

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

**Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church**

**Present: 16** including; Chair (HM), Vice Chair (RM), Treasurer (PA), Secretary (SC) Cllr Mary Locke (part) and members of the Forum's management committee.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

She drew attention to the statement on conduct which appears on the Agenda.

**1. Apologies;** Kerry Leslie, Laura Creaven,

**2. Minutes of meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting**

Cllr Locke said that the owners of property in Ivy Road had appealed against the Enforcement Notice. Residents are urged to report any issues to WM Police.

Other items will appear elsewhere on the Agenda

**4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour**

Next WM Police Tasking meeting will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 11 am at Dame Elizabeth Hall in Bournville. PA aims to attend.

PA referred to information from WM Now on Operation Security.

A resident remarked that issues with beggars outside local supermarket entrances had not gone away.

**5. Planning issues**

SC gave the following information.

The application re the former Firework Shop

(2023/05470/PA) on the corner of Pershore Road and Fordhouse Lane.

Has been approved subject to a number of conditions and submission of further details eg decontamination of site and demolition and building method statement.

PA said that she had noticed cracks in the high wall fronting onto Pershore Road. She had reported this.

SC said that the Plans indicated that the ground behind the wall would be cleared for building and the wall demolished.

A reapplication to demolish the outbuilding behind the doctor's surgery opposite Wickes had been submitted.

Approved subject to conditions.

Application Unit B Pershore Road 2024/07211/PA

On Aldi site, next to British Oak

To install illuminated signs (blue and yellow) seems to be on behalf of Cardfactory

Seems to have been withdrawn.

McDonalds

No planning application had been submitted as yet.

## 6. Networking

CLlr Locke said;

There will be a visit of the Mobile Household Waste Collection vehicle on 29th. January 25. It will be on Lyndworth Road off Cartland Road 7:30-1:00

CLlr Locke will be holding an advice surgery on 4th Wednesday of every month at Morrisons Community Room between 5:30-7:00 pm

The first one will be on 29th January.

Her surgeries on the first Friday of the month 10.30 - midday at Stirchley Baths will continue.

[February's surgery will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February]

### Stirchley Wassail

Saturday 18th January

3.30 - 7pm

at Birmingham Brewing Company, Hazelwell Road

[www.fruitandnutvillage.org.uk](http://www.fruitandnutvillage.org.uk)

### Community Exhibition event

Birmingham City University Architecture students have worked on four neighbourhoods (Stirchley, North Edgbaston Reservoir, Kings Heath, and Lifford Reservoir). They have visited the sites, talked to residents, observed opportunities and issues and developed some interventions to empower communities to be sustainable and resilient.

They are presenting their findings at an exhibition on Monday 27th January between 5pm and 7pm at The Parkside Building, 5 Cardigan Street, Birmingham B4 7RJ (Ground Floor)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ba-hons-architecture-exhibition-beyond-austerity-tickets-1124521266379?aff=oddtcreator>

**The West Midlands Mayor has launched a 3 month consultation on the future organisation of bus services in the West Midlands.**

Documents detailing options and the consultation documents can be found here

<https://www.tfwm.org.uk/consultations/bus-reform/>

### **Refuse Strike**

Dates of the strike are;

January 14 22 30

Feb 7 10 18 26

Mar 6 14 25

April 2.

We are asked to put bins out as normal and ensure that lids are closed.

### **Shaping Birmingham Together Roadshows**

Selly Oak Constituency event 21st May at Stirchley Baths.

The Forum has registered to possibly take part.

Publicity will be available nearer the time.

### **Lets Talk About Libraries**

There will be a public meeting 4.30 to 6pm on 16th January at

The Old Print Works

498-506 Moseley Road

Balsall Heath

Birmingham

B12 9AH

## **7. Any Other Business**

Reference was again made to vehicles parking in Mayfield Road and the parking bay on Pershore Road being blocked by a roll of carpet.

The issue of defibrillators was again raised.

HM said that she would look into a design for signs that could be displayed by local businesses in their windows, indicating the site of the nearest defibrillator.

Cllr Locke said that there were also bleed kits available in the area.

The issue of riders of delivery bikes cycling on pavements and at speed was raised.

This should be raised with WM Police, including what speed limits are in force for bicycles.

RM announced that a new Vicar has been appointed for Stirchley Parish who will be shared with another Parish.

The meeting looked forward to welcoming them.

### **The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

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