

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 9th June @7.30pm in Stirchley Community Church

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

1. Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

2. **Apologies;** Heidi Murphy, Kerry Leslie, Laura Creaven, Richard Thackray, Hannah Copeland, Rev Tariro Mukoja

3. **Minutes of meeting Monday 12th May 2025**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting**

SC said that she and PA attended the Selly Oak Market Place on 21st May.

Some networking took place and they were pleased to see some members of the Forum there.

It was confirmed that WM Mayor Bus Consultation had resulted in a decision to take franchising forward although this will take some time to put in place.

Other items appear under the appropriate headings.

5. **Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour**

SC said that she now has contact details for the WM Police & Crime Commissioner.

She asked what the Forum would wish to hear about or discuss with him.

It was agreed that she should look at his Annual Report and Forward Plan and base the invitation on what they might mean for Stirchley.

Cllr Locke reported that, along with WM Police, she had attended a Drop In session at Pit Leasow to help assuage some concerns following the recent fire.

She has also accompanied PCSOs on a walk around the Ward.

She said that 30th June – 4th July is Anti-Social Awareness Week.

She will be holding a session at Morrisons with WM Police on 4th July between 2 & 4pm.

Next Tasking Meetings will be Tuesday 1st July @7pm (PA to attend) and Saturday 4th October 11am, both at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall.

A question was raised at the prevalence of graffiti around the area which seems to be getting worse.

Cllr Locke said that the Council resources to remove it are very stretched but that racist and offensive graffiti should be removed promptly when reported.

6. Planning issues

SC said that there have been 4 applications since the last meeting.

Three of them are for single or double height domestic extensions.

Printigo at 72 Hazelwell Street applied for a pre-fabricated building to be sited next to the current building to extend their operations.

SC said that she was concerned about possible noise issues but the application states that there will be no problems.

The application has been approved.

Cllr Locke said that she had received representations from neighbours opposed to the proposal to turn the former frame shop on Pershore Road into a large HMO.

Hazelwell Lane site.

It was reported that the road and one pavement has been reinstated and the part fronting to Pershore Road has been tidied which was welcomed.

On enquiry about any further thoughts about future use following last month's meeting there was a suggestion for social housing.

There is no news about the District Office sale.

Pineapple Road station works

SC reported that Transport for West Midlands propose to extend the working hours on site as follows. She asked that people let the Forum know if any issues are experienced.

As we move towards critical points in the project, we will be working extended hours at Moseley & Pineapple Road starting some time after 2nd June 2025. Currently the working hours are 7am-5pm in a single shift & extended hours over the weekends. This will move to a 2-shift pattern from next week i.e. 7am-2pm & 2pm-11pm all days. This will enable the project & the contractor team to move at pace & likely to bring in some efficiencies. We will be having regular review points to ensure that we are indeed realising efficiencies & if not, the plan is to revert to the original schedule.

Alcohol licenses

SC said that comments have been made in respect of the requested extension of alcohol license at 1473-1475 Pershore Road as agreed at the last meeting. This will go to Licensing Committee.

An application in respect of 1471 Pershore Road (former hairdressers) has been made by Independent Stirchley Ltd for what they describe as a 'relaxed bar'. Indoors and outdoors. Supply of alcohol 10am to midnight

Opening hours 10am until 1am

The Company was registered on 16th April 2025 with the Registered Office 1471 Pershore Road. It was agreed that this be opposed.

Also an application for 1460 Pershore Road, Mirabelle Restaurant, open 11am until midnight with alcohol sales between 10am and 11.30pm.

Company incorporated 17th March 2025 Reg Office 1474 Pershore Road (Verbena)

A resident stated that they are experiencing issues with an establishment near to their house with noise and disturbance, particularly on Sunday afternoons.

SC said that she would supply information about how to complain to the Licensing authorities.

[The relevant form is available at

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20081/licensing/2819/licensing_complaint_or_incident_form]

There followed a discussion about the proliferation of bars, restaurants, etc, particularly in parts of the Pershore Road and what it could mean for the future of Stirchley.

It was agreed that SC should contact Ian Dudfield who conducted the Stirchley Survey and ask if he had any information about possible future trends in the High Street.

SC said that the High Street Task Force has now finished but there may be some information available.

SC asked if there was any appetite for re-running the High Street use survey that was run in March 2020 (a week before lockdown).

This would need a number of volunteers and be quite time consuming.

Possible closure of Priory Road/Cartland Road.

Concerns expressed at the May meeting were conveyed to the Birmingham City Council officer and Cllr Locke.

An email was received from Cllr Barker stating that this was an initial consultation with local residents who had asked for measures to be taken around 2 years ago.

Should it be decided to go ahead to the design stage there would need to be a statutory consultation when the Forum would be involved.

It was agreed with Cllr Locke that there is a need for the implications for the wider community be taken into account when considering such schemes.

7. Networking

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.

There may be changes to the dates in some months due to other commitments.

Stirchley Market will be on 21st June 10am until 3pm.

Visit of Mobile Household Waste Centre

Wednesday 11th June 7.45 - 12.45

Cannon Hill Car Park, Queen's Ride.

There are no current plans for one in Stirchley due to no suitable car park.

Cllr Locke said that she would be holding a Foodbank Collection in Little London, Charlotte and Maryvale Road. Leaflets would be distributed.

8. Any Other Business

Cllr Locke said that traffic management arrangements put in place at Cotteridge School continue to be monitored.

A resident asked if anything could be done about the pavement on and near to the bridge over the railway near the top of the hill in Cartland Road.

It was agreed that the pavement is partly blocked by trees and tree roots and leaf mould can present a slip hazard.

It was noted that this was partly the responsibility of a neighbouring Ward but Cllr Locke made a note of the issues.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday 14th July.

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