

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11th April 2022 @7.30 in Stirchley Community Church and online by Zoom

Present: 23 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke (part)

1. Rob Morris (RM Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Committee had decided to hold the meeting in person and online in view of the current COVID situation.

2. **Apologies** None

3. **Minutes of meeting 14th March 2022**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. **Matters arising from meeting 14th March 2022**

Pioneer Places funding

Update on project from John Hemming from Picture This Media CIC

John to provide email for communications.

hello@picturethismedia.co.uk

How can the Forum engage with the young people to interest them in the Forum?

Maybe a Young Person's Steering Group to explore things that will benefit young people.

Perhaps some targets needed?

Enterprise

Still no evidence that parking measures have been put into place as mentioned in February.

Cllr Locke said that problems should be reported to Birmingham City Council.

Empty Premises

These were used on Sunday 27th March by Fruit and Nut Village. Over 20 people attended during the session.

Defibrillators

No progress in further provision.

Hustings for Stirchley Ward

Nominations have now closed so contact will be made with the local parties.

5. **Police Update**

It was noticed that there was no police presence.

A police tasking meeting was held on 7th April in Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall, Oak Tree Lane. Cllr Locke attended. She reported that 6 extra meetings will be held in Cotteridge. Police & Crime Commissioner will be visiting Stirchley soon.

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer updated items from the February meeting;

Taylor Wimpey

Nothing new to report.

Building work continuing.

Lidl (former Fitness First site)

New planning application has been submitted

2022/02312/PA

Comments before 16/4

30 documents including a Planning & Retail Statement of 101 pages

A food store of 2,346 sq.m gross external area (GEA) with a net sales area of 1,424 sq. m; 122 car parking spaces including 8 accessible bays, 7 parent and child and 2 electric vehicle charging points; and vehicular access from Pershore Road at the south west corner of the site; Rationale for the store very similar to the Aldi application - not full trading offer, comparatively restricted opening hours, local catchment area

Store placed along the Bourn river, set back from Pershore Road.

Entrance to site near to the river bridge

It is not clear what will happen to the bus stop

Concerns were raised about traffic management, charging points, number of jobs and pedestrians.

Installation of 3 x LED advertisement panels on Pershore Road including corner of Holly Road & also Hudsons Drive

Clonmel Road Business Centre -

Enforcement action in progress

2021/10881/PA Land off Pershore Road/Hazelwell Lane

Nothing further heard from Aldi.

A series of amended documents were filed on 22nd March

Decision awaited.

7. Networking

Stirchley Community Church

Litter pick arranged, to meet outside the Church.

Great Run Half Marathon

Cllr Locke and SC held a meeting with Great Run representative.

An Offer was made to assist in briefing the stewards and it was suggested that up to date maps should be used.

Run organisers are only responsible for what happens on the route. BCC is responsible for road closure signs elsewhere which is where many of the problems experienced originate.

It was agreed that any issues will be brought to the next meeting.

Commonwealth Games Marathon

Meetings for residents and businesses are being held but a meeting in Stirchley is not yet on the list.

It was understood that a local meeting would be held in Stirchley Baths in due course.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend - 2nd - 5th June

Stirchley United Workingman's Club are planning to hold an event on 3rd June including various stalls and pool and skittles competitions. There is likely to be a disco and/or karaoke in the evening.

Sunday 5th June Circle22 are holding a picnic in Stirchley Baths

It was mentioned that slow cookers are still available in the Library to aid residents in Stirchley Ward in need. People can call into the Library during opening hours.

8. Any other business

The issue of help for people who are home educating their children and also for individual children with Special Educational Needs was raised.

It was pointed out that the Forum does not have funding for these purposes.

There was a suggestion that, with rising fuel costs, it could be possible to drive down costs by using buyer power. It was thought that was an interesting idea but that it would need to cover an area larger than Stirchley Ward.

Cllr Locke said that the Mobile Recycling Unit would be at Beilby Road on the morning of 14th April.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.35pm.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 9th May 2022

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