

**BLACON COMMUNITY FORUM: ACTION NOTES  
UPDATED END AUGUST 2011**

**Chairman: Councillor Reggie Jones  
Vice chair – Cllr Marie Nelson  
Councillor – Carolyn Graham  
Head of Service: Cliff Mallows**

**MEETING HELD 7 JUNE 2011  
At Blacon High School (Community Wing)**

**Neighbourhood Manager: Janet Gittins  
Area Manager: Michelle Talgam**

**Meeting attended by approx. 38 residents**

Item		Issue	Action	Lead Person	Progress	Completed
<b>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.	<b>Colin Keenan (CDHT)</b>	Cleaner, Safer, Greener group progressing.	Ongoing
	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).	<b>Colin Keenan</b>	Exploring the possibility of a temporary structure for a week during the summer period.	Ongoing
	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 will be fit for occupancy when heating is installed in the next 2 weeks.	<b>Ruth Clarke</b>  <b>Cliff Mallows, Cllr Nelson</b>	Expecting residency in July	On-going
	1.4	Disability parking at the Blacon Parade	Line painting job gone out to tender through CWaC.	<b>Cllr Reggie Jones / John Williams</b>	Cleaner, Safer, Greener group progressing this.	On-going
<b>Open Forum</b>	2.1	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	<b>Denise Hitchin</b>	For information	Ongoing

			decrease in fly-tipping and small fires. - Request feedback on hotspots CWaC - Request feedback from CDHT			
	2.2	Health Reforms	Invite consultant to speak about the changes to the NHS and Health reforms to the September meeting	<b>Cllr Graham</b>	Liaison with Dr Claire Westmoreland to develop community engagement	On-going
	2.3	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.  MT to investigate opportunities for Blacon	<b>Michelle Talgam</b>	BHF to be invited to have a presence at Blacon Festival  Links to be made through Healthy Living Centre, Health Key Partnership, local doctors, Vintage Blacon & Winter Festival	Complete  On-going
	2.4	Green Gym at Westminster Park	CF liked the idea of a local green gym but no funding available. Potential links to Heart City and the Countess of Chester Park.	<b>Cllr Graham</b>	Costs to be identified. Investigating Queen Elizabeth II funding potential.	On-going
	2.5	Street signs	Street signs needs to replaced in Adelaide Drive and on Beaumaris Close	<b>Rosemary Burns</b>	Cleaner Safer Greener group progressing	On-going
<b>Police &amp; CSW update</b>	3.1					
<b>Fire Service</b>	3.2					
<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	BEV Cathedral Project	The Community Forum agreed to support all of these projects in principle pending more information in the applications. It was agreed that Councillors should meet outside the meeting to go through the applications and agree the amount to be given to		£1000 agreed	Complete
	4.2	Chester Football Club – BHS based project			£1,000 agreed	Complete
	4.3	Dog fouling sign erection at Greenway			?	

	4.4	Blacon Festival	each group.		£1,000 agreed	Complete
	4.5	Vintage Blacon – Silver Screen improvements			£1,000 agreed	Complete
	4.6	Trip to Bolton Youth Zone	Awaiting application forms to be submitted and processed		?	
	4.7	Athens Olympic trip			£250. agreed	Complete
	4.8	Holy Trinity - Holiday Club			£1,000 agreed	Complete
Added at OVfB	4.9	Furniture Project – online project			£1,500 agreed	Complete
	4.10	Theatre in the Quarter Winter production in Blacon			£750. agreed	Complete
	4.11	Summer riding days			£700 agreed	Complete
<b>Blacon Parade Development</b>	5.3	£18.8 million investment in the Parade and the development of a Blacon Asset Management Company	Information leaflets will be delivered to every home as soon as draft designs are ready. - Present at Blacon Festival.	<b>Janet Gittins</b>	Vice chair of shadow AMCo to be recruited in September. Delta centre displacement options to be reported and discussed at future meeting	Ongoing
<b>Vision and Action Plan</b>	5.4	Document to be refreshed	Priority project – Gateway into Blacon at Sealand road/Western Avenue	<b>Rosemary Burns</b>	Editorial group set up to progress document refresh and priority project.	On-going
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosemary Burns was awarded a certificate thanking her and Tom for their kind donation of funds to the Hospice following their Golden Wedding Anniversary.</li> </ul>					
	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>		<b>Community Forum meeting</b> –Tuesday 6 September at Blacon High School, Community Wing, 5.30 for 6pm start. <b>One Voice for Blacon</b> – Tuesday 4 October 2011 at Blacon High School, Community Wing,			

	5.30 for 6pm start.
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