

RUBERY & REDNAL WARD MEETING

WARD: Rubery & Rednal	DATE: 8 March 2022
VENUE: Longbridge Methodist Church, Bristol Road South B45 9TY	START/FINISH TIMES: 1pm – 1.40pm
COUNCILLOR Adrian Delaney	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager Rebecca Debenham & Harry Debenham, Northfield Community Partnership (Celebrating Communities Fund Facilitator)	
MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome & Introductions from Councillor Delaney2. Commonwealth Games Celebrating Communities Fund Grant Applications<p>Rebecca Debenham, Northfield Community Partnership, explained her role as facilitator for the grant application process and circulated an explanation sheet to the meeting explaining the process for hearing the applications. She added that Rubery & Rednal ward had £17,500 to allocate of the Celebrating Communities Fund after Round 1.</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Rubery Wombles – applied for £10,000 to create a community garden for the local community to the rear of Deelands Hall . Francis and Jane outlined their proposal and gave a break down of costings. The group undertook regular local litter picks and had been collecting wheel hubs which would be decorated as flags of the Commonwealth and planters would be painted similarly. Offers of help had been received from local businesses and the garden would create a lasting legacy for the community. In response to questions the meeting was advised that secure storage had been designed into the project and further storage would be designed with the community as the scheme progressed.<p>The applicants then withdrew from the meeting while a vote was taken in favour/against the application.</p>	

b) Rednal Litter Busters

Fiona Phipps outlined the proposal for a Commonwealth Games sports day for the community held at Rednal Hill JI School playing fields on 23 July. Every child that attended would receive a free meal voucher redeemable at one of the food vendors at the event. Rednal was the furthest part of Birmingham from the centre of the CWG and therefore residents did not feel part of the Games so a 'local CWG' that was a free, fun day for the local community hoped to address that. A breakdown of the costings was provided and the sporting events that would be available. In response to questions the meeting was advised that the food vendors would provide healthy meals. Invites would be open to all of the community across the ward.

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3. Ward Issues

a) Bilberry Hill Centre

Councillor Delaney advised that while the Centre was outside the ward boundary in Worcester, it did impact on the local community. The building had been vacant for sometime and had subsequently been vandalised. The council had now secured the building and removed the graffiti. The future of the Centre was subject to a council consultation and residents could add their views via Be Heard on the council's website. Councillor Delaney said he would continue to monitor the situation while the building remained empty.

b) HMO Roseleigh Road

Councillor Delaney advised that there had been a planning application to convert a property in Roseleigh Road into a 5 bed HMO but he had campaigned with residents and the M.P. against the application on the grounds that it was a family home and was not suitable for a residential area. The application had subsequently been refused. Councillor Delaney said he would monitor the situation as the property remained empty.

c) Jack's Supermarket

Councillor Delaney advised that the supermarket was closing for renovation but would reopen as a Tesco store and the current staff would be retained.

4. AOB

a) Petition – School Crossing Patrol, Rednal Hill Junior School

Councillor Delaney said that the position was currently vacant but was out to advert so if anyone was interested or wanted more details contact Councillor Delaney direct. A petition had been raised and submitted to City Council at its meeting in December in support of a zebra crossing near to Redhill School on Edgware Road but could not be considered as there had not been enough accidents at the location to justify a zebra crossing. A 20mph speed limit had also been requested and he had been advised this should come from the local ward budget however there were insufficient funds for such a project.

In response to a question Councillor Delaney said that he was looking at alternative ways to secure a 20mph limit on Edgware Road as the one on Leech Green Lane had been successful. Speed activated cameras were however to be placed on Edgware Road one opposite the pub and one opposite the church hall.

b) Bin Kendal Rise Park had been ordered and would be installed in 6-8 weeks.

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):