

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2024 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

Present: 16 including; Chair (HM), Treasurer (PA), members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke (part)

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

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Rob Morris, Susan MacLean

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 11th December 2023

Minutes approved as accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Neighbourhood Planning to be referred to the February meeting.

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

Police Tasking Meeting to be held Saturday 13th January 11am Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall, Bournville

An incident in Ripple Road Sunday 7th January @ 4pm was mentioned.
Police attended and reported that it was young people making a video.

A resident reported an issue with her water having been turned off during the night.
People expressed sympathy with her as it was disconcerting.

5. Planning issues

(Cllr Locke joined the meeting during this item)

SC (Planning Officer) updated the meeting

Former District Office - 1459 Pershore Road

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

Still open for comments

A number of applications have been submitted for extensions, dormer windows, etc.

Application for installation of air source heat pump to the rear of a house.

SC queried whether this could be the first of many?

SC said that Lidl has been given permission to change the site layout at former Fitness first site.

A resident raised the application in respect of the former firework shop on the corner of Pershore Road and Fordhouse Lane.

SC said that she would check if this application was still live.

6. Networking

Cllr Locke answered queries about the festive refuse collection which has been chaotic.

Cllr Locke said that it was regrettable but arrangements had had to be changed at quite short notice due to the City being unable to pay operatives overtime.

She said that that the next household waste collection will be 10/1 followed week later by normal household and recycling collection

There will be a mhrc collection on 16/1/24 on Hazelwell Fordrough 7am until 12:30

The next Ward meeting is taking place on 31/1/24 at Stirchley Baths 7pm

Councillor Advice Surgery will be on Friday 12th January Stirchley baths 10:30-12:00

There was a query about the pathway at the bottom of Hazelwell Fordrough which regularly floods, also the nearby light hasn't worked for a while.

Cllr Locke said that it is being looked into.

PA gave information about Stirchley Community Church 50th Anniversary in March. She gave information about an art and photography competition and gave out flyers.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next meeting Monday 12th February

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