

# ST NICHOLAS AND BONVILSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## BONVILSTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT SUMMARY REPORT

10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 6pm -8pm

### BACKGROUND

The aim of the Community Consultation Event was to gather issues of importance and suggestions for improvements from Bonvilston residents to inform the St Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council's development plan. The Community Council employed Rod Howells (an independent professional facilitator) to design and run the event in a way that allowed an open discussion and maximised the sharing and capture of residents' ideas and concerns. This report presents the key points made at the meeting and highlights the main areas of focus as set out by the meeting attendees. An identical event was also held with the residents of St Nicholas on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A separate report summarises the results of that meeting.

### DETAILS OF THE MEETING

The meeting took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 6-8pm in Bonvilston Reading Rooms. Over 30 residents attended (a full list of attendees can be found on the attendance sheet). An interactive, friendly and engaging was adopted for the meeting. The agenda is set out below.

6.00pm Welcome & Introductions

Warm-Up activity: Bonvilston **FACT HUNT!**

6.20pm Aim of the session and background: Themes arising from mini-survey

6.30pm Structured Group Discussions/Ideas Generation

*"How can we make Bonvilston even better?"*

Share and group ideas into themes

Identify preferences

7.20pm Share key ideas with the room

7.45pm Next steps

8.00pm Close

The session started with a warm-up activity which gave residents the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other prior to the discussion. The attendees were then split into tables of 5-6 people and Rod Howells led the group through the results of a mini survey carried out in January 2018. This acted as a stimulus for discussion and a starting point for the sharing of ideas and issues. All attendees were asked to discuss and write down their main points on post-it notes so they could be recorded. Each table shared their ideas and grouped them into key themes. They then prioritised their ideas into "easy to do" and/or "high impact" ideas. The key points of discussion from each table were shared with the room for further discussion. This report summarises the discussions and captures all ideas submitted on the post-it notes.

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION & POST-IT NOTE RECORD

### DISCUSSION SUMMARY

A good discussion was had by the group and there was a strong consensus for improving the village by looking to factors influencing traffic through the village. A common priority item was the desire to reduce the speed of traffic through the village to 30mph. Suggestions included: road markings, more clearly denoting the start of the village and a speed camera. Parking in Maes Y Ffnon was also raised as a concern.

Other desired priority areas included widening/clearing the pavements and looking at reviewing the community communication methods to ensure all residents were aware of village activities. There we also a desire to increase community activities and actively engage new residents in community events.

### POST IT NOTE RECORD

Listed below in full are all the post-it notes suggestions and comments.

#### Priority Areas Noted

- Traffic/speed/calming
- Pavements widen & pavement quality
- Parking issues - Maes y Ffnon
- Engaging and welcoming new residents

#### Biggest Impact

- Road Markings – narrowed to slow traffic
- Reduce road to slow traffic
- Reduce speed limit to 30mph
- Footpaths not wide enough

#### Easy to Do

- Improve pavements – cut hedges, repairs and clear mud and debris
- Communication – capture emails – newsletter
- 30mph speed limit
- TLC for tree at Redway A48 junction

#### Big Impact/Easy to Do

- Speed Camera
- Better Transport

#### Easiest to Do

- Drain in Old Forge never cleaned
- Bus Stop at entrance to Old Forge – people waiting at 4pm

#### Priorities

- Reducing speed limit including: Speed Camera, Narrow Road, Wider pavements
- More indoor and outdoor activities for both old and young: playing facilities for children, book clubs, gardening etc. More use of pub!

- Improved communication: newsletter etc.

#### Post It Notes

- Traffic – 30mph two votes
  - Control of speed through village
  - Clear designation of entrance to village
  - Traffic speed reduced to 30mph
  - Footpaths
  - What plans are there to welcome the new residents? Easy to do 1 vote/Most impactful
  - More bins in the village – one vote – most impact
  - Widen the pavements – currently unsafe
  - Pavements
  - Pavement widening
  - Road/pavement surface quality – two votes most impact
  - More consideration of the How? – the process is very important
  - Better communication
  - 2 way communication
  - Play area needs someone to arrange things
  - Children’s play area - Most impact
  - Over development
  - Parking issues in Maes-y-Ffynnon – One vote easy to do/one vote biggest impact
  - Slow down traffic – 30mph
  - Safety and reducing noise
  - Parking village shop
  - No more houses
  - Cap volume of existing traffic
  - Preservation of wildlife/conservation
  - Stop parking issues escalate
  - Reduce proposed housing development – 120 properties
  - Like the idea of a crossing outside the shop!
  - Slow down in development of houses – no more houses one impact vote
  - Speed reduced to 30 mphs – (voting: 2 easy to do votes)
  - Play area – Maes y Ffynnon
  - Greater Community Engagement
  - Slow down traffic 30mph – (voting: 3 biggest impact votes and one easy to do vote)
  - Reduce proposed housing development – (voting: one easy to do vote)
  - Greater community engagement – sharing of ideas
  - Quiet tarmac on road
  - Over grown pavements from village shop westward
  - Village green – centre to community activity
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- Impact Speed Camera
  - 30 mph
  - No parking on A48 by village shop
  - Connectivity
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- Making entrances to village more noticeable i.e. so you know you’re in a built up area
  - Speed camera (voting: impact vote)
  - 30mph – (voting: three impact votes)
  - Traffic calming measures

- TLC – tree at turn off to Warren Mill – (voting: One easy to do vote)
- Connectivity – (voting: one big impact vote)
- Improve broadband
- Communication – capture emails and newsletter
- Crossing at shop
- Lorry- bus- cars parking at shop
- No parking on the A48 by Village Shop
- Public footpath better maintained
- Improve footpaths
- Regular litter picking sessions
- Hedgerows cut back and pavements cleared
- Improve pavements – surface
- Pavements along A48 to be repaired and cleared of overhanging hedges and mud (one easy to do vote)
- Proposed play area proximity to road where the end of MYF would be far more appropriate
- Broadband – BT have the monopoly on Fibre to the premises – not good enough (speeds etc)
- Play area – inappropriate location adjacent to A48
- Speed limit reduced to 30mph (voting: one vote)
- Drain into Old Forge never cleaned (voting: one easy to do vote)
- Bus shop – people park in the Old Forge entrance to drop off and pick up children (one vote)
- Road markings (voting: one easy to do vote)
  - Narrow the road
- Junctions need to be signposted
- Double white lines
- Bonvilston Website – email me!
- A help a neighbour scheme to encourage others to get to know each other – cross generational
- Communication
- Lorries, cars, tractors etc, on pavements rendering them impassable.
- Parking need for Maes-Y-Ffynnon
- Traffic speed, traffic noise
- Traffic air and noise pollution
- Road surface to reduce noise
- Cash machine
- Speed limit sign appears above St Nicholas sign but not above Bonvilston sign
- Better, cheaper transport links (Greenways?) (three votes – 1 biggest impact two easy to do.)
- Speed limit 30mph
- Speed Camera to enforce speed limit (Voting: two easy to do votes)
- Make it safe for my children to play out – traffic speed/volume
- Speed camera
- Permanent speed camera – (Voting: One easy to do and 2 biggest impact votes)
- Move the proposed play are from the A48 to Maes-Y-Ffynnon
- Wider pavements on the A48
- Traffic calming measures
- Better maintenance of the pavements and footpaths including extending pavement to Cowbridge
- Pedestrian crossing by shop
- A Bonvilston Intranet
- Village Community Association
- Village Newsletter
- To be able to walk to Cowbrige on a footpath (biggest impact)
- Traffic calming measures (biggest impact)
- Pavements – hedge trimming/clearing ground to widen access

- Some re-surfacing needed e.g. from church to reading room on south side
- Bonvilston Intranet (one vote)
- Newsletter – include activities (if open to the public) e.g. classes/groups and expressions of interest in starting these (easy to do vote)
- Crossing by shop (biggest impact)
- A village community association
- Reduce speed limit to 30mph (speed camera!)
- Use pub more to ensure its survival (three easy to do votes)
- Improve village communications – e.g. Newsletter with range of contributors
- Resurface road to reduce noise
- Pedestrian crossing at shop/hall
- Playing field (suitable for child and adult activities)
- Fixed speed camera (three biggest impact votes)
- Drop speed limit
- Narrow road through village to calm and slow traffic
- Gardening club (two easy to do votes)
- Walking club
- Reading group/library/book club

## NEXT STEPS

The next steps are for the Community Council to review this summary report and use it to help inform their development plan for the next 12 months and beyond.

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