

Special PSB 2 February 2017 - Summary of Business

This special meeting of the PSB was called to discuss ongoing issues in Pill and to consider the way forward in resolving them. The meeting was held at Pill Millennium Centre.

Pill ward members, Councillors Ali and Hyatt, were invited to the meeting.

Although this was not an open meeting a number of residents attended and addressed the PSB prior to the agenda being considered. They emphasised their concern that residents should be involved in decisions affecting the area. The Chair, Councillor Truman, assured them that the PSB is committed to engaging with local residents and that Pillgwenlly is a PSB priority.

Pill Action Plan

Chief Inspector Matthew Williams, Gwent Police reported on the Pill Area Focus Plan which has been developed following discussion at the last PSB. Key performance indicators in the plan are to:-

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by area
- Improve public confidence in police and partners tackling issues in the local area
- Develop a well-connected and engaged approach to area development

The Pill Action Plan brings together a range of key partners and details objectives, action, outcomes and success measures relating to:

- infrastructure and environment (lead organisations: NCC & GAVO)
- prevention (lead organisations: NCC – YOS, Youth Service)
- education (lead organisations: NCC Education, Youth Service)
- intervention (lead organisations: Gwent Police, NCC YOS)
- ongoing transformation (lead organisations: Newport City Homes, NCC Regeneration, Investment & Housing)

(The plan is part of the PSB's Safe and Cohesive Theme within the partnership's Single Integrated Plan.)

It was noted that the presence of statutory agencies has increased significantly in the area and this has been important for residents. The ward members felt that the picture is an improving one.

The Board appreciated that a significant amount of development work has been done but recognised that much more focus is needed on medium and long term objectives for the area. Whilst enforcement by the Police is very necessary in dealing with anti-social issues, the PSB wants to see more investment and the needs of the community being met in the longer term, including community wellbeing and regeneration of the area. The need to publicise the positive stories about Pill and to improve communication and engagement with all parts of the community was highlighted.

Developing the Vision for Pillgwenlly

The PSB recognised that the community needs to develop its own vision for the area. Opportunities for moving this forward include the new Pill Residents Board with over 700 members and Building Communities Trust who are becoming active in Pill with potential to develop an Invest Local Project.

Understanding the Area

To provide context for understanding the area better the PSB were given the [draft Pill Community Well-being Profile](#), a Pill project report produced by Terry Price of SEWREC and Bleddyn Jones of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, and the outcomes of residents surveys which identify some of their key concerns.

Agreed Actions:

1. Pillgwenlly is a priority for all Partners
2. Develop a vision for Pill through community involvement.
3. Note and support the progress of the Safe and Cohesive theme action plan, and leads within each partner organisation.
4. Develop a medium to long term plan for Economy and Skills, and Health and Wellbeing themes, as part of the Single Integrated Plan (SIP).
5. Coordinate all partner activity in Pillgwenlly through this approach.
6. Report progress through the SIP to the PSB.
7. Ensure ongoing communication and engagement, with the press and local communities.
8. Develop a sustainable approach as part of the PSB Wellbeing Plan.
9. A meeting with the Pill community (and the BCT) to be arranged as soon as possible the outcome of that meeting to be considered for forward planning.
- 10 A co-ordinated press release on progress made from this meeting.

(Carl Sargeant AM, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children telephoned into the conclusion of the meeting. He gave his and his team's ongoing commitment and support to the PSB's work in Pill. In response to a request for possible funding he would examine the Business Plan when available.)

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The PSB is adopting the principles of the WFG Act in its work in Pill i.e.: long term; prevention; integration; collaboration; involvement. It has the potential to be a model of good practice that could be applied across Newport, greater Gwent and through Welsh Government.