

Stockland Green Ward Advisory Board
Notes from the meeting of 22 January 2019

Apologies	Parveen Akhtar	Streetwise
	Junaid Gharda	Resident
	Jean Heap	Northside Welcome Centre
	Maureen Meehan	Neighbourhood Watch
	Tom Meehan	Gating Project
	Kevin Warrington	Bethany Outreach Project
Present	Trevor Davis	Erdington Seventh Day Adventist Church
	Lisa Day	Autis
	Cheryl Dockery	SGOHT
	Alison Foden	Homestart
	Fatima Gharda	Erdington Asian Ladies Association
	Mandy Headley	Autis
	Councillor Josh Jones	Chairperson
	Helena McKeon	West Midlands Police
	Mary Kennedy	SGOHT
	Wayne Potter	West Midlands Police
	Jim Reid	West Midlands Police

1. Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

- 1.1 There has been a rise in the number of burglaries from November to December however persons have been charged in respect of some of these. Some burglaries were as a result of insecure properties.
- 1.2 There has been a rise in ASB offences, many of which relate to street beggars who are attracted to the area by food donations offered from Stockland Green Methodist Church.
- 1.3 Operation Park Safe has been effective in targeting poor parking in the Slade Road area. This will continue as part of regular neighbourhood policing.
- 1.4 Most of Stockland Green is now a designated Public Space Protection Order which means street drinkers may have their alcohol removed. See attached leaflet.

Action **Burglary and ASB reaffirmed as Police priorities.**
WAB FB page to be updated more frequently with positive results of Police work e.g. you said, we did.

2. Operation K999

K999 is essentially a community streetwatch which reports intelligence directly to the Neighbourhood Police Team. It is proposed that we highlight the benefits of K999, including the benefits to health, by means of another Guinness world record attempt planned for 21st September 2019. It would be an ideal way to highlight how positive the ward is, the groups operating within the ward and increase the numbers of Streetwatch groups. The attempt would be to photograph 200 dogs and their owners at the Greek Centre and the logistics and planning would be done by a project team (yet to be determined) and hopefully supported by the Police and Crime Commissioners fund.

Action **Neighbourhood Police Team to progress accordingly.**

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3. The Ward Plan & Community Consultation

This has been ongoing for so long and responses have been very poor. As yet, responses have not been collated into any form of plan. Josh suggested that we revitalise the entire consultation process by eliciting views through an open ward meeting, visits to existing groups, and maybe a boosted FB consultation.

Action **Mary to ask WAB members for their top 10 priorities to inform the consultation process.**
 Mary to schedule a number of open meetings and meet with existing groups once the priorities have been identified.

4. The Community Café and Hub at Brookvale Park

Some planning conditions are yet to be satisfied but once these are done, it is hoped that work can begin on site. Due to some extenuating difficulties within the group, the Friends of Brookvale Park have partnered with Kingstanding Regeneration Trust and going forward, the partnership will work to deliver the Community Café and Hub.

5. 411 Slade Road – the former Arch Building

The development has stalled because of difficulties associated with the development funding. Originally it was hoped that European funds would support the development but for reasons beyond the control of SGOHT, this is no longer possible. SGOHT have committed to finding alternative funds which hopefully, will allow the development to proceed sooner rather than later.

6. Autis

Autis have begun delivery of a playgroup from Highcroft Community Centre and intend to facilitate courses for parents and professionals in the near future.

7. Erdington Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Church are hoping to site a defibrillator in April.

8. Selective Licensing

Despite all the ground work being done in Stockland Green, BCC are not willing to take the scheme forward based on recent legal advice. The board agreed that this is not in the best interests of Stockland Green.

Action Josh to liaise with Jack Dromey and hopefully challenge the decision.

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9. Community Awards feedback

All agreed that the event was particularly successful with a buffet as opposed to a sit down meal actually setting a more relaxed tone. There was agreement that the Awards are key in bringing partners together and instilling a sense of pride and comradery in Stockland Green and there is an appetite to continue the awards despite funding pressures.

Action To be discussed on next agenda.

10. Active Citizens Fund

Three applications from different organisations within the ward were submitted to the fund many months ago but as yet, no decisions have been communicated to those organisations.

Action Wayne to establish the situation and update Mary.

11. Stockland Green WAB FB Page

There is some concern that the WAB FB does not properly communicate the fact that the Police are an integral part of the WAB. This causes difficulties when responding to comments made about Police,

Agreed The name of the page is amended to read Stockland Green Ward Advisory Board and Police Team.

Cheryl will speak to the Pioneer marketing person with regard to the best way for us to collate and publicise good news stories via the FB page and report back.

12. The Ambrosia Project

The project seeks to develop a befriending service for older, isolated persons and is a partnership between Marsh Hill Allotments Association, the Midland Greek Centre and the Erdington Asian Women's Society. Referrals will be encouraged and dealt with by the Erdington Asian Women's Association who will introduce people to gardening at the allotments and a lunch club at the Greek Centre. Anyone interested should visit the Erdington Asian Women's Society between 11 and 12 on Tuesday, 5th February.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 6.30 p.m. on 12th March 2019 at a venue to be determined.