

BOURNVILLE & COTTERIDGE WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Bournville & Cotteridge	DATE: 7 March 2019
VENUE: The Cotteridge Church, Pershore Road B30 3EJ	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 7.55pm
COUNCILLORS Fred Grindrod & Liz Clements	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 10
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Mills & O'Dell, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Partner Updates

Police

Following update provided;

- Queen Mother Court – number of issues reported so regular daily patrols taking place
- Issues with graffiti had been noted but prosecution was difficult unless the perpetrator was caught in the act or there was excellent CCTV available. Some time ago a 'graffiti box' had been made available to residents so that they could assist with graffiti removal. The meeting was advised that some work was being done with schools around graffiti and if successful could be rolled out in Bournville. Councillor Clements said that graffiti could be reported on line, especially if offensive. She had also spoken to BVT regarding volunteer clean ups.
- Groups of youths hanging around Cotteridge had been reported as a hot spot. This was due to the number of bus routes that converged on Cotteridge therefore operations had been organised in conjunction with Safer Travel. Consideration being given to using a S60 notice to undertake stop and search checks on buses.
- Across the constituency a hot spot had been identified in each ward & for this ward that was Cotteridge
- Speeding – current trial to use enable PSSO's to issue speeding tickets.

- Traffic team had undertaken an operation on Cartland Road where drivers travelling over a certain speed were sent straight to court and were at risk of losing their licence
- Numerous reports re speeding were received and resources allocated to where there was most need therefore residents urged to continue reporting
- There had been an issue with 'fake' news and the use of social media. There had been a slight increase in robberies in Selly Oak.

2. Community Safety –

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Updates were provided on behalf of Kingfisher N.W & The Oval N.W. setting out their aims and objectives and how they emphasised the prevention message to fellow residents.

Councillor Grindrod sought suggestions on extending neighbourhood watch across the ward and linking up to other groups.

Bournville Neighbourhood Police Team were keen to work with residents.

What was important to make this work?

- Communication – lists of contacts & details of 'What's Going On'
- Use of the Neighbourhood Watch Website
- Set up Facebook & What's App groups for people to join
- Have a Neighbourhood Watch workshop (Saturday morning) event – BVT to link into , help spread the word, possible venue
- Selly Oak Next Door, Cotteridge Forum, Cotteridge Past & Present etc – online groups and other websites as good sources for sharing information
- GDPR had caused issues with sharing contact details – advice needed
- Target areas with leaflet drops that provided information about how people joined in. Better still 'door knocking' with personal invite to groups – involve the PCSO's
- Make the geographical area of a Neighbourhood Watch manageable – could be one road
- Get to know residents in the immediate area
- Fund raising – costs needed to be covered

- Constitution – help other groups with expertise around governance, running a Watch etc, share basic documents
Any areas without a Neighbourhood Watch interested in setting up a group?
- Queen Mother Court/ Westholme Croft residents were interested but there was an issue of funding and capacity – could Kingfisher N.W. be extended?
- Councillor Grindrod undertook to look into establishing a group in Westholme Croft. Acacia Avenue residents were interested also. He undertook to circulate some information leaflets and also share information on WMNow. Rowheath Pavilion had offered a small room free of charge to hold a meeting so would look into holding a meeting there.

3. Ward Plan

Ward plan to be discussed in detail at next ward meeting. Road safety & community safety were priorities that had already been identified.

4. Other Issues

- a) Phone Mast** – Cllr Grindrod in response to concerns raised said that in connection to the application for Rowheath Pavilion this had to follow the planning process and comments could be made via that process. Cllr Clements advised that residents should lobby their M.P. with their concerns regarding the process for phone mast installation.
- b) Banners** – in response to concerns raised by residents regarding the erection of banners by developers that were not then taken down eg McCarthy Stone on Oak Tree Lane creating an eye sore BVT to report to estate office for action.

Councillors (s) Signed:

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