

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 10th February 2025 @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

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

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

1. Apologies; Heidi Murphy (HM) Chair, Laura Creaven and Hannah Coupland

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 13th January 2025

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Items appeared elsewhere on the Agenda

4. Crime & Anti Social Behaviour

PA attended the WM Police Tasking meeting on Saturday 25th January.

She said that information was given about WM Police targeted intervention in relation to knife crime.

A crime map was displayed but the information was 18 months old.

A resident near Aldi had expressed concern about crime in the area.

Concern was also expressed about drug dealing in Cotteridge.

The closure of roads near to Cotteridge School at certain times was mentioned. There is to be a meeting at Cotteridge School on 26th February 6-8pm.

There was discussion about the alcohol-free zone in Cotteridge, although the cold weather seems to have acted as a discouragement.

Car crime has reduced.

101 reporting had improved due to increased resources.

In response to the question about electric bikes ridden by delivery vehicles in an unsafe manner – the answer was to report to the delivery company.

SC said that WM Police had recently been seen in Twyning Road concerning a noise complaint.

Cllr Locke said that patrols had been taking place in and around Ivy Road.

5. Planning issues

SC gave the following information.

There are no recent planning applications on BCC Planning Online.

There are 2 applications from 2022, 1 from 2023 and 1 from July 2024.

The long standing application in respect of the change of use from industrial units to gym at the bottom of Clonmel Road has been granted.

Nothing seems to have been heard re a McDonalds application.

However, contesting an application on the basis that it is McDonalds is unlikely to be successful.

Cllr Locke said that the Cooperative Development is progressing with the topping out due soon.

It is unlikely to be completed until the summer.

6. Networking

Cllr Locke said;

There will be a visit of the Mobile Household Waste Collection vehicle on 26th February. It will be on Hazelwell Fordrough 7:30-1:00

Cllr Locke will be holding an advice surgery on 4th Wednesday of every month at Morrisons Community Room between 4pm – 5.30pm
Her surgeries on the first Friday of the month 10.30 - midday at Stirchley Baths will continue.

[February's surgery will be on Friday 14th February]

She said that the next Ward Meeting would be on 18th March at Stirchley Baths.

Cllr Locke mentioned the consultation for the proposed closure of Moor Green Lane to traffic.

She said that there is to be a public meeting at the Highbury on 3rd March 4 -7 [this has now been cancelled as has the proposal].

Rubbish Collection

SC said that the Green Waste collection is a little different this year and gave some information.

There was also a brief rundown of the temporary waste collection arrangements during the operatives strike.

7. Any Other Business

PA reported that she had attended a site visit organised as part of the BournFRMS. He visit had included River Rea from Dads Lane, including the playing fields. Also the Pebble Mill flood alleviation scheme.

Cllr Locke said that there is as yet no firm date for the opening of stations on the Camp Hill Line.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10th March.

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