

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 9th May 2022 @7.30 in Stirchley Community Church and online by Zoom

Present: 27 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke

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. He congratulated Cllr Locke on her re-election.

2. **Apologies** Susan Maclean, John Hemming, Richard Brunt

3. **Minutes of meeting 11th April 2022**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. **Matters arising from meeting 11th April 2022**

Pioneer Places funding

Progress on developing the project and filming has been made.

Enterprise

No improvement to the parking situation around the premises

Hustings for Stirchley Ward

SC reported that it wasn't possible to arrange hustings for this election

Slow cookers still available

Sandra and Paula said that slow cookers are still available at Stirchley Library for residents of Stirchley Ward.

Defibrillators

It was agreed that the Forum and Cllr Locke would look into the possibility of finding a site and funding for a defibrillator at the south end of the High Street.

5. **Police Update**

Although there is no longer a police presence at meetings it was agreed that this item should remain on the Agenda.

Cllr Locke said that she believes that the next Tasking Meeting would be on 22nd May @ 2pm in Cotteridge Church.

It was noted that WMNow is still operational but not the extent as previously in respect of information about crimes in the neighbourhood.

6. **Planning issues**

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

Lidl (former Fitness First site)

No decision

Clonmel Road Business Centre -

Enforcement action in progress

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

Planning permission granted.

New applications

2022/03155/PA | Units 11-13, Clonmel Road Business Park, Clonmel Road

Installation of 7 external air conditioning units to the rear of the building opposite to the canal.

As it appeared that no residents would be affected due to the placing of the new units no comments were made,

2022/02153/PA 1401 Pershore Road

Change of use to 8-bed HMO (Sui-Generis), erection of single and two storey rear extension, installation of dormer windows to front and rear and alterations to front elevation

This is next to the student development at the corner of Maryvale Road

Current use isn't clear but it appears that there would be the addition of 2 bedsits in the attic (currently a loft)

& 1 further bedsit on the first floor

& 1 bedsit on the ground floor & large open plan kitchen, living and dining space

Office space to Pershore Road will be retained.

There was a discussion about the over-development of the premises and pressure on car parking which led to a discussion about the need for affordable housing in Stirchley and the instances of Exempt housing in the Ward.

It was agreed that this would form the basis of discussion at a future meeting.

7. Networking

Great Run Half Marathon

It was agreed that the lack of a train service caused inconvenience with the relevant websites having little or no information about the bus replacement service stops for Bournville station.

The road works in Fordhouse Lane caused congestion on the diversion route.

Cartland Road was not signposted correctly, at one point a bus took the wrong turning.

There was some difference of opinion about the effect on the 'Little London' area.

The stewards again lacked local knowledge.

It was agreed that advance publicity to homes was improved from previous years.

Cllr Locke agreed that a major issue was communication between all parties concerned and a lack of coordination.

Commonwealth Games Marathon

It was agreed that this would form an item at the next meeting.

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

In addition to the events noted last month it was announced that there is to be an event on Pineapple Grove (in front of Church of the Ascension) on Thursday 2nd June from 10.30 to 1pm. There will be a cake competition and games. All welcome.

Cllr Locke said that she was aware of several requests for road closures in the Ward.

She also said that the Sea Cadets may be organising something,

8. Any other business

The issue of Wickes no longer allowing local residents to park on their car park at any time was raised.

It was noted that it was having a knock on effect on nearby roads in terms of parking issues.

Cllr Locke said that she had tried to engage with the local store with no success. She had now written to the company Chief Executive. She has discovered that the land is owned by Wesleyan & General.

It was noted that there is a petition. The Forum will send a link after the meeting. It is likely to form an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 13th June 2022

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

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