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<p>CONNECTING COMMUNITIES INTERIM PARTNERSHIP MEETING Monday 14th September 4pm – 6pm PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRADBURY LANE, PYE GREEN.</p>	<p>PRESENT: Kelly McCulloch (Fire), Jim Griffiths (R), Helga Griffiths (R), Paul Ross (Police), Muriel Davis (R and District Councillor), Derek Davis (R and County Councillor) Tom Dawson and Terry Mears (Spectrum Tenants and Residents Association), Val Pottinger (CCDC), Heather Preece (West Chadsmoor Family Centre), Barbara Sutton (R), Ken Platt (R), Chris Mitchell (R and District Councillor), Gary Lucking (C2), Karen Burns (Executive Headteacher Chadsmoor Junior School), Jane Nash (Vicar of St Aidans and St Chads), Sarah Taylor (VAST), Dr Preston (R), Sally Groves (Support Staffordshire/C2) R=Resident</p>
<p>APOLOGIES: George Adamson, Jackie Dennis, Lucy Spicer, Sharon Jagger, Mr Cox, Natalie Barrow, Maureen Hughes, Helen Stead, Peter Harrison, Lesley Harrison.</p>	<p>Identified area Derek explained to the group his thoughts about widening the area encompassing approx. 19,000 residents largely based on the original Blake catchment area. He highlighted the benefits of widening the area such as including more schools, churches and services plus to include several existing housing/tenants associations. Gary Lucking clarified that C2 generally only work with areas up to 7,500 population and in most cases a smaller number so as not to lose the identity of the group. Gary also advised that we should see a full and detailed proposal before the group can make an informed decision. Gary also advised that it is still really early days and that the partnership is still in its infancy and that it would be beneficial to try and engage residents within the existing pilot area.</p>
	<p>ACTIONS Derek confirmed that he will bring a full and detailed proposal to the next meeting.</p>



<p>Gary clarified that the original area was chosen/recognised by a group of providers, commissioners and councillors at a meeting in December and was not chosen specifically by C2. Members of the group requested to know who was involved in the original meeting. GL advised that the names could be made available.</p>	<p>GL to provide the names of those involved Sally to provide copies of the original map.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Watch Terry confirmed that he has recently attended a neighbourhood watch meeting. Unfortunately, there was nothing of value to feedback to the group due to lack of organisation and communication.</p>	<p>Terry to invite someone from neighbourhood watch to a future meeting (date tbc) to give us information about what it takes to set up a local neighbourhood watch. Paul Ross to provide a list of existing neighbourhood watch's within the area.</p>
<p>Environmental – Dog Fouling Walkabouts that were discussed at the last meeting unfortunately have not taken place. It was agreed that whilst the walkabouts might be valuable, unless there are recurrences in the same place at the same time, the group might not achieve anything. Karen from the Junior school advised that there is an alley at the back of her school that people have nicknamed dog poo alley. Other problem areas have been highlighted at previous meetings. A brief conversation was held with the school as to whether they would consider/welcome a further meeting to discuss how we could work together. Karen also mentioned a good citizen award that is implemented in conjunction with the Council.</p>	<p>SG to look at previous minutes from the meeting on 29th July where problem areas were identified. SG to contact Karen directly to ask for a separate meeting to discuss how we can work together. Also, to clarify whether dog fouling forms any part of the good citizen award.</p>
<p>Names Names suggested for the group were: CHAPS: Chadsmoor, Hednesford and Pye Green Society (suggested by Natalie Barrow) Community Spirit (suggested by Muriel Davis) Blake (suggested by Derek Davis) The group agreed that Community Spirit was the best name and hoped to emulate the name with the work that the group hope to do.</p>	<p>Future correspondence to refer to the group as 'Community Spirit'</p>



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<p>Constitution and registered address Sarah Taylor from VAST offered to meet with Jim separately to discuss constitutions and committee skills. There may also be some training available to enhance his existing skills.</p>	<p>GL to send SG examples of constitutions that C2 hold. A draft constitution to be brought to the next meeting for approval along with job descriptions for the basic roles required in order to become a constituted group. Can the group use Coniston Hall as the registered address of the group? SG to confirm whether this will be possible.</p>
<p>Communications sub group update Unfortunately, the Support Staffordshire yellow booklet went to print on the 1st September and the group did not manage to get anything in there to publicise the work. The group discussed how to best market and publicise the group. Ideas suggested were: facebook, posters, newsletter etc. Heather from the family centre offered to set up a facebook page if another volunteer can't do it.</p>	<p>Would schools be prepared to distribute any marketing we have through their book bags? When we have something to distribute, SG to contact schools. SG to contact Natalie the volunteer to ask about facebook and let Heather know.</p>
<p>AOB It was agreed that in order to make the meetings more productive, an agenda and all relevant papers should be distributed to the group a week before. Sarah Taylor from VAST also advised that they have a lady called Katherine Johnson working for them under the title of Corporate Social Responsibility and that she has great links with businesses within the area. She may be a useful guest for the future.</p>	<p>All parties to send relevant papers and information to SG at least a week before the next meeting for inclusion and distribution.</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 12th October at 4pm Venue: Pye Green Community Centre.</p>	<p>Derek Davis to book the room, SG to bring refreshments</p>



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Community Spirit Partnership Meeting Thursday 12th October 2015

4 – 6pm

Pye Green Community Centre. Bradbury Lane, Pye Green, Cannock

Present

Jim Griffiths(R); Ken Platt(R); Barbara Sutton(R) Martin Evans(R) Tom Preston (R)Terry Mears (R) Spectrum Residents Association
Tom Dawson (Spectrum Residents Association) Val Pottinger (ASB Co-ordinator CCDC); Dave Bengé (V.A.S.T)
Suki Mander (P.C.S.O) Laura Mancicius (P.C.S.O Amy Preece (TalentMatch) Heather Preece (West Chadsmoor Family Centre)
Paul Ross (Police Transformation Team); Mike McBride (Connecting Communities) Gary Lucking (Connecting Communities) Jan
Matthews (Support Staffordshire Cannock Chase)

Apologies

Peter Harrison Derek Davis Muriel Davis Chris Mitchell Lesley Harrison Karen Burns Sarah Pearson
George Adamson Ash Connor Jane Nash Sarah Taylor Natalie Barrow Helga Griffiths Helen Stead
Tony Johnson Dave Morris Jackie Dennis Paul Cook Mark Keeling

Mike explained the background around C2. The local C2 is part of a wider piece of work and is being externally evaluated. The geographical area was chosen



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strategically and the end of last year.

Tom Dawson explained that Neighbourhood Watch was in the middle of forming a new committee.

Discussion around dog fouling

ACTION: Jan to add Ash Conner (NW) and Bob (SNAP) to email distribution list

ACTION: Jan to refer back to August and September minutes and report back on any action (including input at a previous meeting from Tony Morris?)

ACTION: Laura to contact Karen Burns at Chadsmoor school and parents regarding a possible competition for children to create a poster and to attend an assembly to talk to children about reducing dog fouling near the school.

ACTION: Jan to bring to next meeting examples of material produced by other groups

Jan and Jim fed back to group about the Learning Programme in Exeter.

Gary spoke about remembering that our vision is to think about what people want to put in place and to do things for themselves. Issues in the community need to be driven by themselves.

Tom D - Spectrum advertise walkabouts and advertise with flyers but there is still no engagement from the community.

Mike suggested that 'pop up events' could be put in to place i.e. gazebo, notices,



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	<p>and refreshments on estates. Gary commented that involvement needs to be spontaneous. Ken Platt said that this type of event has already been tried.</p> <p>Jim spoke about the fact that community life has changed over the years and that people are only aware of their own lifestyle and don't communicate in the same way anymore.</p> <p>Amy suggested focussing on the positives; put post boxes in community venues to get feedback.</p> <p>Martin spoke about a positive action being done at Christmas for people that live alone. 18 people attended a low cost lunch last year and this year it will be able to accommodate 24 people.</p> <p>Martin spoke about actions taken to remove drug dealers from the area but they just move on elsewhere.</p>
	<p>Ken, Martin, Jim, Tom P gave feedback from their small group discussion held last week.</p>



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GRAFFITI/STREET ART

Gary set the scene around a situation regarding the graffiti/street art/safety of some fencing around a local development area. Martin had made an approach to a local councillor who said that the Local Authority were unable to help as it was private property. Martin approached the developer but was unable to get any support. They had paid a professional from Birmingham to do the graffiti/street art.

There was a group discussion about the painting. Some comments included:

Martin - felt it was an eyesore and it didn't make the area look very good and it wasn't in a safe condition.

Laura - felt that if the fencing has been left plain, it would encourage more unpleasant graffiti. Maybe the school could be involved if the style of the painting was to be altered.

Amy - Graffiti/Street art is seen to be a positive thing by young people.

Tom D - said only two people had complained about it.

Val - a blank canvass is an attraction to young people. Street art works to stop graffiti.

Tom D - there is street art at another location in Cannock which has not been



tampered with.

Further discussion took place around whether the fencing was safe or not.

Dave B – maybe the developer doesn't realise if it is not safe.

Val – suggested Martin approaches developer to make the fence safe if needed.

PARKING ISSUES

Barbara – there are parking issues in Princess Street, Chadsmoor. People park to use the Health Centre is a way that makes it impossible to reverse out of your own drive. Has approached council but they say it is a police matter. When people park partly on the pavement it makes it difficult for disability scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs.

ACTION: Martin to approach developer to ask for fence to be made safer

ACTION: Ken and Barbara to discuss with other neighbours

ACTION: Jan to arrange for Ken, Barbara, Tom P and any other neighbours to meet.

MOTOR BIKES

Youths are speeding around on motor bikes which is unsafe and annoying.

Val – the registration number of the bike as is needed before any action can be taken. Sometimes this results in finding that they do not have insurance which is



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an offence. Any other information about the owner of the bike would be helpful. Times and dates needed as well.

SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Val – asked if there was any improvement with the bin in Kelvin Drive. There has been no improvement and residents didn't think that a walkabout had been done.

A new Neighbourhood Scheme is being launched in December. It will be publicised well. Cannock Police have now got mobile devices in place now. They are the second in the county to have them. This will improve reporting of and dealing with crime more efficiently. There will be more PCSO's in the community

CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

Heather – suggested a fun event to draw people in and encourage more residents to join Community Spirit and publicise the group more.

Gary – suggested maybe a quiz or other events to encourage residents to get together.

Copies of a variety of constitutions have been given to Jim from Gary. He also met with Sara from VAST who also gave him some examples

ACTION: Val to make enquiries and to feedback to group at next meeting.



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<p>AOB</p> <p>Jim mentioned that he had discussed re doing a listening event.</p>	<p>ACTION Jan to arrange for Jim, Heather and Sara to meet to discuss further.</p> <p>ACTION: Jim to bring draft constitution to next meeting</p>
<p>If there are any items you would like adding to the agenda for the next meeting, please let Jan have them by Monday 2nd November.</p> <p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 9th November 4 – 6pm</p> <p>Coniston Hall, Cecil Street, Chadsmoor, WS11 5HG</p>	