



## VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUB-COMMITTEE – 21ST MARCH 2012

**SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

**REPORT BY: HEDDLU GWENT POLICE**

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### 1. UPDATES

- 1.1 The Partnership employment of a Victims Champion has provided an enhanced service to victims of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) across the borough. Through regular consultation with local officers and other agencies she is able to identify those most in need and deliver the necessary support.
- 1.2 The four Crime Prevention Panels (volunteers) from across the Borough provide support within the community and crime prevention equipment such as shed alarms, purse bells. Sanctuary Rooms within Domestic Violence environments have been funded and provided in the most serious of instances.
- 1.3 The Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network has now been running successfully within the Borough for nearly two years. The group meet regularly to discuss local issues and to receive training/input on how to best serve the needs of the community.
- 1.4 Street Pastor Schemes have been successfully set up in Blackwood, Risca and now Caerphilly. The success of the schemes has led other areas including Bargoed to examine the possibility of expanding the scheme further.
- 1.5 Development of ASB Victim and Witness. An ASB Victims Champion has been established within the LPU. GAVO and Gwent Police have joint funded a successful venture whereby a role has been established providing support and guidance to community volunteers (individuals and groups) to seek out opportunities to improve community safety. Unfortunately the funding of this scheme will cease at the end of March 2012.
- 1.6 PACT meetings continue to take place on a regular basis in each ward across the Borough. These are driven by the partnership with support from other organisations and local volunteers. The CCBC run Street Pride initiative has proved a successful ally to the PACT process.

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