

BLACKWOOD TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 15TH DECEMBER 2004

SUBJECT: ITEMS RAISED BY GROUP MEMBERS

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The following issues have been raised by individual Group members as areas of concern or requiring further consideration/discussion –

Mr Sharp (Resident Representative) - 'Regular periods of noise and disturbance from loud music, speeding traffic and anti social behaviour in Cliff Road and retail car parks and surrounding areas'.

Mr Organ (Resident Representative) -

- The gully/lane between Occasional Cards and Going Places is in an untidy and muddy condition
- At Woodbine Hill opposite the Little Theatre, the pavement has been dug away and the tarmac has not been replaced
- The Magistrates Court in William Street is continuing to cause problems with anti social behaviour, people drinking in the street - Mr Organ has also asked when the court will be relocated.
- Cars continue to turn right at the 'no right' turn near the Argos store.

Councillor Etheridge

- Update on the southern retail development e.g. timescales, potential developers
- Results of Officer visits to Asda - conclusion of their research etc
- Loss of trade from High Street especially southern end - views of traders
- Effect of Asda bus on High Street - should the bus stop and pick up on the High Street?

Councillor Dix and Councillor Gardiner

- Problem parking by disabled badge holders on the High Street, especially outside Wilkinsons
- Non badge holders parking in disabled bays
- Yellow lines and parking notices are worn away or missing throughout town making it difficult for traffic wardens to prosecute
- Blackwood has 10 car parks - how can we encourage drivers to use them instead of blocking the High Street and adjacent roads?
- Drinking in public places is still causing problems - how effective are the by laws?
- Continuing problems caused by boy racers

Officers and representatives from the Police will provide verbal responses at the meeting.

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