

MOSELEY WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Moseley	DATE: 17th October 2023
VENUE: Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road, B13 8JP	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.30pm
COUNCILLORS Kerry Jenkins & Izzy Knowles	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 25
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Chris Gallon, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Bold Prosperous Moseley 2. A Bold Inclusive Moseley 3. A Bold Safe Moseley 4. A Bold Healthy Moseley 5. A Bold Green Moseley 6. A Bold Local Moseley

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome & Notice of Recording Councillor Jenkins welcomed all to the meeting and advised members of the public/press could record and take photographs of the meeting except where there were private or confidential items. 2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Councillor Jenkins referenced 2 matters raised at the last meeting and actions as follows – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brum Breathes grant application – presentation later in this meeting. - PSPO – consultation now closed but considerable feedback received. Location map of the PSPO was being slightly amended to be in line with

previous PSPO area. Councillors to check no further consultation required as a result. Councillor Knowles had been on a walk about with the new Community Safety Officer, looking at hotspots around the Village Green and at streets with problematic HMO's/exempt accommodation properties.

3. Police Update from Sergeant Chris Gallon

Sergeant Chris Gallon provided a local police update and made the following main points –

- Sergeant Louise Garner was leaving the area at the beginning of November and he would be sergeant for Moseley, Kings Heath, Sparkhill & Springfield until a new sergeant was appointed.
- A response team was to be based at Woodbridge Road police station in the near future to improve response times.
- Crime overall had reduced based on year-on-year statistics – theft reduced by 17%, robberies by 10%, vehicle crime by 45%, youth violence(knife) 100%. The only crimes to increase were burglary by 10% and low youth violence by 2%
- The local team was still having to deal with response incidents in progress so neighbourhood policing was still not where it should be eg visibility patrols. This was however supposed to finish at the end of November so the team could focus on neighbourhood policing and begin working on trust and confidence with the local community.
- Speed Watch on Yardley Wood Road, more planned with PCSO's when resources allowed but more volunteers were required.
- Street Watch was flourishing in Moseley & Kings Heath

In response to questions regarding responses to reported crimes, Sergeant Gallon urged residents to request a timescale when reporting but if it was proving difficult to email him or the team. Sergeant Gallon also responded to comments regarding Speed Watch and said that as much was being done with available resources and that cars were being seized, although he acknowledged this was not widely publicised. He was open to the idea of hosting a meeting with local car dealerships in response to the rise in car crime and welcomed suggestions from residents.

In response to other issues raised, Councillors asked residents to forward photos of cars blocking pavements to the West Midlands Police portal and Councillor Knowles said she would look at the possibility of Speed Watch standing at the village green in response to safety issues raised.

4. Brum Breathes Application

On behalf of Better Streets for Moseley (North East), Huw Davies outlined the application for Brum Breathes funding. The application was based on residents around the Woodstock Road area coming together out of concern for anti-social driving and a wish for LTN's similar to those implemented in

Kings Heath. The application to the Brum Breathes fund was to commission local consultation around the idea of a LTN and to pay for PJA Association, who were already known to the City Council, to undertake the consultation exercise and provide a report with options and some 'quick win' ideas should money be available next year through the Brum Breathes fund.

It was acknowledged that there was no funding available currently for the introduction of LTN's, but the consultation would provide the first step in readiness for when money became available.

The amount applied for was £20,000 from the ward's £40,000 allocation.

In response to questions the meeting was advised that the area under consideration was around Wake Green Road/Yardley Wood Road along Alcester Road to Brighton Road/Taunton Road junction. A map of the area was made available at the meeting. The idea had come from the ward planning exercises and the ideas/options/solutions that came forward from the consultation would come from residents.

It was agreed that the application by Better Streets for Moseley (North East) to the Brum Breathes fund for £20,000 be supported and recommended for approval.

5. Local Issues/AOB

a) Brighton Road Railway Bridge – Accumulation of Water – Councillor Jenkins advised Kier had a drain cleaning programme but drains and sewers were unable to cope during periods of torrential rain. Flooding could be reported through the council's website or to the councillors.

b) Knife Crime – in response to concerns regarding robberies at knife point Sergeant Gallon confirmed arrests had been made and no further crimes committed. Education programmes were being taken into local schools. Councillor Jenkins added BCC was also doing work in schools around knife crime and would ask for Queensbridge School to be added to the list.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
1. PSPO – alteration to map	1. Cllrs to check no further consultation required	

<p>2. Brum Breathes Fund application by Better Streets for Moseley (North East) for £20k is supported and recommended for funding approval.</p> <p>3. Knife crime education in schools – Queensbridge School to be added to the list</p>	<p>2. Better Streets for Moseley to submit application</p> <p>3. Cllr Jenkins to make request</p>	
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