

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 12th April 2021 online by Zoom

Present: 26 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke,

1. Rob Morris as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. There were a number of apologies including; Kerry Leslie, Rev Catherine Grylls, Stacey Witcomb, Gary Wicker and Rob Tilling

David Broome, planning applicant re 1256-1258 Pershore Road attended the meeting. He said that he had owned the site for around 15 years and listened to residents' concerns. He agreed to give his contact details to the Forum and to the nearest neighbour so that he can be contacted in the event of problems.

Rob Morris thanked him for attending and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting. He then left the meeting due to a difficult internet connection.

3. Minutes of meeting 8th March 2021

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 8th February

There were no matters arising not appearing later in the meeting

5. Police Update

Rob Morris introduced PCSO Paul Blackford and warmly welcomed him to the meeting.

PCSO Blackford gave an update on crime figures up to 10th April which included 10 burglaries and some vehicle crime, including the theft of catalytic converters.

He said that there had been an increase in crimes affecting garden sheds and allotments elsewhere in the City.

The issue of speed checks was raised. He said that it was hoped that Community Speed Checks could be reintroduced after June.

The issue of e-scooters was raised.

Rob Morris thanked him for attending. He then left the meeting.

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper as Planning Officer updated applications from the December meeting;

1256-1258 Pershore Road (corner Twynning Road) - Approved.

See item above.

2020/09122/PA Land at Hunts Road/Ripple Road (rear of Seven Capital site)
Application for 87 dwellings, matters reserved, except for access. Referred to as West Side
Mews.

Cd 14/1/2021

Goes before the Planning Committee on 15th April.

CIL payment £665,608

2020/10026/PA SBP Building Products Ltd, 1510-1518 Pershore Road
Demolition of existing building (former chapel) and erection of a new warehouse with
mezzanine floor

Approved.

SBP Plastics will be working up detailed plans in due course

2021/00505/PA 1224 Pershore Road. Single storey rear extension

Approved

23 Hudson's Drive

At request of neighbouring residents the forum submitted comments and asked that the
application should be rejected.

Application not approved.

New Applications

There are a number of new applications for domestic ground floor and first floor extensions

Licensing applications

Attic Brewery (former Stirchley Tap)

Eat Vietnamese

7. Networking

Pioneer Places meeting attended by Rob Morris, Sandra Cooper, Laura Creaven and others.
Stirchley will featured at the next meeting.

High Street Fund

Awaiting report from meeting with High Street consultant

Stirchley Together

Items have been purchased and system put in place for distribution.

Funding associated with the Commonwealth Games

Cllr Locke mentioned that funding associated with Commonwealth Games will soon become available. This has been allocated for spending in Stirchley Ward (some £14,300) with 2 funding application deadlines this year.

It was agreed that consideration should be given to what can be done and who can do it? Applications will be considered by people attending Cllr Locke's Ward Forum meetings. It was agreed that the link to further information would be sent through a Forum Newsletter.

Stirchley Community Festival

The date for the heritage part of the Festival will be Saturday 18th September.

It is anticipated that there will be a number of events (not necessarily heritage related) across the Ward.

Church of the Ascension

Rev Grylls enquired if there was a need to open the Church for private prayer due to the news of the death of Duke of Edinburgh. It was generally felt that this probably would not be an issue.

Karen Cheney said that the Baths would be opening for pre-booked children's activities from 19th April.

Cllr Locke said that it would then be possible to borrow equipment, eg for litter picking.

Karen Cheney said that the Neighbourhood Network Scheme in relation to over 50s would carry on for at least another year, and possibly longer.

She also mentioned that Local Heart Awards had been made to Stirchley residents.

Cllr Locke mentioned that the City is proposing a number of Gardens of Remembrance in relation to COVID.

9. Any other business

Sandra Cooper, in her capacity of City COVID Champion, urged people to carry out home COVID tests twice a week. Test kits could be obtained free of charge from the testing centre at the rear of Lifford House.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 9.10pm.

Date of the next meeting - 14th June 2021 online

Disclaimer notice on behalf of the Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee

1. The Management Committee does not normally have prior knowledge of items which will be raised as Any Other Business, but the Management Committee will help facilitate such items where it does have prior knowledge, and which are in the interests of Stirchley.
2. The Forum is not aligned to any political party or one group and hence will hold a neutral stance in all political items which are raised at the meetings; the Forum may take a stance (positive/negative) on planning applications discussed at the meeting or on changes to community/neighbourhood services which affect the Forum area
3. The Forum's Management Committee will not allow a person or organisation to use the Forum's meeting as a means to any political end.
4. All residents and businesses within the Forum's area have the right to attend and speak at the meeting. Business owners, not resident within the forum area, have a right to attend and speak at SNF meetings, but they cannot make up quorum.
5. The Forum or its Management Committee will not be held responsible for leaflets or other media which is handed out by third parties either at or following the Forum's meeting. The views of any such leaflets or other communication are those of the distributor/publisher and not necessarily those of the Neighbourhood Forum.