

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2024 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

Present: 21 including; Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) and members of the Forum's management committee

Pete Walker (who kindly agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Heidi Murphy, Rob Morris, Julie Rynne, Cllr Mary Locke, Kerry Leslie, Laura Creaven

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 8th April 2024

Minutes approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Appear later in the Agenda

There was then a short presentation by representatives of Save Stirchley Library concerning the City-wide Library consultation.

They referred to the BirminghamLovesLibraries website and the petition.

They then went through the consultation document, including a summary copies of which were distributed.

They said that the effect of the proposals would be to cut the Library service by 40%.

There was a question. What does Stirchley Library see as a success for the future?

A statutory service remaining, although possibly less than elsewhere.

The Chair thanked them for their attendance.

There was then a brief presentation by local resident Ian Dudsfield on his proposal for a Stirchley Residents' Poll.

He said that the aim would be find out what people like about Stirchley and what they would change.

He will select addresses at random and surveys will be delivered to them.

He would also include attendees at Forum meetings and the Forum mailing list.

A report would then be produced with the exercise being repeated annually, giving an idea of progress made.

There could also be an option for a similar poll of businesses.

He said that the survey replies would be confidential.

He requested support from the Forum and from individuals.

The meeting agreed that it would be appropriate for the Forum to support this initiative and assist as required.

People gave their details on the night.

He needs as much help as possible from residents. If you can help please contact the Forum on stirchley.forumb30@gmail.com and your details can be passed to Ian.

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

Paula Aubrey attended the Tasking meeting on 16th April.

She said that it seems that the flasher is no longer operating

The police had highlighted vehicle crime and lock snapping as being an issue.

Drug dealing remains an issue.

Beggars should be referred through Streetlink for the help they need.

<https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>

Residents raised the issues of;

A recent assault in Morrisons

Cars parked on the pavement and traffic issues generally

Barbeques happening in Stirchley Park

5. Planning issues

SC gave the following information.

2023/05470/PA Former firework shop on the corner of Pershore Road and Fordhouse Lane.

No decision

2024/01028/PA 1534 Pershore Road

Demolition of doctors' surgery and pharmacy to rear

Refused

No ecological survey

Haven't shown that the intensification of use of the area will not be detrimental.

2023/06803/PA rear of 1483-1487 Pershore Road

Rear of Fallons

Refused

There are no recently submitted applications awaiting decision.

A number of applications made in 2022 and 2023 remain to be decided.

A resident raised the issue of Lidl store near the junction of Cartland Raod.

SC said that work has begun.

Residents confirmed that work had restarted on the development on the corner of Hunts Road.

6. Networking

PA raised the Award Evening organised by Stirchley Community Church on 6th June, She urged residents to nominate people.

7. Any Other Business

No further business was raised.

SC thanked Pete Walker for stepping in as Chair at no notice and undertaking the role so well.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting Monday 10th June

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