

## BOURNVILLE & COTTERIDGE WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES RECORDING

<b>WARD:</b> Bournville & Cotteridge	<b>DATE:</b> Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>VENUE:</b> Bournville Village Trust, 350 Bournville Lane, Birmingham B30 1QY	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7:00 pm – 8:34 pm
<b>COUNCILLOR/S:</b> Liz Clements & Fred Grindrod	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 13
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Preety Sohpal – Community Governance Manager	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b> Elaine Li – Bournville Village Trust, Sgt Sankey – West Midlands Police

### CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

1. *A Prosperous Bournville & Cotteridge*
2. *A Inclusive Bournville & Cotteridge*
3. *A Safe Bournville & Cotteridge*
4. *A Healthy Bournville & Cotteridge*
5. *A Green Bournville & Cotteridge*
6. *A Local Bournville & Cotteridge*

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

#### 1. Welcome & Notice of Recording

Councillor Clements & Councillor Grindrod welcomed all to the meeting and advised that members of the press/public may be present, could record and take photographs of the meeting. All persons present introduced themselves to everyone.

#### 2. Local Updates & Information from Councillor Grindrod & Councillor Clements

- The Bournville Places for People project discussed at the last ward meeting, the full report has now been published online. They are currently reviewing next steps and will be doing further consultations soon.
- E-scooters on the Bournville Village Green have been removed after residents raised concerns. A new system is being developed where the new E-scooters will be GPS tracked to ensure whoever is hiring them is driving them on the road and not on the pavements or the green. Due to the technology surrounding this, a clear safe space is needed to park them.

- Collections of bins has been challenging recently in the ward with a number of roads repeatedly missed. The Councillors are trying to work with the depot to ensure that roads are not missed and are working with the Cabinet Member for Environment on this issue.
- The Christmas deadline of the LTN will be delayed due to the lack of resources/staff. This will be communicated by the team as and when there are updates. The existing design needs to be reviewed with detail therefore delaying is currently the best option.
- The Councillors thanked all for attending the Christmas light switch on and thanked the Bournville Village Trust and Church that was also part of this.
- Cotteridge Church are coordinating a Business Improvement Scheme to try to encourage businesses to come together and 'beautify' Bournville & Cotteridge.
- BPAS Clinic on Station Road, the protesters have currently stopped protesting outside the clinic due to the continuous resident concerns raised.
- Councillors addressed resident concerns being raised for some time of many houses in the ward being converted to HMO's and supported accommodation. A lot of business on the front of Bristol Road are encroaching on to the pavement. Councillors will continue to review all planning applications to try and ensure that any breaches are notified to the relevant team in a timely manner.
- Bournville Village Trust have partnered with Spring Housing on a 6 year lease which may or not be extended. It is to create housing with 2/3/4 bedroom apartments.
- Bins being left on the pavements for a prolonged time are an obstruction for wheelchairs users, prams and young children walking with their carers, particularly bad around Bournville Primary School. The Waste team are leaving bins across the pavements causing this obstruction. The Councillors advised residents that if this is happening or they see this happening, to take pictures and send to the Councillors so this can be feedback to the team.

### **3. Local Police Update**

Sergeant Sankey introduced himself to residents. He explained that another Sergeant has been covering the Bournville and Cotteridge ward 9 months however he will be moved to another ward which will leave the ward with less police force but there will be another Sergeant appointed for this ward very soon. He shared recent crime figures which are Year to Date (April to April) with comparisons to the year before crime figures

- 8% increase in assault
- 43% reduction in car crime
- 19% reduction in burglaries
- 21% increase in robberies

There have been high numbers of reports of ASB and 5 arrests have been made with varying offences aged 10-14 years old. Social services have also been

involved in some of these cases. They have now been displaced however are using the trains to travel to other areas from Redditch to Kings Norton. If you do see a group of 10-14 year olds who are committing a crime, please report to 101 or on the West Midlands Police website.

There are problems around the PSPO in place on Station Road and residents continue to report their concerns to the police and councillors. The PSPO in place bans praying in a public place however the leader of the protestors claims that she is a victim of "Thought Crime". Police are continued to attend the location when required as and when reports come in.

A Section 60 was issued to the travellers on Rowheath Pavillions as the car park was closed off by 16 caravans. Rowheath had also closed the centre due to traveller's being on site and the travellers committing a variety of crimes against people working at the centre and young children. After they were issued with a section 60, they were moved within 4 hours and moved on to Billesley and Kings Norton and were issued with a section 60 again and moved out. The police advised Rowheath to get bollards, barriers with height restrictions or any other deterrents by the Summer to prevent travellers from getting on to the site again.

There was also an incident that happened in Rowheath Park where a 6/7 year old boy told his parents that someone tried to take him. This was reported to the police, 1000-15000 homes were questioned in the area and the next day an arrest was made. There have been no other reported incidents in Rowheath Park since.

To address tensions in school groups, the police has been working with intervention officers in schools which has had a positive impact.

#### **4. Brum Breathes**

A Brum Breathes application was discussed by Chris from the Birmingham Bike Foundry. The proposal is to buy a fleet of e-cargo bikes which can be hired for a 3 month period or longer and the hire fee would be around £50 per month. The incentive is to use e-cargo bikes instead of driving a car for school runs, local shop runs which would see a massive reduction in pollution in the ward. There will be some bikes with two seats on the back for children to sit on. A similar scheme is currently running in Paris on a much larger scale and has been successful. 22% of children walk to school and 47% travel by car with an average of a 1 mile trip each way. The bikes will be long tail bikes but not much longer a standard bike.

They will be buying bikes from 2/3 different manufacturer's to cater for people's different needs and taste's. The measurables will be journeys not taken by car, increase in physical activity, improvements of air quality and this will be conducted by getting the participants to complete a survey and calculate how many carbon emissions were saved.

An application has been put in in the Stirchley ward for 6 bikes and the Bournville and Cotteridge ward will potentially see 12 bikes, should the application be successful.

Feedback from the residents was as follows;

- This scheme would be the perfect way for people to try a new mode of transport before purchasing as the bikes are very expensive
- Road safety is an issue in the ward due to traffic and may be unsafe for children to be on the back
- A great idea to reduce carbon emissions in the ward and increase physical activity
- The overall consensus was to approve the proposal

If you'd like more information on this proposal or you'd like to get involved, please contact Chris from the Birmingham Bike Foundry

<https://birminghambikefoundry.org/bikes/>

#### **5. Provision for the young people of Bournville & Cotteridge**

Richard from St Francis Church introduced himself to residents and explained that the church have a history of youth work operating from St Francis Church 40 years ago. The church has recently appointed a new youth worker and Bournville Village Trust are also working with the church to bring outside organisations and schools to get involved. There has been interest from some local primary schools including Bournville Primary School.

There will be more updates as and when the work develops.