

KINGSTANDING WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: Kingstanding	DATE: 30 th January 2024
VENUE: Kingstanding Leisure Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 19.00 to 20.30
COUNCILLOR/S: Hughes	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 3
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister, Karl Randall, and Mel Coton	VISITING SPEAKER(S): PSG John Reeves

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:
TBC

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:
<p>Introductions by Councillor Hughes</p> <p>Notice of recording read out.</p> <p>Updates -Councillor Hughes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toning tables at Kingstanding Leisure centre – Cllr Hughes said that he was pleased to say a successful application to the Shared Prosperity Fund had meant that they were able to purchase the new toning tables. The monies had been awarded before Christmas which was then also approved by section 151 finance board. It is hoped the toning tables will be delivered by the end of March 2024, which will be relocated in a new suite on the ground floor for easy access.• Burford Rd playing fields - Cllr Hughes confirmed there are no plans to build on this land.• Warren Farm Treatment centre- Cllr Hughes said this much valued building was unsafe and fell into the group of buildings constructed out of R.A.A.C adding that he centre will be relocated on a temporary basis in Erdington whilst urgent repair work is carried out on the building.

Local Highway's Engineers – Karl Randall gave an update on the schemes within the Ward.

- Explanation of minor improvements budget for the Ward and potential schemes
- Twickenham Road scheme slipped to next financial year 24/25
- Installation of bollards outside Greggs to stop vehicles driving onto the footway via the crossing.
- College Rd by the fire station planning to remove the white zigzag lines and replace them with a yellow junction box.
- Extra bollards to be installed at Kingstanding leisure centre to prevent parking on the pavement.
- Discussion on verge protection measures, obstructive parking, the role of Councils and Police in dealing with this issue and how London boroughs have tackled this problem.
- Renewal of the Highways maintenance contract
- Traffic regulation order process explained.

Local Policing – PSG John Reeves

Topics Discussed

- The differing Local authority and policing geographical boundaries, all agreed this was confusing. The change in Birmingham City councils Ward Boundaries occurred in 2018 following a Boundary Commission review when the number of Wards in Birmingham rose to 69 from 40. Prior to 2018 the Policing and BCC's ward boundaries were the same.
- The structure of the local team which consists of 1 Police Sergeant, 5 Police officers and 2 PCSO's.
- Current Local Policing model – Local Policing teams can be moved around the city daily as they respond to the reporting of crime.
- Discussion on local problem areas regarding ASB, drug dealing, robberies involving knives, under reporting and the importance of reporting crime as this drives the allocation of resources.
- Discussion on Street Watch – currently there are no active Street Watch in Kingstanding, the hope is to set one up with volunteers this year.
- Local Police stations – Sutton Police station has a front desk which members of the public can access to report crime but is due to close in 2025; Erdington is open but not to the public; the Police Response teams work out of both Sutton and Erdington and the custody suite is based on Holford drive in Perry Barr.
- Police vacancies and the PCSO recruitment drive.

- Discussion on street drinking at Kingstanding Circle.
- Discussion on increases in shoplifting at local convenience stores.

Ward Plan – Mel Coton

- The Ward plan is being drafted but remains a work in progress.
- Cllr Hughes explained that given the current financial difficulties that Birmingham City Council finds itself in the Cllrs had decided to review their initial thoughts as funding streams were likely to be cut further.

AOB:

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
Outstanding action from 12 th July 2023 1. Councillor Payne to investigate the covenant for Burford Road Playing fields.	Cllr Payne	Report back to next meeting

FINAL DRAFT