

Minutes of the Tyisha Residents and Tenants Association
Meeting held at St Barnabas Hall
Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 6:45pm

Attendees

Rhiannon Griffiths	Vice Chair
Margaret Abraham	Vice Chair
Colette Harris	Secretary
Peter Griffiths	Treasurer
Terry Davies	Resident
Kevin Skivington	Resident
Liz Maliphant	Resident
Ann Thompson	Resident
Esther Robson	Resident
P Zaidia	Resident
M Freeman	Resident
J Freeman	Resident
V B Marsh	Resident
C Whitley	Resident
Eurona Morgan	Resident
M H Jones	Resident
S Richards	Resident
J K Thomas	Resident
Ivy Thomas	Resident
M Davies	Resident
M Kubit	Resident
P Hobbs	Resident
P Sampson	Resident
B Davies	Resident
Betty Myhill	Resident
M Thomas	Resident
Deborah Pearce	5 Ty's Tenants Assoc
Martin Morris	County Councillor
Keri Thomas	County Councillor
John Roberts	Town Councillor
Karlis Ozolins	Carmarthenshire Connect
Lian Rusher	CYCA
Marusia Evans	Foothold
PC Tony Thomas	Dyfed Powys Police
PCSO John Hill	Dyfed Powys Police
Mal Heath	Community Safety, Carms County Council
Vicki Smith	Communities First

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from May Howells, Lilian Evans, Margaret Skinner, Linda Kemp, Daniel Snaith, John Collard, and Karen Chetcuti.

2. Welcome and Introduction

Rhiannon Griffiths chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

3. Internet Safety

Karlis Ozolins, from Carmarthenshire Connect, gave a presentation on how to keep ourselves and our children safe when using the internet.

He mentioned:

- social networking
- instant messaging
- online shopping etc,

and told us how to guard against:

- identity fraud
- viruses
- online predators
- inappropriate material for children and youths.

He showed two very powerful videos of the impact on youths and children of not being safe online, and how to combat this.

He told us about how children can report problems/abuse through the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), which should have a '**report abuse**' button on most websites

Useful information can be found at: www.ceop.gov.uk and www.thinkuknow.co.uk

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record, except that in item 8, Bigyn Park Terrace has 'narrow pavements', not 'no pavements'.

5. Matters Arising

Bws Bach/Dial a Ride service

The secretary reported that Dial a ride/Bws Bach can be booked to go to Trostre. It has to be booked on tel: **0845 634 0661**, phoning between 9:30am to 12pm, Monday to Friday, up to the day before travel

Martin Morris said he understood that the smaller bus is coming back on this service.

Home Bargains Licence Application

A letter has been written on behalf of the residents objecting to Home Bargains' application to sell alcohol. No response has been received at present.

6. Social Evening Thank You and Feedback

Peter Griffiths thanked all those who helped with the social evening on March 26th, ie serving, cooking, and donating. He also thanked everyone for buying raffle tickets – funds go towards running the group, eg hall hire, food, tea and coffee, stationery etc.

Thanks were also expressed to the town and county councillors for their regular attendance and help.

7. Future of Lakefield and Copperworks Schools

Vanessa Marsh reported on a public meeting she and several other Tyisha residents had attended in Seaside, regarding the **possible** closure of Lakefield and Copperworks Schools, and the **possible** construction of a new primary school on Crown Park, Llanelli. There had been opposition at that meeting to both the closure of the schools and the site for the proposed new school. Crown Park is the only green site/park in Seaside. Many residents cannot see why the schools need to close.

Both councillors Martin Morris and Keri Thomas reported their view that this is not a definite decision, several possible sites are being looked at, and nothing will be done without the consent of local residents.

Residents felt that the consultation process appears to be unclear, and that even senior staff at the schools are unsure what stage the decision-making process is at.

Cllr Keri Thomas suggested that the residents group contact the Director of Education to ask for information as to what is being planned.

8. Any Other Business

Sports Champion

Vicki Smith from Communities First introduced Lian, the new local 'sports champion', based at CYCA. She will be helping to organise sports/activity events in Glanymor and Tyisha, eg yoga, walking, dancing, bowls. We were invited to pass any ideas for activities to her.

Under-age drinking

Some residents said they had seen alcohol being sold to under-age youths. PCSO John Hill reported that this is under investigation, and test purchasing is going to be done in cooperation with Trading Standards. PC Tony Thomas said it is difficult to prevent adults buying on behalf of youths.

Residents were asked to inform the police on tel: **0845 330 2000** when they see under-age drinking etc.

Car parking/vandalism

A resident reported that cars are parking on both sides of Ann Street, a very narrow road, and sometimes on double yellow lines. PC Tony Thomas said that he would look into this, but that double yellow lines are the responsibility of the council.

Some instances of car vandalism were reported. PC Tony Thomas encouraged us to report incidents to the police. He reassured us that crime levels in Llanelli are going down.

Community Noticeboard

It was suggested to try and find a site for a community noticeboard for Tyisha, perhaps outside St Barnabas Hall, or on Maes y Gors. **Action: Committee to look into this**

Dog fouling/bins

A resident complained about persistent dog fouling, and lack of bins for dog mess. **Action: Take to Environment and Regeneration Action Group, and speak to Streetscene.**

Bingo night

This will take place immediately after the meeting on May 28th. There will be tea/coffee/cakes served for a small charge. Residents were asked to let the committee know if they could make cakes for the night.

PCSO John Hill will be being filmed on the night by a TV company.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

The next meeting will be **Wednesday May 28th at 6:45pm, in St Barnabas Hall**