



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CRIME AND DISORDER POLICY

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Principles

Crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour all have a negative impact upon the wellbeing and quality of life of a local community. As well as the direct costs of crime experienced by its victims, fear of crime contributes to social exclusion, particularly for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, women and people from minority backgrounds. Crime also threatens economic growth and prosperity.

Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Llanharan Community Council has a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and



disorder in its area, and to do all that it reasonably can to reduce these problems. As part of that process the Council will fully engage with all applicable bodies to:

- Reduce and detect crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime and reassure people
- Strengthen community involvement

In exercising those functions, the Council will seek to act in co-operation with the relevant local bodies, including:

- South Wales Police
- RCTCBC
- Cwm Taf Community Safety Partnership
- Local education, health and other services
- Local charitable and community organisations as appropriate.

The Council will aim to fulfil its statutory duty in the following ways:

Lobbying and Representation

a. Planning

The Council shall fulfil its role as a statutory planning consultee in considering and commenting upon planning applications and having regard to the crime and disorder implications of the development. The Council will seek to support principles of design known to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur by assessing a range of aspects of development including orientation and frontages, natural surveillance, access and movement, cycleways and footpaths, lighting and landscaping.

b. Local Liaison

The Council will seek monthly reports from South Wales Police, will engage with their crime reduction priorities and seek to promote community engagement initiatives on crime and disorder with residents.

c. Neighbourhood Watch

The Council will be open to approaches for support from Neighbourhood Watch schemes in its area.

d. Traffic Calming Measures

The Council recognises the importance of road safety and will seek to support local residents who have concerns about speeding traffic in their neighbourhoods by making representations to the Highways Authority.



Direct Measures

The Council will undertake the following specific measures:

a. CCTV at Council Premises

The Council shall operate security systems at its premises including:

- Llanharan Community Council Office
- Bryncae Community Centre

b. Events

The Council organises a programme of events each year. With this comes a responsibility to assess the risks of holding the event and one aspect of this risk assessment is the safety of attendees in respect of criminal activity, anti-social behaviour and terrorist incidents. The emergency services, including police, fire and ambulance, shall be informed of the Council's major community events and advice sought in terms of public and event safety prior to each event. Professional security staff shall be in attendance at major community events to maintain public safety.

Community Engagement

a. Promoting Police Engagement

The Council shall promote community engagement by the Police so that local people have an opportunity to express their comments and concerns directly to the Police.

b. Social Media

Within the resources it has available, the Council shall seek to share information and alerts via its social media platforms about community safety and contacting the Police.

Review

The Council will, where appropriate, represent the views of its community and ensure that local crime reduction strategies represent those views. The three stages identified above provide a clear overview of the ways in which the Council will seek to fulfil its responsibilities with respect to crime and disorder through its work and decision-making. As an integral part of this policy the Council will continually review the ways in which it carries out its various functions and duties to ensure crime and disorder reduction in Llanharan and Brynna.

This is a non-contractual policy which will be reviewed from time to time.