  YP working to design a plaza type permanent facility.  CAPB newsletter gave positive publicity of events.	On-going
	1.3	Highfield House – empty property	Ruth Clarke (Empty Homes Officer) updated the group on issues surrounding the property. There was a marked improvement in the state of the property. - Planning permission has not yet been sought. The works will be examined through building control. The property is	<b>Ruth Clarke</b>  <b>Cliff Mallows, Cllr Nelson</b>	Expecting residency prior to Christmas.  <i>House still unoccupied.</i>	On-going

			fit for occupancy.			
	1.4	Special Collection Service	Feedback was given to the group from the preliminary review of the SSS. Data shows that across CWaC there is a marked decrease in fly-tipping and small fires. - Request feedback on hotspots CWaC - Request feedback from CDHT	<b>Denise Hitchin</b>	Russ Kendrick to attend future meeting. CDHT data to be presented also.	On-going
	1.5	Health Reforms and Blacon New Health Facility	Invite consultant to speak about the changes to the NHS and Health reforms. Update needed on the services that will be provided from the Parade Health Facility.	<b>Cllr Graham</b>	Dr Claire Westmoreland to present at the next meeting.	Agenda item December
	1.6	Heart City Status – Blacon	What can we do in Blacon?  5 year plan of events to be developed, using local events and aiming to enhance local opportunities e.g. exercise sessions (Pilates & aerobics), cooking sessions, junior gymnastics, use of school gym, and input into this year's Blacon festival.	<b>Michelle Talgam &amp; HLC steering group</b>	BHF attended Chester Town Hall in August. Vehicle to big for local spaces.  Links to be made through Healthy Living Centre, Health Key Partnership, local doctors, Vintage Blacon & Winter Festival	Complete  On-going HLC steering group to lead
	1.7	Green Gym ideas	CF liked the idea of a local green gym but no funding available. Potential links to the Countess of Chester Park gym concept.	<b>Cllr Graham</b>	Costs to be identified.	On-going
	1.8	Bus shelter	Auckland Road bus shelter to be replaced	<b>Cllr Jones</b>	shelter to be installed within 8 weeks	Complete
	1.9	Dog Signs	Anti-dog fouling sign at the greenway	<b>Rosemary Burns</b>	Signage ready to be installed	
	1.10	Vision and Action Plan	Priority project is the Gateway into Blacon at Sealand road/Western Avenue	<b>Rosemary Burns</b>	Newsletter to be ready Autumn	On-going
	1.11	Walls in poor repair - pub car park & low rise flats	Suggesting a youth enterprise project to take on these small repairs. Close liaison with Sam Holdon, BYPP, High School.	<b>Ian Evans, Chris Judson, Colin Keenan</b>		

<b>Open Forum</b>	2.1	Air Traffic Concerns	Concerns had been raised around the flights over Blacon and the noise. Cllr Graham and Cllr Nelson had met with the Manager at the airport to discuss concerns.	<b>Cllr Graham</b>	Representative to attend a future meeting to report on noise monitoring to be carried out and respond to concerns.	
	2.2	Christmas activities	Cllr Graham is working with residents to organise Christmas activities. It was agreed that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a Christmas resident social would be a good idea.</li> <li>- Most favoured site for the fair at Blacon High School</li> </ul>	<b>Cllr Graham</b>		
	2.3	Theatre Production	Star of Wonder will take place on 29 Nov at Blacon High School. Tickets are on sale for £1 due to a subsidy from Members budget. Residents were asked to distribute posters and flyers throughout the community to promote.	<b>All</b>		29 Nov
	2.4	Local Newsletter	BCT and Area Working team to discuss pooling funding to produce a joint newsletter	<b>Clare Babbs/ Janet Gittins</b>		
	2.5	Autumn Fair	Autumn Fair at the Healthy Living Centre taking place on 4 Nov.			4 Nov
	2.6	CAPB News	The Autumn newsletter produced by the Chester Area Partnership Board highlighted several Blacon projects, giving positive publicity to partners.			
	2.7	CWaC Budget Consultation	All residents were given a brochure and questionnaire on the CWaC budget and revenue spending and asked to complete and return.			
	2.8	Posters in shops	The disability group has had difficulty getting posters put up in local shops. It was recognised that shops only have so much space and that there is a lot of activity to			

			promote in Blacon.			
	2.9	Police Helicopter	Concern was raised at the amount the police helicopter hovers over Blacon without seemingly taking action. There has been a nightly presence after midnight over the last week.		<b>Cllr Nelson</b>	
<b>Police &amp; CSW update</b>	3.0	Community Safety Wardens and Fire report were given	ASB is lower than this time last year, with few reported incidents. Fire service had delivered Halloween and bonfire night awareness session at all the Blacon Primary Schools. - Request made for a walkabout at the greenway - Fire service feedback on response to CSWs reporting of dangerous fires		<b>Yvonne Goodwin Neil Harrison, Cllr Nelson</b>	
<b>Members Budgets</b>	4.0	Allocation has been agreed as £10,000 per Councillor for this financial year.			<b>Cllr Jones, Cllr Nelson &amp; Cllr Graham</b>	
	4.1	Blacon Day Care	Christmas Party & to purchase musical instruments	The Community Forum and 3 Councillors agreed to support these projects.	£500 agreed	
	4.2	Christmas Activities	Christmas lights competition, Fair and Social evening		£1,000 agreed	
	4.3	Remembrance Wreath	RJ to arrange wreath for service		Cost to be confirmed	
<b>Agenda Items</b>	5.0	Blacon Community Trust	BCT had today received The Big Society Award from the Prime Minister for the work of Sustainable Blacon. This was presented at the Sustainable Blacon Conference by the Minister for Communities.			
		Blacon Community Trust	CB explained the difficulties and challenges that BCT have faced over the past few months to reduce their cash flow and rescue the organisation. As many other Charities BCT have had to make harsh savings including staff redundancies. BCT now understand now have a business plan and thanks to the support of staff, residents and partners are looking forward to the future and continuing to provide the services in Blacon.			<b>Claire Babbs</b>

			BCT membership forms distributed to those who wish to support the aims and objectives of the organisation.		
	5.1	Chester Marathon	Building on the success of past events, organisers want Chester Marathon and Half Marathon to build into greater events. The 2012 half marathon on 13 May will go through Blacon and as other years local supporters and volunteers to help out on drink stations and as marshals would be great.	<b>Chris Hulse Andy White</b>	
	5.2	Blacon Parade Development & Asset Management Company (BAMCo)	All three partners are a step further to commence works at the Parade. At the October Executive meeting CWaC had agreed a number of actions to enable the Parade Development to happen. A similar report is going to CDHT next week for their agreement. NHS Western Cheshire is also working on a service offer for Blacon and on the size of the facility they will require. A report on the business plan for the BAMCo will go to the CWaC Executive in December for agreement. The Vice chair of shadow BAMCo has now been appointed. Ray Shaw will be available to meet people on 14 November, 4.30 at Dee Point Centre. It is hoped to recruit more Board members by mid December.	<b>Janet Gittins</b>	Health service offer for discussion at the Dec agenda.
	5.3	Blacon Festival	A 15 minute promotional show produced from Blacon Festival was viewed, which captured some of the activities of the day.	<b>Alan Smith and Lee Bennett</b>	
	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>		<b>One Voice for Blacon</b> – Tuesday 6 December, 5.30 for 6pm start at Blacon High School Community Wing. <b>Community Forum</b> – Tuesday 7 February, 5.30 for 6pm start at Blacon High School Community Wing.		

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