

## BOURNVILLE & COTTERIDGE WARD FORUM ACTION NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Bournville & Cotteridge	<b>DATE:</b> 1 August 2018
<b>VENUE:</b> Rowheath Pavilion, Heath Road, B30 1HH	<b>START/FINSH TIMES:</b> 7pm – 8.35pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Liz Clements (Chair) & Fred Grindrod	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 18
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Inspector Noeleen Murrin, West Midlands Police	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

<b>WARD PRIORITIES:</b>

<b>MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERS:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local News and updates – Ward Councillors &amp; Community Groups/Organisations including Police Update</li> <li>2. A Clean Air Zone for Birmingham &amp; Improving Air Quality</li> <li>3. Residents News, Updates &amp; Local Concerns</li> <li>4. Dates of Future Ward Forum Meetings</li> </ol>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Updates</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <u>Police</u></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Inspector Murrin gave a brief update and in response to resident's concerns made the following points;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Speed Watch – due to an insurance issue there had been a halt across the West Midlands however as soon as the issue had been sorted the Inspector undertook to advise further. With</li> </ol>	Inspector Murrin	When details available

<p>regard to 20mph limits Councillor Clements undertook to enquire about further areas although she stated the key factor was enforcement.</p> <p>b) Masefield Estate – cross agency work ongoing in response to ASB issues</p> <p>c) Street Watch – short discussion around procedure and role of a street watch. Interest expressed.</p> <p>ii) <u>Ward Councillors</u></p> <p>d) Phone Mast, corner of Heath Road – approval due to administrative error, community continuing to oppose.</p> <p>e) Holding meetings with community groups in the area to look at connectivity, links and encourage activity and sharing of information etc. Also met with the Cotteridge traders to discuss matters of concern and bring together as a group. Information welcomed on any groups that could join the conversation and help build the community</p> <p>2. <u>A Clean Air Zone for Birmingham</u></p> <p>Councillor Clements advised of the details of the CAZ currently out to consultation. Consultation closed on 17 August.</p> <p>The following comments were made;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The consultation period was too short to provide an informed response.</li> <li>– Small businesses and their staff within the zone would be penalised</li> </ul>	<p>Councillor Clements</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Residents/Councillors</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Item for future agenda to enable discussion in more detail.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To avoid paying the charge traffic would divert to more residential areas thus creating pollution elsewhere.</li> <li>– Costs would be passed onto customers</li> <li>– Those living within the zone area would be liable to the charge and those citizens were likely to have older vehicles and be least likely to be able to afford to pay. Some mitigation was required.</li> <li>– Seeking views via the consultation was pointless as a decision had already been made to introduce the CAZ.</li> <li>– Fares on buses and trains needed to be substantially lowered if people were to be persuaded not to use their cars and assist in improving air quality.</li> <li>– A study should be undertaken on the implications for people living and travelling into the city once the CAZ had been introduced.</li> <li>– There also needed to be a focus on reducing congestion as this would also reduce pollution therefore better parking facilities were required at stations.</li> <li>– Public transport providers needed to be fully on board with the idea and offer eg cheaper fares within the zone, improved parking at stations</li> <li>– The city's green footprint was also integral and proper plans made for more green spaces eg on roofs of buildings, more trees, additional charging points etc</li> </ul>		
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<p>Councillor Clements referred to a special scrutiny committee arranged for 2 August 10am at the Council House to hear from interested parties on the CAZ. Residents asked that their points be put forward and that the committee should be emphasising the lack of time given to citizens to comment.</p> <p>3. <u>Local Concerns</u></p> <p>a) <u>New South Birmingham Bus Routes</u> – Residents from Bournville Gardens had expressed concern at the loss of the number 98 bus and a direct route to the QE Hospital. There was also concern that the new timetable did not fit with shift patterns of hospital staff.</p> <p>b) <u>Development of local railway lines</u> – reference to trains now running to Bromsgrove on the Cross City Line which could potentially prove detrimental to the ward, due to overcrowding, until more trains and more carriages were organised. No information had been forthcoming. Wheelchair users also experienced problems due to lack of trained staff.</p> <p>c) <u>Builders burning rubbish creating smoke</u></p> <p>d) <u>Empty properties in ward</u></p> <p>e) <u>Silver capsules rear of Methodist Church and Rowheath Pavilion</u></p>	<p>Councillor Clements</p> <p>Residents to email Councillor Clements to be forwarded to TfWM</p> <p>Agreed as an item for a future agenda</p> <p>Details to Councillors Details to Councillors Inspector Murrin to investigate</p>	<p>Future Meeting</p>
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**AOB:**

Date of Next Meeting – agreed to hold bi-monthly meetings as a starting point with next meeting to be arranged in October. Venues to alternate around ward.

Items for Future Meetings –

- i) Report back on LIF projects (next meeting)
- ii) Cotteridge Island & Congestion (next meeting)
- iii) Development of Cross City Line
- iv) Street Watch

Councillors (s) Signed: .....

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