



## Appendix 1 Community Planning Quarterly Briefing January to March 2016

Welcome to this quarterly community planning briefing designed to give everyone involved with *Caerphilly Delivers - The Single Integrated Plan 2013-2017* an overview of progress on delivering the priorities of the five outcomes: Prosperous Caerphilly; Safer Caerphilly; Learning Caerphilly; Healthier Caerphilly and Greener Caerphilly. Information has been supplied by the officers coordinating delivery on the outcomes, so please feel free to get in touch directly with the named officers for further information.

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**New Futures Generations Commissioner for Wales** – Sophie Howe took up the helm on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 saying:

*For me, it's a uniquely exciting, and slightly daunting, opportunity. For Wales, and for the people and organisations who campaigned for legislation, it's another step towards creating a sustainable nation. This is a Wales in which we have a shared purpose to achieve a better and lasting quality of life for us all – the Wales we want. It's a Wales where we work completely differently so we all make better decisions, transform services, tackle root problems and use scarce public money to maximum effect. We have to do things differently because we cannot carry on the way we currently live and work. The impact on public services of a growing older population, the pressures of climate change as seen most recently with flooding in parts of Wales, and the ongoing austerity agenda are just three of many reasons for doing things differently.*

The well-being duty placed on the Welsh Government, local authorities, NHS organisations, fire and rescue authorities, national parks and other all Wales public bodies comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

<http://www.thewaleswewant.co.uk/blog/wales-we-want/wales%E2%80%99-first-future-generations-commissioner-takes-post>

Source: *The Wales we Want Press Release 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016*

**Shared Purpose: Shared Future** - the final statutory guidance under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has been published. The statutory guidance is designed to be a tool for public bodies subject to the well-being duty in

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the Act and collective duty via membership of the new public services boards. The package of guidance is split into 4 parts:

- 1 **Core Guidance** - containing guidance to public bodies and public service boards on key definitions, how to carry out sustainable development, understanding the well-being goals and applying the sustainable development principle
- 2 **Guidance on the individual role public bodies have** – helping public bodies set well-being objectives, publish a well-being statement, review well-being objectives and report on progress
- 3 **Guidance on the collective role through public services boards** - guidance for public services boards about the exercise of their functions, including preparation of an assessment of local well-being and a local well-being plan.
- 4 **Guidance for community councils on taking reasonable steps to contribute to the local well-being plan**

Link to guidance -

<http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en>

The new **Caerphilly Public Service Board** will be meeting for the first time on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016. For further information on the new Board please contact Alison Palmer (Community Planning Coordinator) on telephone: 01443 864409 or email: [palmea@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:palmea@caerphilly.gov.uk)

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***Prosperous Caerphilly Priority 1 Improve local employment opportunities including access to opportunities across a wider geographical area***

***Tourism*** - between April 2015 and December 2015 the number of tourists visiting the Council's Tourism Venues were nearly 9% above target with over half a million visitors being welcomed to Llancaiach Fawr, Cwmcarn Visitor Centre, Visit Caerphilly Centre and the Winding House Museum and Heritage Centre.

***Supporting local business*** - between April 2015 and December 2015, Business Enterprise Support have offered 46 grants to local companies and financially supported 16 new business start up. The offers of financial assistance has help create 64 new jobs and safeguarded 308 jobs.

***Prosperous Caerphilly Priority 2 Improve standards of housing and communities giving appropriate access to services across the County Borough & Priority 3 Provide support to enable local people to compete for all employment opportunities***

***Welfare Reforms Housing Response*** - the rules relating to housing benefit and size of household changed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 through the UK Government's spare room subsidy. Since this time, the Caerphilly borough has seen increased demand for smaller, one and two-bedroom properties. In 2013 and 2014, the Welsh Government made available £40 million additional Social Housing Grant under a scheme called the Smaller Properties Programme. This programme was aimed specifically at helping to alleviate the impact of the benefit changes. The Housing Strategy team submitted bids for funding under this programme, with the following resulting:

**Phase 1 funding of £1,583,095 approved** - for the delivery of 28, 1 and 2 bed homes on two sites in Trethomas and Cefn Fforest.

**Phase 2 funding of £1,565,828 secured** - for the delivery of a further 26, 1 and 2 bedroom homes in Central Caerphilly and Bargoed. The developments are delivered by partner housing associations - United Welsh and the Seren Group, with the allocation of the homes prioritised locally by Caerphilly County Borough Council's Housing Allocations and Advice team.

The housing developments are providing employment opportunities including apprenticeships, with Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Poole commenting:

*Caerphilly is committed to working in partnership with local housing associations to develop affordable, good quality housing for people within the county borough. I am particularly pleased to see the Associations commitment to local employment and training that is helping to create jobs for local people.*





**Caerphilly Churches Night Shelter** - is again operational within the Caerphilly borough opening for the winter months until 31 March 2016. In partnership with 11 churches across the borough, rough sleepers are offered a safe place to stay, with warm food and a friendly environment, with extensive support offered to those engaging in the scheme. All referred cases will be monitored and assessed by the Housing Advice Team to minimise risk and to ensure a variety of support needs are offered.

## Learning Caerphilly

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***Learning Caerphilly Priority 1 - Improve the level of basic skills and the number of achieved qualifications (formal and informal) to improve the life opportunities for families; Improve the level of basic skills and the number of achieved qualifications (formal and informal) to improve the life opportunities for families – and Learning Caerphilly Priority 3 Children, young people and families have the skills and resources to access job opportunities***

Families continue to benefit from a variety of language and literacy programmes funded by Families First, Communities First and Flying Start delivered through the Education and wider voluntary sector partnership/contracted teams. The new European Social Fund (ESF) funded projects are being coordinated across the Caerphilly borough by the Regeneration Employment Panel allowing access for individuals seeking support to train and gain employment. The greater synergy between Communities First, Families First and Flying Start programmes is demonstrating improved value for money and preventing duplication of provision.

During the last 6-months there has been a focus in Lansbury Park on educational matters, resulting in collaboration of funding to have Family Workers in: Flying Start, St James Primary School, and St Martins Comprehensive School - enabling intensive working with vulnerable families supporting the increase attendance and attainment of children and young people.

For Key Stage 2, data shows that in 2013 68.9% of Free School Meals (FSMs) pupils achieved the Core Subject Indicator (CSI), this increased to 71.4% in 2014. The achievement of non FSM pupils was 89.3% in 2013 and 90.4% in 2014. This highlights that Caerphilly narrowed the gap in performance by 1.4% over the period. For Key Stage 3, data shows that in 2013 52.1% of FSM pupils achieved the CSI, this increased to 57.9% in 2014. The achievement of non FSM pupils was 79.7% in 2013 and 82.3% in 2014. This highlights that Caerphilly narrowed the gap in performance by 3.2% over the period.

Flying Start is a child focussed, tackling poverty, intervention programme for 0-3 year olds delivered in 26 areas in 2015-16. The maximum number of 0-3 year olds targeted is 2,483 in 2015-16.

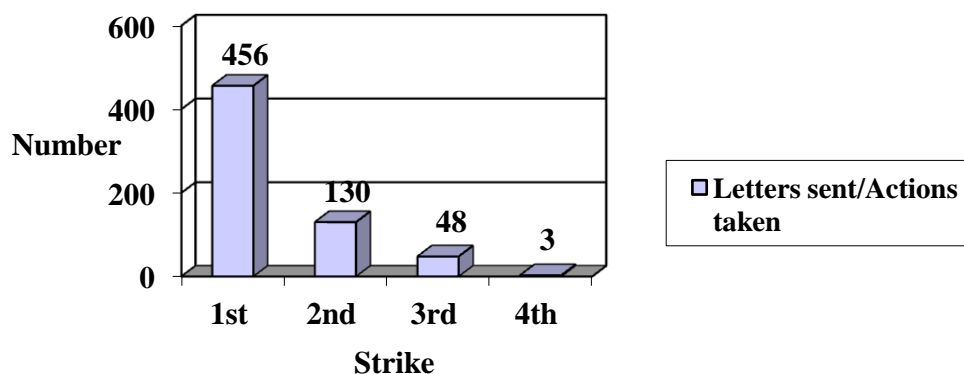
The Youth Engagement and Progression Coordinator is also working collaboratively with internal and external partners to assist young people who are at risk or currently Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) to secure work based learning opportunities.

**Safer Caerphilly (Natalie Kenny)**

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**Safer Caerphilly Anti-Social Behaviour 4 Strike Process** - the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This legislation introduced a range of new tools and powers to address anti-social behaviour. The well established Safer Caerphilly Anti-Social Behaviour 4 Strike Process used in the Caerphilly borough remains relatively unchanged, but has incorporated the changes brought about by the new Act. This is a multi agency process which seeks to address perpetrators of anti-social behaviour whilst also providing support to victims and witnesses. Throughout 2015 the following number of interventions to address anti-social behaviour took place:

**4 Strike Figures January - December 2015**



These figures illustrate the success of the first 3 strikes of the process (which include letters to the perpetrator, acceptable behavior contracts, mentoring



programmes and support from various agencies including Housing, Social Services, Education, Youth Services and Positive Futures) in deterring future anti-social behaviour. Under the previous legislation the Anti-Social Behaviour Order was utilised at the Strike 4 stage. However, under the new legislation the Civil Injunction is now used by Safer Caerphilly for individuals who fail to engage with the process or to moderate their behaviour. During January – December 2015 the partnership were successful in obtaining three Injunctions.

**Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Service** - the Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Services Manager 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.

Due to changes in funding circumstances, namely a reduction to the Welsh Government Youth Crime Prevention Fund this service will unfortunately cease to operate from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Victims will be able to contact the Victims Hub based at Blackwood Police Station for advice and support when experiencing anti-social behaviour.

**Partnership Communications** - the information provided below is on three current projects that the Safer Caerphilly partners are delivering on:

- **Project Bernie**

The Safer Caerphilly Fire Safety Action Team is preparing for *Project Bernie 2016*. 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 will be officially launched on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Morrison's store in Bargoed. The project will then run throughout the Easter holiday period in the Bargoed area of the Caerphilly borough with additional patrols taking place in the Caerphilly area. The project will include a number of youth activities at the Hangar in Aberbargoed and Firefighter for a day sessions will run at Aberbargoed Fire Station. All of the activities will focus on addressing the problem of deliberate grass fires.

- **Junior Community Safety Warden Scheme**

The Community Safety Wardens continue to deliver Junior Community Safety Warden Scheme sessions to all primary schools across the Caerphilly borough. The Community Safety Wardens inform the young people about anti-social behaviour issues such as littering and graffiti and promote general community safety messages.

If you would like more information on this scheme or would like to see a video of one of the sessions please visit the website below:

<https://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/saferccb/junior-wardens/junior-wardens>

- **Think – Social Media Harassment Campaign**

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Project recently launched an online safety campaign to coincide with Safer Internet Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016. A poster was developed and delivered to Pastoral Leads within all comprehensive schools, Caerphilly Youth Service and Caerphilly Libraries within the borough. The poster was also used on social media and received over 2,000 impressions during the first day. An information leaflet for parents is currently in development informing of the potential consequences of social media harassment.



If you would like any further information on the work of Safer Caerphilly please contact the Community Safety Team on: 01495 235350

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### ***Greener Caerphilly Priority G1 Improving local environmental quality***

#### **Groundwork Wales Tesco Carrier Bag Fund**

Groundwork Wales has entered a partnership with Tesco to administer the Tesco Local Community Scheme in Wales. The money raised from the 5-pence bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland will be used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

Projects that will receive the green light as a result of the funding will include building new pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens. The first funding round of the programme opened in October. Seven bids were submitted in Caerphilly with 3 going forward to decide which receives the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 grants.

Two officers have been appointed by Groundwork Wales to facilitate the process. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next three years.

## **Greener Caerphilly Priority G2 Reducing the causes of, and adapting to the effects of Climate Change**

### **Eco School Support**

Schools in the Caerphilly borough have received support from the Education for Sustainable Development Officer in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy (Eco School), Natural Resources Wales, Healthy Schools and Fairtrade Wales to help them progress through the Eco School programme and embed ESDGC and Eco Schools into the curriculum.

Schools have received training sessions on the following:

- Eco School Green flag training – to support schools working towards their first Eco School Green flag award or to support schools renewing their Green Flag award
- Eco School Platinum training – to support schools working towards their Eco School Platinum award (the 4<sup>th</sup> Green flag award)
- Eco School Topic Training – to support schools working on the different Eco School topic areas, showing them how to implement different actions, achieve a whole school approach and embed the actions into the curriculum. The topic training has been split into four sessions, covering two topic areas during each session.

69 schools (77%) have achieved Eco School Green Flag status to date, with 54 schools successfully renewing their Eco School Green Flag award in the past two years.

The training has helped to ensure that schools in the Caerphilly borough have moved through the Eco School programme and renewed their Green Flag award, instead of losing Eco School Green Flag status to drop back to being a Silver award Eco School.

## ***Greener Caerphilly Priority G3 Maximising the use of the environment for health benefits***

Street Games is a national initiative that supports local partners to deliver door step sport opportunities to young people living in disadvantaged communities. In the Caerphilly borough 14 door step sport sites have been established in Communities First areas, which provide young people with opportunities to keep physically active in the outdoor environment.

The programme has been supported by a Greener Caerphilly Small Fund grant to provide equipment for 11 sites to increase the use of the outdoor space and provide a variety of activities for young people to participate in. It includes initiatives such as the Friday night football session in St Cenydd and dodgeball



and dance at Ael y Bryn. It has also included events such as the 5km sponsored walk in aid of the Us Girls campaign.

The Us Girls campaign is an ambitious and bold programme to address the barriers that prevent disadvantaged girls and young women from playing more sport. It is led by Communities First in partnership with Creazione Caerphilly who also coordinates an US Girl's project throughout the borough. The walk was also sponsored by Santander UK who collected money in their Caerphilly branch during week leading up to the event.

The 5km walk took place at 11:00am Saturday morning from Creazione and headed over the mountain via Lon y Llyn Road and back down Castell Road upon returning to Creazione via Nantgarw Road. 23 girls completed the walk on Saturday, who are all currently engaged in our Us Girls hubs throughout Caerphilly.

## 50+ Positive Action (Mandy Sprague)

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**Dignity, Respect and Age Equality** - in promoting work around Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) 22,000 Bilingual Keeping safe DVDs were distributed in February with the support of the Welsh Government. If you would like to distribute some copies to potentially vulnerable or isolated adults please contact Mandy Sprague on telephone 01443 864277

**Caerphilly County Borough 50+ Forum** - the Forum have been campaigning for improvements to the process for renewing disabled parking permits, and are now working in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council Customer First team to share their experiences. For further information visit the Forum's website at: [www.caerphillyover50.co.uk](http://www.caerphillyover50.co.uk)

The Forum's Facebook page [Caerphilly Over 50 facebook page](#) is receiving a growing number of *likes* and regularly shares a range of posts both light hearted and useful.

The Forum's *Share A Smile* social event was a great success with the Forum getting a further 30 new members as a result.

The Forum are hosting the next Gwent 50+ Forums event where fora come together to share information and discuss which issues they can join forces on. The forum are actively supporting our new *Simon Says* cartoon campaigns through their Facebook page:

- The first campaign is designed to encourage pensioners to check if they are entitled to Pension Credit by Making the Call to the Pension Service and the
- Second campaign is on falls prevention, encouraging people to clear the clutter

The cartoons also feature on the Council's Bin trucks!

**Living Longer Ageing Well** – the phase 3 delivery plan is complete and has been endorsed by Caerphilly Local Service Board. The delivery plan includes the priority for the Caerphilly borough to become a Dementia Supportive Community: At the launch of the delivery plan the Winding House celebrated being the First Dementia Friendly Museum in Wales. The excellent children's dementia awareness book - *The Elephant who Forgot* written by the Parent Network was also launched. Copies can be bought by contacting the Parent Network .

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