

One Voice for Blacon
Minutes of meeting 4 May 2010
Blacon High School Community Wing

Present:

Felicity Turner, Mo & Paddy Paddock, Peter Newman, Anne Caslin, Kath Evans, Denise Hitchin, Rosemary Burns, Reg Jones, Gerald Watts, Judith Stainthorp, Karen Collins, Marie Nelson, Mike Clisham, Ted White, Brendan Doyle, Joanne Roberts, Janine White, Isobel White, Andy White, Gavin Bowden, Mike Price, PC Claire Salih, Sgt Darren Griffiths, Inspector Steve Beddows, Chris Judson, Len Morris, Pat Holt, Dave Holt, Alwyn Watts, Ian Evans

Apologies:

Rita Carter, Tony Carter, John Every, Judy Sellwood, Ted White, Peter Bellis, Gladys Phillips, Janet Gittins, Alex Tate, Tom Burns, Hetty Thompson, Martin Carey, Gus Cairns, Jon Hurst

2 Open Forum: (This section took 1 hour to complete)

- Rosemary Burns – Discussed the question of cars parking on pavement and legality issues if access is blocked
- Rosemary Burns – Response from the survey team re responses from CH1 5, feedback to be noted at next Cleaner, greener, Safer group.
ACTION – Rosemary to feedback
- Part 2 of the questionnaire can be distributed to One Voice mailing list – ACTION Reg to follow up.
- Margaret Bellis – Fire service number for smoke alarms ACTION SJ to contact MB
- Kath Evans – Parking on pavements on Blacon Point Road rather than in the Mosque car park
- Kath Evans – upset that the arrangements made for Blacon meetings had been broken – query writing to Council Solicitor, individuals may write to complain
- Gerald Watts – Chester Marathon, end of May, water station at Old Station Site – volunteers required
- Gerald Watts – Diverted buses are mounting the kerbs at Hillside Road spoiling the grass verges
- Len Morris – Hope Centre Open Day in aid of Adult Learners Week 20th May 10-2pm, please ring 377554 if you are interested
- Len Morris – Blacon Disability Group, meeting Community Wing 25 May 7-9pm and Bingo 25 May 2-4pm at White Rooms, all welcome
- Blacon Festival Group – Volunteer appeal for the Festival on 10 July see Helen Blank please at BCT 390344
- Ian Evans – Blacon Community Space Group (part of Blacon Youth Inclusion Project) re Community Canal project bid due to be submitted. Ian gave outline of project and asked people to contact him if interested in supporting the project. Ian to be invited back to update July 2010
- Denise Hitchin – appeal for community groups to contact her re spare equipment at Plas Dinas, please ring Denise on 01244 972303
- Denise also noted The Big Lunch 18th July, contact Julia Wilson for more details

- Mike Clisham – Update re safety at The Old Station Site, no update as yet, RJ to report back to next meeting.
 - VINTAGE BLACON – Brendan noted 2 new events for older people in Blacon
 - i. Healthy Walking, every Monday morning, 10.30am from URC, Blacon
 - ii. Light Exercise, every Thursday morning, 10.30am from URC, Blacon
 - Bin Issues, Bins not being returned to the correct place, assisted collections not taking place. Report back through Community Safety group
- 3** Community Forum action notes, feedback presented and leaflets available on information table
- 4** Chester Marathon
Janine White – Chester Marathon – Janine explained the details for the upcoming Marathon at the end of May. The route comes through Blacon on the Greenway. Water station at Old Station Site, volunteers required. Posters noting that the Greenway is to be closed are to be distributed along the site.
- 5** Inspector Steve Beddows – Cheshire Police Update
Steve gave an informative talk on the past and current policing model and resource deployed across Blacon. The model has been improved to include a local feel to the police officers working that beat, PCSOs are crucial to the relation ship between our communities and the detection teams. Blacon is a big demand area that needs a smarter approach to provide the level of service required throughout 24hrs. This work focuses on Early detection, high visibility patrolling, building intelligence profiles, robust management of problem residents. He also went on to explain the Graded Response system in detail.
- 6** Blacon High School – Update
Reg Jones updated the group re progress at BHS, new Head to be appointed 18th May 2010, Deputy Head to be appointed 13 May 2010. School Governing Body has been appointed and confirmed allocation on £750 000 alongside Status as National Challenge Trust School

Date next meeting

June 1st

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**Venue - Community Wing
Blacon High School
Melbourne Road
Blacon**

Useful phone numbers and contact details:

Police: 0845 458 000 To report incidents of crime and ASB

Blacon Neighbourhood Police Team: 0845 458 6375 To discuss problems in the neighbourhood

Cheshire West and Chester: 0300 123 8 123

To report problems relating to litter, fouling, grass cutting, recycling, highways, lighting, licensing – street collections, or noise nuisance

Consumer Direct Trading Standards: 08454 04 05 06

To report on doorstep traders or unlawful alcohol sales

To stop junk mail: 0845 703 4599

To stop cold calling by phone: 0845 070 0707

Helpline: action on elder abuse: 0808 808 8141

Key Partnership Groups:

- Enterprise & Economy :

John Every (community rep - Karen Collins) tel: 390 344

- Image & Infrastructure:

Ged Edwards (community rep - Rosemary Burns) tel: 390 344

- Blacon Youth Association:

Judi Sellwood (community rep - Ed Green) tel: 390 344

- Cleaner, Greener, Safer:

Jane Makin (community rep - John Price) tel: 973 464

- Blacon Health Partnership:

Nicola Fedyszyn (community rep - Mo Paddock) 01244 650 387 or by email:

Nicola.Fedyszyn@wcheshirepct.nhs.uk

- Blacon Education Village:

Dave Williams tel: 981 140

- Older People:

Brendan Doyle, Susan Flynn

If you have any issues or problems you would like to raise with these theme groups or would like to join a group, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the named person.

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Community Engagement Officer

Julia Wilson julia.wilson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Chester & District Housing Trust: 305 503 Or contact your local housing officer:

Blacon North (Leanne Jackson), Blacon South (Alison Whitehead) 375

546/mobile: 07740 985 546

Local councillors:

Reg Jones tel: 374 585

Alex Tate tel: 674093

Marie Nelson tel: 371 135