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Caerphilly Jobs Fair 22nd September 2016

Background and purpose of the event

The Jobs Fair, organised by Caerphilly Job Centre in partnership with local councils was held to give jobseekers the chance to speak directly to local employers about full and part-time vacancies and volunteering. The jobs fairs are always very popular, and draw in a large number of local people.

The main theme for this event at the Caerphilly Job Centre was volunteering, which looked to highlight the volunteering opportunities within the Caerphilly county borough.

Method

At the event, 51 adults completed a short Well-being of Future Generations survey to give their views on the future of Caerphilly, and to describe the Caerphilly They Want in 2040. The consultation session was run by Tracy Evans (Policy Officer).

The survey was split into four questions which asked

- What is the best thing about where you live and why?
- What is the worst thing about where you live and why?
- What do YOU want your community to look like in 2040?
- Which issues should Public Services solve first to create the Caerphilly YOU want in 2040?

Summary of Key Findings

A number of key themes came out from the completed survey. The following were seen as some of the key areas:

Crime

- Reduce the level of crime in local areas (small villages and town centres)
- Too many youngsters smoking drugs
- Would like to feel same at home. To afraid to go out in the evenings
- More police surveillance

Transport

- Improve public transport – doesn't cater for people on shift work
- More parking facilities

- Traffic free town centres
- It is important to have safe and quiet cycle paths and footpaths

Young people

- More facilities, activities and opportunities needed for young people
- We need more after school activities and clubs
- The parks should have areas for different ages (0-4 and 4 to 8 and 8+ etc.).

Facilities

- Improve interactive access/ facilities
- We have some lovely parks in the county borough, but the parks need more facilities for children, and play areas for different age children
- We need more shops (independent shops, less chains)
- We need more pubs, restaurants and cafes (Independent outlets, less chains)
- We need more evening classes/ facilities for adult learning

Community

- We need more up-to-date community centres and we need to use the ones we have.
- People like small, happy, safe communities
- Friendship and being close to friends is important.
- Community spirit is important to people.
- Lots of noise from young people, animals and neighbours in the area they live is a big issue.

Environment

- We need more parks and better facilities within the parks
- There is too much dog fouling in the local area, in the parks and playing fields
- There is a big issue with litter in the local environment and a lack of respect from the people who drop it
- People want safe places to live and play

Full details of the workshop can be found in **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1

Question 1: What are the best things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet, peaceful • Safe environment • Good access to countryside and the coast • Friendly people with good community spirit • Caerphilly castle and wildlife • Good community, promotes sport • Good local facilities • Countryside • Access to the A470/ M4 • The Taff Trail • Close to the train station • Nice community • Close to local facilities • Caerphilly mountain • Close to Cardiff and Swansea • Walking paths • Local community groups • Good local health facilities • Area is out of the way – not in the main part of town • Local shops • Work close to where I live – perfect for commuting • Good schools in walking distance • Caerphilly cheese • Tourism and the impact it has on the local economy 	Not much crime compared to some areas	22 30 15 12	
			9 7 20 7
			6 4 13 20
		Plenty of shops	16 6 3 7
			7 2 3
		Support available	9 1 3 1 4

Question 2: What are the worst things about the county borough and why?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transport – lack of Lack of employment opportunities Traditional community centres Shops and pubs closing 	<p>No public transport in the morning – causes problems with shift work</p> <p>Gives a bleak impression of area</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9</p> <p>3</p> <p>12</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime Inadequate parking Noisy traffic/ pollution Not enough youth clubs, adult classes 		<p>32</p> <p>18</p> <p>20</p> <p>12</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't feel safe at night Lack of activities and events Mobile phone reception Traffic congestion 	Due to crime levels	<p>15</p> <p>12</p> <p>1</p> <p>21</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDP – in awarding green field sites instead of utilising brownfield sites Neighbours Council Traffic speed 		<p>2</p> <p>9</p> <p>1</p> <p>15</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter Drugs Lonely – no activities to meet people in the area 	<p>Too many young people on drugs</p> <p>Need activities for adults</p>	<p>14</p> <p>24</p> <p>3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too much public transport Graffiti and rubbish issues Crossing facilities on big roundabouts No community centre 	Due to speeding cars	<p>3</p> <p>5</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor IT connections Too many pubs Cars parking in the lanes Lack of investment in infrastructure 		<p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>5</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town centres are going down hill 	Improve public transport/ facilities/ parking etc.	6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much traffic – people parking on the pavements • Not enough youth clubs or after school clubs • Post offices have closed 		6
		7
		2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless – so sleeping on park benches and friends and family settee's 		1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people in my area 	I put up with verbal and physical abuse	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smell 	I live by a farm	1

Question 3: What do you want YOUR Caerphilly to look like in 2040?

What would you like your community to be like in 25 years when you're an adult?

What	Why	Nos. in agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better public transport 		16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean – no rubbish 		7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving small businesses and shops 		12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean happy environment 		20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less crime – crime free 		19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain green spaces 		10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent policing with a view to security. More drug re-enforcement 		18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for after school activities for young people 		13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities involving young people 		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be safe and secure 		18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More activities 		15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shops 		19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road improvements to include cycle/ bus lanes 		7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of empty commercial properties in the centre of Caerphilly 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More interconnected with on-line tools 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More recycling facilities 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greener 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less pollution 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More jobs 	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for local businesses 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peaceful 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mono rail and car free zones 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space for working/ cycling 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good transport links 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better health/ well being services 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More child friendly 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better parking facilities 	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More diversified shops 	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving community for everyone 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More support or the elderly 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small community 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hour hospital service 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter free 	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good public services 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More clothes shops 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No homeless people 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More community based projects – more facilities for parents and children 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Christmas decorations 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer roads – to many cars speeding in housing estates 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better parks 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the mountains green, clean and tidy 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog bins – signs to accompany these – more action against people who don't pick up after their dog 	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'd like it to stay the same – quiet and small 		1
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Question 4: What do you think are the key issues that need action and which you would prioritise?

<p align="center">What do YOU think are the key issues that need action and which would you prioritise?</p>
<p align="center">Key Issues</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street Cleaning – sort out litter problems – issues with dog fouling 2. Transport Issues - Enforce no parking on the pavements. Provide adequate parking – especially for big events. Sort out traffic problems in town centres. Sort out speed issues in local towns and villages. Traffic free town centres. 3. Improve public transport - to encourage more people to use it. Ensure that buses go to all areas and run early in the morning to late in the evening, for shift work 4. More police surveillance – cut down on youngsters smoking drugs 5. Maintain social services 6. Maintain roads/ pavements/ street lighting – provide access for disabled persons to buildings 7. Tackle the crime issues - Safety in the area – more police & promote what they are doing 8. Revised LDP 9. Better interactive access to public bodies 10. Prioritise spending – cut down on fireworks, improve services 11. Activities for young people/ adults 12. Support local businesses 13. Green spaces 14. Focus on the issues in the deprived areas 15. Homelessness