

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14th February 2021 @7.30 online by Zoom

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

1. Sandra Cooper (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Committee had decided to hold the meeting online in view of the current COVID situation.

She explained that she had taken the Chair due to Rob Morris being ill. Everyone asked for their good wishes to be passed to Rob.

2. **Apologies** including; Rob Morris (Chair), Rachel West, Shirley Harris, John Price, John Hemming, Stacey Witcomb, Representatives of Aldi

3. Minutes of meeting 10th January 2022

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 10th January 2022

Commonwealth Games funding applications will now be the subject of a separate meeting. Details will be sent via Forum's mailing list when known.

SC stated that, after the Forum Committee meeting, a reply was sent to Stirchley the Way Forward to the effect that the Forum doesn't think that it is feasible to represent traders but is keen to facilitate trader representation and engagement.

The issue is now in the hands of a Council Officer.

5. Police Update

PCSO Blackford was unable to be present and sent his apologies.

Current issues at this time include vehicle crime, with Ford Fiestas being at risk at the moment.

He has reiterated the need for Steering Wheel locks and Faraday pouches for keys.

Cllr Locke said that she attended the meeting on 3rd February, referred to at the January meeting.

Next meeting is 7th April.

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer updated items from the December meeting;

Taylor Wimpey

Nothing new to report.

Building work continuing. Drains have been installed.

Cllr Locke referred to ongoing issues at the Hazelwells which Taylor Wimpey do not seem to be addressing.

Lidl (former Fitness First site)

Cllr Locke said that Lidl are considering their options;

Appeal planning decision, make new application or give up.

Due to Cllr McCarthy's position of Chair of the Planning Committee and the site proximity to Stirchley Ward she had been asked to facilitate a meeting of interested parties.

Unfortunately it had not been possible to arrange a date and time that everyone could make.

SC asked for suggestions for alternative uses of the site, suggestions included social housing and a lido.

Clonmel Road Business Centre -

With Planning Officer who was still looking into a change of use

2021/10881/PA Land off Pershore Road/Hazelwell Lane

Date for comments has passed - Forum comments to be submitted after this meeting.

SC referred to the Minutes of the previous meeting.

There were no other comments.

Cllr Locke said that Aldi may be holding a public consultation event as they were not able to attend this meeting.

2021/10882/PA 1 Ash Tree Road

Wickes

Not yet decided

2022/00257PA Morrisons

Instillation of 2 vinyl banners on the frontage to Hazelwell Street

There were no comments.

2022/00695/PA 1386-1392 Pershore Road

Demolition statement

Progress on the development was welcomed.

There was some discussion about hours of operation relating to the demolition and site clearance. It was thought reasonable that operations should be between 8am and 5pm Monday - Friday and 9am until 1pm on Saturday. No operations on Sunday.

In answer to a question SC said that work on the student flats being constructed on the corner of Maryvale Road and Pershore Road was progressing, slowly and that site safety had improved. Cllr Locke said that problems had recently been reported to her.

7. Networking

Stirchley Community Church

Paula Aubrey said that the building needs renovation and repair and they are interested to hear from anyone who has made use of or has knowledge of the building.

Information can be sent via stirchley.forumb30@gmail.com

There is as yet no closing date.

Kerry Leslie stated that the **Old Post Office** co-working space would shortly be reopening. The Lease comes to end later this year and Kerry is keen to try out new ideas.

She also said that she had contacted a representative of **Stirchley Market** who said that it was not possible to reopen the Market under current restrictions but something may happen in due course. Over the last couple of years other markets had opened up nearby.

Pioneer Places funding opportunity.

£1,000 - to be spent within 6 months

SC said that another round of funding is available through Pioneer Places. It is similar to the last 2 rounds but without the need to show a link to COVID response.

They are looking for a collective, partnership approach.

It was agreed that SC will circulate the details to the Stirchley Together mailing list with a view to coordinating an application.

Suggestions included;

Something for younger people, perhaps around school holidays

Cllr Locke said that her next **Councillor Forum** would be on 7th March @ 7pm with a number of guests including a Council representative to talk about the half marathon and marathon and their effect on Stirchley residents.

The **Mobile Recycling Unit** would be on Morrisons' car park on the morning of 11th March.

8. Any other business

SC said that she had been asked by residents to raise a couple of issues

Enterprise

Issues with Enterprise parking their vehicles in Twyning Road had been raised.

Cllr Locke said that she would speak with Enterprise

Cartland Road roadworks

Julie Rynne said that no work seemed to be being carried out whilst the meeting was in progress.

Cllr Locke expressed surprise as she had been sent a schedule which showed work being carried out every night. She undertook to share the document.

Stirchley Library consultation

SC said that there is a City Council consultation is being held about arrangements for the future use of the first floor of Stirchley Library. Closing date 13th April.

It was suggested and agreed that a representative of the City Council be invited to the next Forum meeting to clarify what is being proposed. Cllr Locke will try to identify who would be a suitable person.

It was agreed that the Forum should explore holding **Hustings for Council elections** to Stirchley Ward on 5th May.

There was a question from the floor about the future use of the railway line through Moseley & Kings Heath to Kings Norton.

Cllr Locke said that a representative is intending to be at her next Ward Forum meeting on 7th March.

Reference was made to an application for an alcohol licence at Family Vybez (on Pershore Road, opposite Stirchley School) and also in Maryvale Road.

Laura Creaven was asked to give some information about the Valentine's project near to Stirchley School.

She said that people had been invited to say what they loved about Stirchley. Earlier in the day she had spoken with Radio WM.

Many comments were about the people and the community, one person said that they had learnt to read at Stirchley Library, other comments were about independent businesses, Pershore Road, Parks and Green Spaces.

Laura was thanked for the initiative and also the origami hearts hanging on the nearby tree.

The Vice- Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.50pm.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 14th March 2022

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