



Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee Meeting 27th July 2016

At their meeting on the 27th July 2016 the Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee (CCLS-C) undertook a one hour workshop, facilitated by the Corporate Policy Unit. Twenty Community Council representatives were present. The workshop was facilitated by Kath Peters (Corporate Policy Manager) and Paul Cooke (Senior Policy Officer).

The key aim of the meeting was to capture their views on a vision for Caerphilly County Borough for the future and to prioritise what the Panel feel the Public Services Board should focus on to create the Caerphilly WE want.

The session was introduced by a slide presentation by Kath Peters providing an overview of the Act and statutory guidance that came into force on the 1st April 2016 which places a number of legal duties on public bodies in Wales to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities.

The workshop examined 4 key questions:

1. What are the best things about the county borough and why?
2. What are the worst things about the county borough and why?
3. What do you want your Caerphilly to look like in 2040?
4. What issues should the Public Service Board solve first and why?

Summary of Key Discussion Findings

A number of key themes ran through the discussion. The following were seen as key priorities:

Key Priorities

- Jobs
- Good infrastructure – Integrated transport
- Improved health and well-being for residents
- Good schools & education
- Sustainable Communities

Other Priorities

- Equality of provision of services and funding
- Good green spaces

- Proper housing plan and planning
- Responsible communities – give back sense of belonging
- Renewable energy
- Adequate parking / Traffic management
- Good policing / visible

Full details of the discussions can be found in **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1

Question 1: What are the best things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
Green Spaces Safety Communities Volunteers Sense of Community Pride in your Place Community Centres/Facilities Leisure Facilities Parks Libraries Good Transport Links Good Road Transport Good Tourism Venues Good Tourism Events. Opportunities Good Primary Schools Close to Cardiff Good quality housing stock Youth Provision	Mental Health Exercise Well maintained Good policing..... Good involvement Volunteers	

Question 2: What are the worst things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<p>Traffic & Infrastructure } Effect on elderly Transport not joined up } people Poor planning / transport Small shops closing Street Scene poor – drain overflowing Ambience of neglected area – litter, dog mess Fly tipping – unable to access waste services at convenient times Congestion Pubs closing – Loss of social asset / facilities Empty shops & High Streets & Buildings No 24 hr A & E Lack of Welsh Education Loss of services due to budget constraints New people not integrating into communities Communications with Council Loss of children’s organisations Too much red tape Inequalities in funding – not enough funding for everything Difficulty getting doctor and dentist appointments</p>		

Question 3: What do you want YOUR Caerphilly to look like in 2040?

If you were to step out of a time machine in 25 years what would you like to be different and why? (Images of 1990's and now to show how much things can change in that timescale?)

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean • Better transport services • Good environment • Meaningful employment • Good place to live • Access to good quality education or apprenticeships • No coal mining! • Sustainable power generation – hydro (Severn estuary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local structure plan which is fit for purpose • Better quality housing • Better quality of living • Spend leisure time locally – at home?? • Retail outside of town centres • Increased online services 	

Question 4: Which issues should the Public Services Board solve first and why?

Which of the things you have just discussed do you think the Caerphilly Public Services Board should work on first? And why?

- Is there consensus on top three priorities?
- If not consensus, how about top 5?

What	Why	Total
<p>Top Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs • Good infrastructure – Integrated transport • Improved NHS – better health • Good schools & education • Sustainable Communities <p>Other Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality of provision of services and funding • Good green spaces • Proper housing plan and planning • Responsible communities – give back sense of belonging • Renewable energy • Adequate parking / Traffic management • Good policing / visible <p>*Protection of what we've got – e.g. Leisure Centres, libraries</p>		