

**One Voice for Blacon Meeting
Tuesday 5th July 2011 at 6pm
Blacon High School, Community Wing**



Present:

<u>Residents</u>	
Peter Newman	Karen Smith
Anne Caslin	Alan Smith
Kath Evans	Bob Morgan
Marie Nelson	Sue Morgan
Reggie Jones (Co-Chair)	Jim Lyon
Phil Boden	June Cambell
Dave Holt	Yvone Jones, Poets Corner Residents Assoc
Pat Holt	Margaret Bellis
Gerald Watts	Gus Cairns
Liz Smith	Kristi Penney
Andrew Monkiewicz	Mo Paddock
Paddy Paddock	Andy Scargill, Parkgate Highfield Residents Assoc
Mr & Mrs C Dry	Ruth Shaw, Poets Corner Residents Assoc
Rosemary Burns	<u>Denise Hitchin (Co-Chair)</u>

<u>Representatives</u>	
John Hurst, Cheshire Police	Leona Walker, Chester Healthy Living Centre
Ian Wilson, Cheshire Police	Melisa Boughey, Chester Healthy Living Centre
Vicki Devonport, Blacon Community Trust	Andy Keelan, Chester and District Housing Trust
Helen Blank, Blacon Community Trust (Secretariat)	Yvonne Goodwin, Cheshire West and Chester Council – Community Safety
Clare Babbs, Blacon Community Trust	Julie Doyle, DIAL House
Janet Gittins, Cheshire West and Chester Council	Natalie Barnett, Press – Chester Leader and Standard
Rose Wild, Chester Healthy Living Centre	

2. Apologies

Carolyn Graham
Tony and Rita Carter
Alwynne Watts
Gladys Phillips

3. Declarations of Interest – None raised

4. Minutes from One Voice for Blacon- Agreed as a true record

5. Community Forum Action Notes

Rosemary Burns reported that there are now bus timetables in Auckland Rd.

Action: Reggie to get in touch with Kieren Collins from Highways about street signs in Auckland road.

Action: Janet to speak to Yvonne about rights of way access issues at Countess of Chester Country Park.

Members Budget: Reggie reported that an application has been put forward from Blacon Furniture Project for support to rent additional storage space, and develop an online shop. Also, an application was received from Theatre in the Quarter to perform their Christmas production in Blacon. The meeting agreed to support both applications.

6. Open Forum

- Cyber Centre - Margaret Bellis promoted the services of the Cyber Centre based at the Library, Maitland Way, and left some leaflets.
- CDHT – Andy Keelan informed the meeting about the Housing Trust's work in Poets Corner on 1-3 August in partnership with Muir Housing and Catch 22. Volunteers are welcome to join the team in their clear up of the area as part of a 'Regeneration Generation' project which is the development of a social enterprise around the Community Canal project. They will be celebrating 100,000 hours of volunteering on the final day.
- John Lewis work in Blacon – Vicki Devonport
John Lewis' construction firm are keen to work in partnership locally to the new store opening on the Greyhound Park. They will be refurbishing some of the Kids Community Club facilities at Dee Point Centre ie toilets/gardens.
- Skip at Australian roads – Gus Cairns confirmed that there will be a skip on 18th August on the car park on Wyndham Rd.
- Blacon Festival – Helen Blank and Melisa Boughey gave a final reminder about the Blacon Festival on 9th July, and mentioned that Alan Smith would be recording the event to produce a short film that could be screened at a future meeting.

11. Introducing our Community Health Workers

Lydia Orford introduced Melisa Boughey (in her new role), Rose Wild and Leona Walker who will be working in communities across Chester, including Blacon. They will be based at the Healthy Living Centre, Plas Dinas. They will be working with groups and services to improve people's health needs by starting to deliver the health action plan developed in previous OVfB meetings. They will report back on progress at each meeting.

7. Vision and Action Plan Refresh

Rosemary gave an update at the previous Community Forum. There will be a display at the Blacon Festival of what has been achieved over the past 8 years.

8. Delta Centre relocation

The displacement group are currently working with young people to discuss options for re-siting youth provision. They are looking at Blacon High School, Blacon Library and Dee Point Centre, and also wider options.

9. Youth Shelter and BMX Facility - This was postponed to a future meeting – nothing to update.

10. Feedback from Bus Liaison meeting (notes available)

Reggie reported that this group operate under the Sustainable Blacon banner. Research is being done around the gaps in service particularly on Saxon Way/Parade, Oakfield Road and Saughall Road. CWAC Council have applied to a national pot of funding to improve transport infrastructure. Commercial operators are now engaging positively with us. The Blacon Pointer has sponsored the Blacon Voice magazine. Arriva are now tracking anti-social behaviour on the buses. We will get regular feedback of progress. Marie Nelson is on the Policy Development Board at CWAC Council which is responsible for alternative community transport, cycling, smartcars etc and will also feedback to Ovfb.

11. Any other business

Ian Wilson from Cheshire Police updated about their antisocial behaviour operation for summer which is a combination of policing and distraction of young people. There will be a temporary BMX track in Blacon at the end of August for 3 days, run by a company called RampRiders. Ian is pulling together a programme of activities for young people over the summer which John and Sam (PCSOs) will distribute around the schools. **Action: Helen to email Ian's request to OVfB for contributions to the programme**

Bell Developments – Student Village. Maurice Homes want to build 200 flats in the Garden Quarter. Reggie assured the meeting that issues around the development will be discussed at future OVfB meetings.

Neil Harrison, Cheshire Fire Service gave a brief update on priorities for the Fire Service and the work they are doing around Home Safety and engaging children. **Action: add as full agenda item in October**

Dates of next meetings:

Please note that all future Community Forum meetings will be at Blacon High School Community Wing until further notice.

Blacon Community Forum: **Tuesday 6th September** 5.30 for 6pm
One Voice for Blacon: **Tuesday 4th October** 5.30 for 6pm