



## Appendix 1: Community Planning Quarterly Briefing January to March 2013

This is a quarterly briefing designed to give everyone involved in the community planning process across the Caerphilly county borough, as well as wider audiences, an overview of progress on the Community Strategy. Information has been supplied by each of the co-ordinators leading on different themes of the Community Strategy please get in touch directly with the co-ordinators for further information.

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### ***Caerphilly Delivers – Single Integrated Plan***

Caerphilly Local Service Board has published this key community planning document for public consultation. The consultation closes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Once the comments have been received and analysed, the final version of ***Caerphilly Delivers***, together with detail on the delivery mechanism and performance framework will be published.

**Caerphilly Local Service Board Meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>** – at this meeting the Board considered:

- Caerphilly Local Service Board draft Engagement Strategy and action plan
- Tackling the impact of poverty, with update on Upper Rhymney Valley Project
- Update on the Caerphilly County Borough Council Welfare Reform Act Implementation Project
- Update on the Voluntary Sector Big Lottery Community Voice application success
- *Delivering Together - Compact Agreement 2013-2017*, a consideration of the draft text for the revised Compact Agreement.

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<http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/communityplanning/content/caerphilly-local-service-board>



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**The new Head of Regeneration and Planning, Pauline Elliott** - commenced work at Caerphilly County Borough Council in February, coming from Scarborough District Council. She said,

*I am aware of the successes achieved in recent years through the hard work of the division and our colleagues across the Council and our partners. However, we remain in difficult and challenging times and I will be working with and supporting all who work in the Regeneration and Planning arenas to continue with their excellent track record and ensure that our local people and businesses receive the support and opportunities they deserve.*

## **BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SUPPORT**

**Heads of Valleys Business Seed Capital Fund** - the Business Enterprise Support Team have run a number of events in the Heads of the Valleys area of Caerphilly county borough to give businesses the opportunity to find out about the financial support available to help them to start up or expand. Funding will soon be running out for the Heads of the Valleys Business Seed Capital Fund, which provided financial support for a wide range of business sectors and can help with the purchase of new capital equipment through to help with starting up. This particular source of Welsh Government funding is a flexible scheme, which has been delivered through a partnership across the local authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen.

**Go2 My Town** - the expansion of the Go2My Town team has accelerated the rolling out of the virtual town centres across the county borough. The Go2My Town team has launched the Go2 project across the whole of the county borough. The seven town centres of Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Newbridge, Rhymney, Risca and Ystrad Mynach now benefit from virtual town centres.

The Go2 My Town project can help to provide a secure web hosting service, back up for a business's website and security as part of the Go2MyTown package. Since the launch of the Go2Project, nearly 100 businesses have received help to get their businesses on line. This has included secure website hosting through to a professional web design service and access to online marketing tools. The Go2 Website Grant provides financial support to eligible businesses in a wide range of business sectors, including retail businesses, and can provide up to 50% financial assistance towards the cost of an eCommerce website. This scheme is funded by Caerphilly County Borough Council.

## Caerphilly Business Forum Apprentice



Caerphilly County Borough Council and Caerphilly Business Forum have joined forces to offer a valuable training opportunity as part of the Welsh Government Young Recruits Programme. The shared appointment will continue to strengthen the links between the Caerphilly Business Forum and the Council's Enterprise Support Team. Sonam Patel is the latest recruit. Sonam has a passion to work in the events industry, and she will gain valuable experience working with Caerphilly Business Forum and the Council.

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**Town Centre Management** - four town centre management groups have been established with new terms of reference to include more Town Centre Stakeholders. These are for Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly and Risca. The stakeholders include the local Chambers of Trade and Retail Partnerships. Their remit is to act as a consultation body for the council, on issues affecting the town centres. Meetings take place on a quarterly basis. Constituted stakeholder groups who wish to have representation on their local town centre management group should contact the Town Centre Development Manager on 01443 866213.

**Supermarkets Corporate Social Responsibility** - the leading supermarkets in the county borough are taking corporate social responsibility extremely seriously. Asda, Morrisons and Tescos are joining forces to help with emergency food parcels for individuals and families who are on low incomes. In Blackwood, Caerphilly, new Tredegar and Risca, the Town Centre Management team has helped to co-ordinate the collection and distribution to the Food Banks.

Food Bank Location	Partner Supermarket
St Dingat's Church Church Terrace New Tredegar NP24 6HF	Tesco Ystrad Mynach
Tab Life Centre Tram Road Pontllanfraith NP12 2JF	Asda Blackwood
Risca Food Bank 66a Commercial Street Risca NP11 6BA	Tesco Risca
Bridging the Gap Elim Church	Asda Caerphilly Morrisons Caerphilly

## New Dedicated *Events Spaces*



Blackwood, Caerphilly and Risca now benefit from new *event spaces* in the heart of the town centres. The event spaces are purpose built and include dedicated power supplies and vehicular access. Community groups as well as council departments can book the spaces. Although trading is not allowed on the event space, they can also be used by private businesses to promote products and launch new products. A new event space is planned for Bargoed as part of the regeneration scheme. The event spaces are located as follows:

Town	Location
Blackwood	Dragon Circle between Asda and Blackwood Retail Park
Caerphilly	Top of the Twyn Car Park adjacent to the Twyn Community Centre
Risca	Entrance to Tredegar Grounds, adjacent to the High Street.

Bookings for the event space can be made through the Town Centre Management - email - [towncentres@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:towncentres@caerphilly.gov.uk)



Caerphilly County Borough Council is part of the South East Wales Community Economic Development (SEWCED) programme - established to build sustainable and vibrant communities through the development of community economic activity and social enterprises. The SEWCED funding has allowed

grant funding (capital and revenue) to be awarded to organisations that have demonstrated the flair and entrepreneurship to develop their organisations into sustainable businesses. Support is provided through mentoring programmes, networking events, one to one support and raising awareness of social enterprises throughout the borough through a variety of marketing tools. Effective and productive working relationships are also being developed with partners organisations throughout the third and private sector.

Funding is available up to £50,000 for capital items of equipment 100% funded and up to £100,000 for refurbishment of building projects at 50% match funded. To date 18 social enterprises in the borough have been supported and 20 jobs created.

### **St David's Day Celebrations**



The 2013 town centre events programme commenced on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the St David's Day Lunchtime concerts, which took place in Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly and Risca. More than 20 local schools took part, together with the local community group Stagecoach Theatre Arts to bring performances of traditional folk dancing, street theatre, signing, recitals and brass & orchestral ensembles. The St David's Pilgrim's Trail also took place across the four town centres where children and parents were encouraged to explore the shops and learn more about the patron Saint of Wales.

### ***Come and Meet Enterprising People Event***

To coincide with the St David's Day celebrations the *Come and meet Enterprising People* event took place in the Visit Caerphilly Centre on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Business Enterprise Support Team showcased successful social enterprises including Greencap and Samye Foundation Wales. All the organisations that participated are social enterprises which re-invest all their profits back into the company and the local community, which contribute to regenerating the area.

### **Caerphilly Food Festival**



Following on from the successes of last year the food festival will return to Caerphilly on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. A wide range of food stalls will line the town and these will include entertainment and cookery demonstrations.

Celebrity chef Jean Christophe Novelli, will be providing demonstrations and giving expert advice on how produce is made and how to improve culinary skills.

## **Inaugural 10K Run comes to Caerphilly**

The date has been set for an inaugural 10 kilometre run – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The road race will take place around the town centre, with the start and finishing line located in the shadow of Caerphilly Castle. The event will give runners of all abilities an opportunity to get involved. This new event has been developed by the Council and is supported by Welsh Athletics, Sport Wales and the Welsh Government. Further details about the route and entry process will be available soon.

The 2013 events programme is full to bursting with events, which includes the return of Blackwood Summer Festival (29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> June), Caerphilly Flower Festival (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July) and the Big Cheese (26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July) along with the introduction of the Risca music event (date to be confirmed).

## **COMMUNITIES FIRST**

The implementation phase of Communities First continues until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. There are 4 Communities First clusters in Caerphilly: Upper Rhymney Valley, Mid Valleys East, Mid Valleys West and Caerphilly Basin. Each cluster has a team of Communities First officers to support healthier communities, more prosperous communities and improve learning in communities.

### **Welfare Reform**

Families First have funded a number of activities to raise awareness of the impact of the Welfare Reform changes from April 2013. A road show providing information and ideas of low cost family activities has been running across the borough between 26<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March to encourage families to prepare for the changes and seek support if needed. The funding is also supporting schools to work with Spectacle Theatre to raise awareness of the changes with parents through drama.

### **Work Clubs**

There are 13 Communities First work clubs across the borough to help and support people who are unemployed to secure employment. This includes help to get online, complete job applications and obtain information about further support and training.

### **Caerphilly Passport Programme**

The official launch of the Caerphilly Passport Programme takes place in April. The aim of the programme is to provide young people aged 16-24 with work experience and training to prepare them for sustainable employment. There are 6 key stages to the programme:

- Referral from Jobcentre Plus or a Communities First Workclub
- Diagnostic assessment undertaken with each individual to identify support and training

- Employability menu – a number of workshops delivered by Communities First to provide employability skills and training to young people, including financial literacy by the Caerphilly County Citizen Advice Bureau
- Employer Focus – An opportunity to meet and greet local authority departments and Caerphilly Local Service Board partners to find out what placements are available
- Placement opportunities – various options available and of different durations
- Sustainable employment - individuals are supported through the Passport Programme to secure sustainable employment within the private, public or voluntary sector.

## **GWENT ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

### **FUNDING**

#### **Big Lottery Community Voice**

GAVO are delighted to report this funding success, which brings in £2,843,677m for the next 4 years providing much welcomed jobs. The funding breakdown is as follows:

Caerphilly & Blaenau Gwent	£1,391.176
Newport & Monmouthshire	£1.452.501

Contracts are presently being finalised before the project commences.

#### **Caerphilly Volume Network**

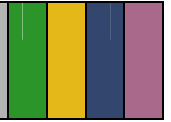
GAVO has been successful in their application for future funding for a Participation Officer to co-ordinate the Volume Network. Funding was initially lost when the Cymorth funding programme changed to the new Family First programme.

#### **Technical Assistance Fund**

From April 1<sup>st</sup> this well know grant for voluntary organisations will come over to GAVO for administration. On the back of £250,000 technical assistance funding given out over a 8 year period, £8m was reinvested into the Caerphilly borough, through grants for many voluntary organisations and enterprises.

## **NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT**

Mike Bridgman Assistant Director for GAVO (Caerphilly) was chosen to lead the Gwent Network Forum to take forward the partnership work with the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Ian Johnson. Three meetings have been held so far with the Gwent network members and Ian Johnson. The network has also been involved in the Gwent Draft Police Crime Plan 2013/18 , and responded to the consultation paper with Wales Council for Voluntary Action.



## Rhymney Integrated Health and Social Care Centre

Work started on site on the Lawn Industrial Estate in Rhymney on 30 April 2012. Although work has progressed well, there have been some delays due to heavy rain, and more recently snowfall, and the scheme is currently seven weeks behind schedule, with an anticipated completion date at the end of July 2013.



Public engagement has been a key element throughout each stage of the project, and a number of meetings of the Community Forum for the North have been held to keep the local community fully informed of progress.

The Aneurin Bevan Health Board and Caerphilly County Borough Council have also recently established a Community Engagement Group to take a lead in respect of communication and engaging with the local community to ensure that the building meets the needs of the population.

The group is chaired by Wendy Bourton, an Independent Member of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board, representing the Third Sector, and membership also includes representatives from the community, Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council, the Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Care Network and the Voluntary Sector.

The group has considered and approved a proposed Communication Strategy, and has also agreed an ongoing programme of engagement including –

- Regular project newsletters, and press releases



- Working with local schools to develop a time capsule
- Developing proposals for a project display board roadshow
- Proposals for a *topping out* ceremony
- Site visits for staff
- Continuing Community Forum meetings
- Resource Centre Digital Story
- Proposals for the official opening of the building.

If you would like to get involved, or for further information, please telephone Kathryn Wall on: 01495 241275 or email at [kathryn.wall@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:kathryn.wall@wales.nhs.uk)

## THE WORK OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

**Anti Smoking - Save A Packet Campaign 2013** - quitting smoking is not just about losing something - it's about getting something back too. Currently a packet of 20 cigarettes costs around £7, so quitting will give a 20-a-day smoker an extra £49 a week.

### Smokefree Zones



All schools within the county borough are currently being invited to join the Smoke Free Zones initiative. Signs will be displayed at school perimeters to discourage parents / carers from smoking when collecting / dropping off pupils. This initiative builds upon the success of the Smoke Free Playgrounds project which strives to make non smoking the social norm. All signs will be in situ by March 2013.

### Effective Action on Alcohol Misuse-Working Together to Improve Lives

Following on from the Regional Alcohol Conference, held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012, the conference report can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/saferccb/getting-involved/effective-action-alcohol-misuse>

## Healthy Eating



Food Smart, the new Change4Life campaign was launched on 7 January 2013. It includes a new recipe brochure with delicious, healthy ideas for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Professionals are encouraged to support people to sign up to Change4Life, via the website - <http://change4lifewales.org.uk>

Cheaper, easier, tastier.....smarter!

**Safety Zone** - all year 6 pupils across the borough were invited to visit the zone in Treforest to learn about safety in the community. Pupils were taught how to keep safe whilst out playing, how to spot danger, and how to react when something goes wrong. Check out the video on You Tube - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Whai7lc8ku4&safe=active>

### Could you be a Community Health Champion?



Would you like to:

- improve your health?
- find out about health services in your area?
- share information with your friends, family and neighbours?

If yes, then join the Community Health Champions Network!

You will receive free training, the option of gaining a qualification, learn more about health issues and local support services, meet new people and have the right information to help you and others.

For an informal chat, please contact Sian on 01495 235401 or email: [wolfes@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:wolfes@caerphilly.gov.uk)



## Partnership Performance

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership (SCCSP) continues to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder in the Caerphilly county borough. The below figures were recorded on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All Crime has reduced by 8%, whilst Criminal Damage has reduced by 16%, Vehicle Crime 20% and Dwelling Burglary 12.8%. One of the SCCSP's current priorities is *to Reduce anti-social behaviour and improve the street scene*. The SCCSP has been working hard alongside partners, community groups and local volunteers to address this priority and related issues through a number of means. This includes initiatives such as: The Safer Caerphilly Four Strike Process, Project Bernie, The Street Pastors, Victims Champion and the Street Pride Initiative. All of this work has culminated in a 28.8% reduction in anti-social behaviour across the county borough.

## ASB Victim/Witness Champion

The Victims Champion continues to attend all multi-agency groups to tackle anti-social behaviour, liaise closely with all departments within the local authority and outside agencies whilst supporting victims in the community and throughout the court process. Through-out April to December 2012, there have been 238 referrals made to the service. The Victims Champion (Lana Harrison) can be contacted on 01495 235441.

## Community Payback

Offenders work under the supervision of Wales Probation Trust and recent projects have included extensive work to clear, improve and maintain Crosskeys RFC, Caerphilly War Graves, ad-hoc clearance of areas and the removal of graffiti from various locations across the borough. Throughout April to December 2012, 26,143 hours of work were carried out within the county borough. Any person wishing to nominate any location/project please contact either the Wales Probation Trust on 01633 247300 or for further details please contact the SCCSP on 01495 235350.

## The Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network

The Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network incorporates the diverse range of individuals who are actively involved in their communities and have an interest in working alongside other partner agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. The Volunteer Network is made up of 230 individuals from groups such as Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Prevention Panels, Community Groups and Partnerships, Street Pastors and Tenants and Residents Associations. A borough-wide networking event took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The session included a variety of presentations and workshops where residents had the opportunity to discuss any crime and disorder issues in their area. The next event will take place on 20th

May. If you would like to attend this event, or require further information on the Volunteer Network please contact the SCCSP office on 01495 235350.

### **Project Bernie**

The SCCSP's Fire Safety Action Team has now started the planning for *Project Bernie 2013*. Project Bernie is based on a social marketing concept, which aims to reduce deliberate grass fires by addressing behaviours and attitudes within the community. The project was officially launched on 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Tesco store in Ystrad Mynach. The project will run for a further six weeks in the Bargoed area of the county borough. The project will include an advertising and marketing campaign, patrols of the area and numerous youth activities throughout the Easter School Holidays, which all focus on addressing the problem of deliberate grass fires. If anyone would like further information on the project please contact Natalie Kenny on 01495 235442.

In addition to the above, the SCCSP and its constituent responsible authorities of Gwent Police, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Aneurin Bevan Health Trust, The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Wales Probation Trust and the Gwent Police Authority, together with other public and voluntary sector colleagues, continue to deliver core activity and services, striving to reduce and prevent crime, disorder, the impact of substance misuse, domestic violence and in doing so make Caerphilly county borough a safer place to live, work and visit.

For more information visit the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership website at - <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/saferccb/>

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### **Consultation Events**

The Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Partnership Board undertook a workshop in February 2013 to consult with partners on the draft Single Integrated Plan for community planning during the formal consultation period.

An INTERACT event is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 at the New Cottage Dance Centre in Ystrad Mynach. The event will consult on the Self Evaluation and Recognition Award (SERA), the Single Integrated Plan and give topical presentations to help wider organisations understand how they contribute to the Families First Programme and central planning. INTERACT is the regular CYPP engagement and participation event aimed at all organisations who work with children, young people and families (0 –25years). Further details can be obtained from the Central Support Team email: [cypp@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cypp@caerphilly.gov.uk).

## **Families First Programme**

There are now a total of 10 Families First projects, which form the Families First Programme. A new Families First project called the *Day After* Project has been commissioned, and became operational in January 2013. This is an innovative pilot project designed to engage families who as a result from alcohol misuse experience poor health, and are disengaged from their community, and other family members. This issue has been recognised by the Caerphilly Local Service Board as a priority for the borough.

Currently there is adequate alcohol support services provided by partners, and the gap which has been identified is having an initial service to engage the family, mentor and encourage engagement in further support and the professional services already available. This project focuses on a *whole family* approach and aligns with the existing Caerphilly Families First Programme.

In addition, the pre and post natal support project was commissioned and awarded to the Aneurin Bevan Health Board. It provides a pre and post natal support package to parents in non Flying Start areas around the range of skills needed to give children the best start in life. This includes healthy eating, dental health, being safe and early play experiences giving children every chance of reaching their early developmental goals.

An outline of all projects can be found at the CYPP Families First website:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/familiesfirst/>

**The Parent Network** - has continued to host the established CYPP Parent PlaNet event, which reaches the parents from different services and forums throughout the borough to network and be consulted on important local changes and initiatives. An event was held in December 2013 and was attended by over 60 participants. A conference report and evaluation is available on request.

A welfare reform event was also held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to raise awareness amongst Families First practitioners about the impact of recent changes to the welfare system. The event included presentations from Caerphilly County Borough Council's Housing Department and Want 2 Work.

The close links already established with families in the borough by the Families First projects are being utilised to raise awareness with the families who will be affected and to raise awareness of the resources and support available. In addition, a welfare reform awareness programme, which also includes debt counselling sessions delivered by the Citizens Advice Bureau, is being co-ordinated by Communities First, and is funded through the Families First programme until the end of March 2013. There is a focus on families, and the events can provide transport and child care if required. For further details on these events, please contact Rachael Clark - email: [clarkrl@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:clarkrl@caerphilly.gov.uk)

The Family Play Project launched Risky Play, Inclusive Play and Good Practice Toolkits in February 2013. For more information, please contact Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations on 01443 863540.

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**Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board**

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### **Future Developments for Local Safeguarding Children Boards**

The Board's work has been focused on achieving merger with the other Safeguarding Children Boards in South East Wales to form one South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB). A regional sub group structure has been established and membership has been agreed.

A development session with members of the new Board and sub groups took place in December and the following priority groups and priority areas of work were decided:

#### **Priority groups:**

- Adolescents who exhibit harmful behaviours
- Children and young people experiencing neglect
- Children and young people who are affected by parental alcohol and/or drug misuse, parental mental health issues and/or domestic abuse.

#### **Priority areas of work:**

1. Improving in the co-ordination and effectiveness of multi agency safeguarding children practice which in turn will lead to improved outcomes for children and young people
2. Embedding a continuous culture of learning from audit, review and training that is integral to the work of all agencies and leads to improvements in practice
3. Using evidence and performance management to inform the Board's work
4. Providing leadership and setting standards and holding each other to account
5. Identifying, responding and prioritising the needs of children, young people and families
6. Developing robust communication mechanisms.

Further development sessions will take place with members with the aim of developing a strategic plan for the Board.

Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board will hold its final meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> and from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 the South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board will be in place. A launch will be held to make everyone aware of the new arrangements. A new website is also currently being developed for the Board.

### **Regional Safeguarding Children Training**

All professionals and volunteers who are having contact with children and young people should have safeguarding children training. Level 1 training is a basic introduction to child abuse and neglect, level 2 develops this knowledge and also includes information about child protection processes and procedures and level 3 training is for professionals who are regularly involved in child protection processes and procedures.

The regional training plan for 2013-2014 is now available on the professionals section of the website.

If you have any queries regarding the above information please contact Zarah Newman, Board Co-ordinator on 01443 864798 or [newmaz@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:newmaz@caerphilly.gov.uk).

If you want to learn more about the Board and what it does, or access any of the leaflets, guidance produced by the Board, please visit - [www.caerphillysafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.caerphillysafeguarding.org.uk).