

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum
Meeting held 7.30 p.m. in Stirchley Community Church, 12th December 2022

Present: 15 Residents including Chair: Rob Morris, 4 Committee members, Councillor Mary Locke.

Apologies: Heidi Murphy; Sandra Cooper, Kerry Leslie

The meeting was chaired by Rob Morris

Minutes of last ordinary Meeting: 10th October 2022 - had been distributed via email before the meeting, with paper copies being provided at this evening's meeting; they were accepted as a true record. (November's gathering was the Forum's AGM).

New Committee: SC had also distributed a reminder about this evening's meeting via email which included an up-to-date list of the committee members and positions held.

- Chair - Rob Morris
- Vice Chair - Sandra Cooper
- Secretary & Publicity Officer- Post vacant
- Treasurer - Paula Aubrey
- Planning Officer - Sandra Cooper, supported by Diane Johnson
- Youth Officer - Heidi Murphy
- Julie Saunders (no specific post)
- Margaret Walker (no specific post)
- There are 2 vacancies for co-opted Committee Members

Matters Arising:

- Warm Welcome Places: The Secretary had forwarded a link to a site listing WW Places in Birmingham just prior to the meeting. PA also mentioned that Stirchley Community Church (SCC) had started one on Thursday afternoon 2 - 6 pm. The next one is on Thursday 15th Dec, then there may well be a break over the Christmas period before possibly continuing in January 2023. Church of the Ascension are hosting one on Thursdays, Stirchley Baths are hosting one on Thursday mornings, in addition to their usual groups (EG. Circle 22 on Fridays). Christ Church Selly Park are also holding a number of sessions as well as using existing events for this purpose.
- The situation in Pitcairn Close is ongoing. Someone had been out to visit the area and agreed that there is an issue. Councillor commented that Severn Trent are to visit, she added that all incidents regarding flooding or near flooding are to be reported to STW.
- Demolition/building site corner of Dogpool Lane/Pershore Road - PB reported that where there was a mound of rubble, digging is now taking place. So digging out for foundations?

Police Update:

- Councillor Locke reported that WMP will continue the status quo for the time-being - i.e. holding monthly Tasking meetings, alternating between

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall (currently Wed evening) and Cotteridge Church (Saturday afternoon) - dates as advertised.

- WMnow website: PA mentioned that she had just picked up an email announcing Operation Calibre - this is being put in motion 'to tackle neighbourhood crime in your local community'. The email states what we can expect from OPCalibre
 - * Drop in sessions with local officers;
 - * Extra patrols in hotspot areas;
 - * Officers visiting schools and community groups;
 - * Advice guidance and leaflets about how to protect your home, car and valuables.

PA added that WMnow website has recently been updated so folk may need to reregister with site or anyway update their password if they were previously registered to receive emails from them. PA agreed to forward this latest email to our Chair and Secretary.

Networking:

- Warm Welcome Places as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Planning Issues:

No updates or new applications reported as SC was not able to be present.

Stirchley Ward Plan

- It had been intended that we would discuss this item this evening, however this was deferred to the January 2023 meeting. PA read out the headings suggested by BCC
 - *Prosperous; Inclusive; Safe; Healthy; Green; Local.**
 - and the list of 'Wants/Desires for how Stirchley would look in 2026' compiled at our Forum's 2021 AGM while reminding us that our list complements the BCC headings.

A.O.B.

* PB reported that the recent Stirchley Community Market held 03/12/22 in Stirchley Baths was well attended, it is hoped that this will now become a quarterly event.

* Friends of Stirchley Library will be holding their AGM on Saturday 21st January 2023

* BCC's Mobile Recycling is booked to visit Stirchley - Morrisons car park on Thursday morning 15th Dec

* A resident of Hazelwell Street recently spoke with PA about her concerns regarding traffic in said road - especially drivers wanting to go the wrong way into this street; incidents [which could result in head-on RTCs] may have increased since Aldi opened on 24th November. [In the aforementioned conversation, this resident wondered if some sort of traffic calming measures should be put into place.]

* Apparently there is some sort of ongoing issue regarding flooding/excess water in some gardens in Hazelwell Street, Severn Trent and BCC have already been contacted but with no agreed resolution between the two organisations, PA had advised her to contact Councillor Locke direct.

* M wondered if it would be possible to have signs on lamp posts informing the public of whereabouts of defibrillators in our area.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th January 2023

Meeting closed at 20.30H