

## Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

### Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

**Present: 22** including; Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), members of the Forum's management committee

As the new Chair (Heidi Murphy) had a prior engagement Rob Morris (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There was a presentation by Claire Hardwick and John Richardson of Birmingham City Council on the subject of Neighbourhood Planning.

They said that there are currently 3 live Plans;  
Balsall Heath (obtained some 8 years ago)  
3 Bs (Perry Barr and Great Barr) - around flood prevention  
Jewellery Quarter - a number of topics

Others in progress are;  
Small Heath  
Soho & Handsworth

It was suggested that a first step would be to determine the boundaries.  
It was emphasised that specialist support is available.

RM asked if there was a specified size of population  
He was told that it is what seems right for the area.

In answer to the question how do we start?  
It was suggested talking with groups, etc in the community then look for ACOM support re maps, boundaries, etc

Engagement with schools and young people was suggested.  
Also talk with other areas

PA suggested that we need to continue the earlier discussion from a previous AGM of what we have and what we want to see in Stirchley.

Claire and John undertook to make introductions to people who would be able to help.

RM thanked them for their thought provoking presentation.

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### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Mary Locke, Heidi Murphy, Laura Creaven,

### **2. Minutes of meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Minutes approved as accurate record.

### **3. Matters arising from previous meeting**

AGM held successfully in November.

There was a short update on Assets of Community Value

### **4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour**

The issue of WM Police not being present at Neighbourhood Forum meetings was raised with them at Councillor Locke's recent Ward Meeting. They are not minded to attend.

### **5. Planning issues**

SC (Planning Officer) updated the meeting

Update from October meeting

**Fordhouse Lane Car Park** - enforcement action has been taken to remove cars stored there.

**Corner of Twyning Rd:** 3<sup>rd</sup> planning application was approved.

It appears that SBP will be starting work on demolishing the former chapel and building of new warehousing as Construction Method Statement has been produced.

**As mentioned at the AGM**

Former District Office - 1459 Pershore Road

Additions and alterations to existing building to meeting place for Church.

Comments by 7<sup>th</sup> December

At the end of the meeting Stu Ward gave a short presentation and people were able to take a look at the proposed plans he had brought with him to the meeting.

He said that there was, as yet, no timeframe as they were agreeing the lease with Birmingham City Council and also car parking. Fundraising will also need to be undertaken.

He said that the building would be available to the community (there would be 3 multipurpose rooms).

## **6. Networking**

RM read our comments from Cllr Locke who was unable to attend.

SC told the meeting that the Forum grant would not be paid by Birmingham City Council this year.

The Forum has reserves to cover the shortfall this year.

**The meeting closed at 21.00**

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