

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

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

Present: 17 including; Chair (HM), Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) and members of the Forum's management committee.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr Locke, Rachel West, Laura Creaven, Julie Rynne, Ellie & Nigel Darvill

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 10th June 2024

It was noted that HM was not present. The Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Attention was brought to the closing date of the Libraries consultation.

It was noted that the Library will be closed on a temporary basis on Thursdays from w/b 29th July.

Stirchley Residents Poll will go ahead over the summer. The questions intended to be asked were briefly discussed.

Other items appear later in the Agenda.

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

It was noted that the next WM Police Tasking meeting will be Wednesday 24th July 7pm at Dame Elizabeth Hall.

5. Planning issues

SC gave the following information.

There is one application this month in respect of 1256-58 Pershore Road (corner of Twynning Road) called Rayman House.

It includes such matters as drainage, security cameras and a Student Management Plan.

SC said that consultation on the Birmingham Plan and Historic Environment Supplementary Planning documents had commenced.

6. Networking

Stirchley History Group meeting on Thursday evening (11th) has a talk about Austin Village.

10th July a Jobs Fair at Stirchley Baths

Mobile Household Waste collection – Tuesday 11th June at Morrisons

CClr Locke Ward meeting Tuesday 16th July 7pm in Stirchley Baths

PA said that during August Stirchley Community Church building will be closed with alternative arrangements being made for services.

It was noted that Baby Aid Birmingham (known as the Baby Bank) is closing down. Some items will be passed to Foodbanks.

7. Any Other Business

It was noted that Taylor Wimpey had undertaken work to the retaining wall between their site and houses in Twyning Road.

Reference was made to a photographic project planned for Stirchley in the autumn with taster sessions in the next few weeks.

SC said that she would contact the person organising it.

A representative of the Cooperative Development (corner Hunts Road) gave information about the progress of the building of the development

SC asked if the pavement could be opened before the building work was finished as a resident who uses a wheelchair found it most inconvenient to have to cross Pershore Road several times unnecessarily in order to pass along that stretch of pavement.

There was a general discussion about the number of beggars in Stirchley, particularly around Morrisons and Aldi.

It was felt that many needed help and others could be quite scary.

PA said that she intended to attend the Tasking Meeting and would raise it there.

It was also felt that drug dealing has increased in certain areas of Stirchley.

It was felt that the issue of Supported Housing (and lack of support) could be raised with the new MP for Selly Oak.

The issue of people without vehicles being unable to visit Lifford waste disposal centre was raised.

This is more important now that the Mobile Waste Disposal units do not recycle waste. Maybe times could be set aside for pedestrians and cyclists?

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting Monday 9th September. There will be no meeting in August.

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