

HANDSWORTH WOOD WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Wood Ward	DATE: 14 th November 2019
VENUE: Hamstead Pavilion	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR : Atwal	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Police Sgt.Mc Garth

WARD PRIORITIES: -

1. **Housing** - HMOs, affordable Housing ,supported Housing and sustainable Neighbourhoods
2. **Aspiration to set up City Ward forums for issues that affect different Ward for example H.M.O**
3. **Crime and the Perception of Crime** - ASB, safer streets and crime prevention.
4. **Traffic and Highways Issues** – Speeding, road safety and inconsiderate parking.
5. **Debate and be consulted in policy making** – With the aim of establishing City wide forums on key issues to help shape policy
6. **Environment issues** - fly tipping and Littering.
7. **Adults Service** - Loneliness in the elderly
8. **Children and young people** – Mother and toddler groups

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Introductions and notice of recording** – Cllr Councillor Atwal
2. **Apologies** - Neil De Costa ,Ken Brown and Cllr Kooner
3. **Local Police** with Police Sgt. Mc Garth – Sgt. Mc Garth reported that crime for the Ward was low currently with fewer burglaries and robberies when compared to the same period last year he believed this to be due to the arrest of some local prolific burglars .Then discussing and updating the residents on A.S.B issues in HMO's in Cornwall Road and Wheaton Vale ;speeding and resulting accidents in Church Road ;inconsiderate and

dangerous parking around Handsworth Wood Girls Academy . Sgt Mc Garth gave crime prevention advice and went over the methods for contacting the Police this included calling 101, West Midlands now and the website which offered a chat line for non - urgent calls and of course 999 for emergencies .

4. **Residents issues /Open forum** - The following items were raised and discussed by the residents and Councillor Atwal.

- HMO'S –Planning, PRS, supported housing and A.S.B – Residents voiced their frustrations with ongoing problems with the existing H.M.O in the Ward including anti – social behavior and problem landlords. Residents were also frustrated at the slow development of the city wide forum on H.M.O's which they had outlined in the Ward plan a while ago .**Action** Invite Planning and PRS team to the next Ward meeting on 9th January 2020.
- Fallen leaves/ wet dangerous not cleared foot paths – **Action** Cllr Atwal to seek clarity on the leaf clearing policy with the cabinet member .
- Effective Health Care Commissioning in Sandwell and West Birmingham.-
- Road safety around the local schools siting speeding and obstructive parking as a regular occurrence. Residents asked if the Ward had made progress in establishing “ 20 is plenty “zones around schools as in other Wards around the City. Councillor Atwal said he would support any resident's petition on the subject. **Action** Karl Randall the Senior Highways Engineer for Perry Barr to be invited to a future meeting to discuss road safety issues and 20 is plenty zones in the Ward.

5. **Future Meeting topics and dates** - The following topics were agreed for the January and March Ward meeting where possible

1. Completion of the Ward Plan and the action plan (January)
2. HMO's with officers in attendance from PRS and Planning (January)
3. Highways issues -20 is plenty ,parking ,parking around schools and Amey (March)

Councillors (s) Signed:

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