

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

### **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church**

**Present:** 15 including; Chair (HM), Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) Cllr Mary Locke and members of the Forum's management committee.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

Laura Creaven, Pete & Margaret Walker and Kerry Leslie.

HM said that Julie Rynne had resigned from the Committee for personal reasons. She paid tribute to her contributions made to the Forum over a number of years.

#### **2. Minutes of meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

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

SC said that the Stirchley Residents Poll was underway and read a short statement from local resident Ian Dudfield.

*Hi everyone - Sorry I'm not around for this meeting to share an update on the Stirchley Residents' Survey with everyone - but here it is in writing and thanks to Sandra for reading it out.*

*We've had 82 respondents to the survey so far, which is great, and are running the first focus group sessions in September at the Baths. For getting survey responses I've been selecting a street in the ward and then knocking on all doors ending in a '1'. I plan on going to every street in the ward - this will ensure a good spread of answers across the community. For those that answer the door I'm finding about 75% are willing to do the survey, which is a brilliant response rate.*

*I'm working my way through all the streets, but there are a lot to cover! If anyone is able to spare just an hour on an evening or weekend to do a bit of door knocking, could you please give Sandra your email address or phone number and she will pass on to me? Thanks a lot!*

Other items appear later in the Agenda.

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

PA said that she had attended the WM Police Tasking meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

She gave an outline of issues that were discussed;

There had been a raid on a house in Elm Road (Bournville) in respect of anti-social behaviour

The issues of cyclists riding on pavements was discussed. Residents said that this was a continuing issue, especially delivery cycles. It was questioned whether they had any insurance in the event of an accident.

The issue of beggars had been raised. Residents agreed that this was an issue although there may recently have been a slight improvement.

The issue of absentee landlords was also raised.

Apparently shoplifting in Cotteridge continues to be an issue.

Vehicle crime in the area is down.

WM Police emphasised to report anything and everything.

## **5. Planning issues**

SC gave the following information.

Further information has been lodged relating to the application re the former Firework Shop (2023/05470/P)A on the corner of Pershore Road and Fordhouse Lane.

There will be no parking related to the development.

## **6. Networking**

Cllr Locke reported that the new MP for Selly Oak (Alistair Carns) now has an office and caseworkers in place and will be working through the enquiries he has received.

## **7. Any Other Business**

The issue of signs indicating where a defibrillator can be found in Stirchley was raised.

A resident agreed to try to obtain a photograph of signs seen elsewhere in the country.

HM said she would design a sign.

It was hoped that local businesses would put them in their window.

Cllr Locke and SC said that provision of at least one bleed kit could help to save lives.

SC raised the issue of the second stage of the Library consultation.

She referred people to the website for Save Our Libraries and urged people to take a look and submit appropriate responses.

The issue of Birmingham City Council levying contributions to care costs was raised.

Many of those present said that the specific question raised was personal and was not suitable for discussion at the meeting.

Cllr Locke left the meeting.

There was then a general discussion of residents' experiences of continuing care, Birmingham City Council and NHS continuing health care.

The following websites were mentioned

[www.carehome.co.uk](http://www.carehome.co.uk)

[www.caretobedifferent.co.uk](http://www.caretobedifferent.co.uk)

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) to refer to/look at assessment tools used in assessing care needs and possible eligibility for continuing healthcare (NHS funding for care placements).

Other issues raised were;

Stirchley Carpets (Persore Road, the corner of Mayfield Road) was mentioned by a resident due to their blocking the on road parking space outside their shop and cars parked on the pavement in Mayfield Road.

The issue of vehicles parking in front of the bollards in Mayfield Road was also raised.

SC said that the photographic project at Stirchley Baths is going ahead and the organisers were happy for a free place to be taken up by someone attending the Forum.

No one came forward to take advantage of the offer.

### **The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

Next meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Forum AGM will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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