

PERRY BARR WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Perry Barr	DATE: 23 January 2019
VENUE: Perry Hall Methodist Church, Rocky Lane B42 1QF	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
COUNCILLORS Jon Hunt & Morriam Jan	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 28
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Uddin, West Midlands Police Panikos Panayiotou & Dr Mervyn Jayakody Rebecca Farr & Laura Spink, Planning & Regeneration Kay Thomas, Local Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Police Update

Sergeant Uddin reported the following;

- Following resident information a cannabis factory had been uncovered and arrests made
- 3 burglary arrests had recently been made
- Arrest made of an individual targeting elderly and vulnerable people
- Operation Park Safe targeting school parking
- He would bring further crime figures including total recorded crime to a future meeting
- Volunteers sought for Street Watch – interested residents could contact local police team or local councillors
- In response to questions no reports of criminal damage to cars had been received but if details on criminal damage were required they could be brought to the next meeting, similarly any other figures that residents were interested in.

2. Turnberry Park Report

Panikos with the aid of a power point presentation provided details of the proposed development of Turnberry Park. Consultation had

been undertaken but further work with residents was anticipated to manage some quick fixes to reclaim the park for the community. Councillor Hunt referred to money available for the park from a new housing development but that as it was likely to cost more than that available the project had been commissioned to also attract some match funding. Ideas were needed from the community about what was needed in the park and this project had done that and re-focused work done a few years ago.

In response to comments the meeting was advised that an art project for the tunnel was being commissioned. The community needed to be empowered to work in partnership with the city council to develop the park through third sector and a friends of group.

3. Urban Centres Regeneration

Rebecca Farr with the aid of a power point presentation gave an overview of the draft regeneration of local centres, including Perry Barr and the reasons behind it. The consultation document was on the council's website and residents were urged to comment.

In response to questions the meeting was advised that the library did not feature in the regeneration but consideration could be given to putting it back in one of the buildings. In response to concerns regarding the removal of the cycle lane on the A34 and failure to discuss with cycle experts, Rebecca undertook to take those concerns back.

Residents expressed concern that there had been no publicity about the consultation and therefore people had not had sufficient time to comment. Rebecca said that it had been on the website and councillors briefed, there had not been a huge take up to attend meetings etc but she undertook to take the comments back. At the end of the consultation process comments would be assessed and the extent of the comments would determine amendments.

In response to comments Councillor Hunt advised urban centres were different to local centres and that the system needed to ensure that the community that defined local centres could be incorporated.

In response to queries regarding the removal of the fly over and the effect on Perry Barr Centre Councillor Hunt said that the 3B's planning meeting had given consideration to this given that the replacement traffic lights and road layout would cut off the u-turn back into One Stop and this was something that needed to be fed back into the consultation. Rebecca advised that she was in regular discussion with One Stop.

Concerns were expressed regarding the illustrations and diagrams being shown as they were not felt to realistically show what would be actually built.

4. Sprint Buses – Update from Councillors

Councillor Jan said that in response to the anger expressed by residents in respect of the proposals for the Walsall Road she would be presenting a petition to City Council and putting a question to the Leader. She had met with representatives from TfWM and voiced the issues raised and they were meeting with the A34 Action Group at the end of the week.

Councillor Hunt added that TfWM had listened to the points raised and committed to review parking/access along the route for homes & businesses & consider alternative designs so that not all parking space was removed. A proposal had been put to TfWM that would ease the part of the A34 between Calshot Road & Booths Farm Road and councillors undertook to continue meeting with TfWM as long as the proposals were acceptable to residents.

Bottlenecks were identified as the turning into Aldi, at schools & onto the motorway. Real life modelling was requested.

5. Residents Issues

- a) Rubbish Collection - In response to issues raised the meeting was advised that the strike was continuing and advice was to put bins out for collection on recycling days and that if the strike continued a 2 weekly collection would commence. Any missed collections should be reported and councillors advised.
- b) Gating – **details of broken locks on security gates to be provided to Councillor Jan to resolve.**
- c) Green Waste Collection – **details of issues to be raised with Councillor Jan.**

Councillors (s) Signed:

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