**Bargoed Town Council Report**

**Wednesday 12th January 2022**

**Town Centre ASB**

It was disappointing to see the reports prior to Christmas in relation to the damage caused to the plant pots on the Town Centre. Members of the Caerphilly North Team linked in with Cllr Price at the time to discuss. The team followed up the CCTV and witness enquiries but have been unable to identify the names of those responsible. There have been no further reports of damage, but it remains on our Patrol Plan. The opening of the Public Toilets has also been added to this so the team will patrol this area as well as historically this has been an area of damage and ASB.

Whilst at the two previous Town Council meetings we provided positive updates in relation to Morrison Store, we have unfortunately seen a spike of calls to this location over the past two weeks. Calls have involved both youth disorder in the store and a return of vehicles congregating in the car park.

In response to this we met with the store Manager Karl Money on Friday (6th Jan) to review the incidents collectively. A staff member was assaulted during one of the incidents on the 23rd December and we have identified the youth responsible for this and the police investigation is ongoing.

Two additional youths have been identified for the disorder and have received ASB Referrals which are now being processed.

The Action Plan agreed in May to combat the issues of anti- social driving at the location was reviewed at this meeting and we are now actioning some additional measures in relation to security and ensuring the barriers at Morrisons are locked after store closing.

There is a further meeting planned at the end of the month to review the progress.

Following an issue at the start of this month with young persons in Fairview knocking and kicking doors, Bargoed Community Support Officers attended Blackwood comprehensive and were able to identify the persons involved, our CSO’s then attended 4 addresses and issued ASB Referrals to all those involved.

On a further positive note the *Emporium Bargoed* was boarded up in December and calls to this location have now reduced.

**Off Road Bikes and Environmental updates**

Bargoed CSO’s attended 3 addresses in Aberbargoed and Britannia in response to reports of Illegal use of off-road bikes.  CSO’s were able to locate one male riding the off-road bike and the bike was seized.

Housing Dept at CCBC were also notified in relation to the illegal use of these bikes and they have also contacted the families involved.

Our CSO’s are also linking in with residents in the Aberbargoed to identify those responsible for use of off-road bikes in this area.

In December, the CSO’s at Bargoed were also instrumental in seizing two vehicles from a male who had been driving without a licence.

In January, Bargoed CSO’s responded to a report of Fly tipping on the Common Road, an envelope with an address was located and subsequently visited and the occupant provided details of a male she had paid to remove it. Information and images have now been passed to Environmental Health and the cleansing team removed it within 24hrs.

**Crimes to note**

On Monday 10th January we responded to a theft from Iceland whereby a male stole a quantity of meat and ran off threatening a member of staff who had challenged him. CCTV opportunities have been limited due to makes face being concealed.

On Tuesday 11th January we responded to a burglary at The Card Factory on the High Street. Windows had been smashed at the rear of the store and entry gained and property stolen, this is the 2nd attack on this store in a short period of time and Gwent Police *We Don’t Buy Crime* Team have visited the premises to assist with target hardening and crime prevention advice whilst officers at Bargoed Station continue to investigate the CCTV and forensic opportunities.

They are isolated incidents on the Town at this time, but all staff are aware and will continue to monitor this. Retail theft in Bargoed Town Centre overall remains low.

Finally, please see attached the dates for our forthcoming Police Surgeries.

Thank you

**Caerphilly North Neighbourhood Policing Team**