

Summary notes

Ward: Handsworth Wood

Date of meeting: 19th September 2017

Meeting overview

Present: Councillor Gurdial Atwal (in the Chair), Councillor Narinder Kooner and Councillor Paulette Hamilton

Officers: PC Moody - Handsworth Police Team

Pat Whyte - Community Support and Development Officer

Neil De Costa, Lead Officer for Perry Barr District

Lesley Bannister, Community Governance Manager

There were 34 residents in attendance.

- 1. Notice of Recording** - Noted
- 2. Apologies:** Councillor Hamilton and Councillor Kooner for lateness
- 3. Local Innovation Fund**

Neil De Costa updated the meeting on the L.I.F, 3 proposals that had received approval

- Handsworth In Bloom.
- The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Jobs and Skills.
- The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Health and Well-being.

Neil, went on say that the Ward had received an additional 4 proposals from:

- Outdoor Gym Laurel Road
- Open Air Gym and learning facility Uplands allotments
- Spring Housing's Hestia House Community Resource
- Outreach support work through sport – Diamonds F.C

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These four proposals gained the backing of the three elected members to receive the remainder of the Wards allocated fund and to move forward to the next stage of the process and to seek approval at Cabinet Committee - Local leadership.

Finally Neil added that as part of the funding process all seven recipient groups would be required to come back to a future Ward meeting and explain how the funding has been spent and what has been achieved.

Some residents questioned the process and were critical of some aspects of the process, they said the lesson to be learnt would be to publicise such future funding more vigorously and award the whole allocation in one stage not two.

4. Policing and Anti-Social Behaviour

P.C Moody reported that at the last N.T.G. meeting Fly tipping; Parking issues; Speeding and A.S.B were the main issues of the Ward.

P.C Moody also said that as a consequence of recent terrorist's threats and levels being increased, the local officer resources have been reduced.

Councillor Atwal lead the questions to PC Moody on the ever present problem of lorries, vans and other commercial vehicles being parked in residential areas, unloading goods to local businesses and even being repaired. He said that this problem was long standing and residents were fed up with blocked pavements and road and that the inconsiderate Parking was causing problems for wheelie chair users, mobility scooters and pushchairs forcing the people to use the road. Councillor Hamilton reminded and asked residents to report all these incidents to the local Police team and gave the contact details of the local PCSO. There was a discussion on how this long standing problem could be resolved, both physical and enforcements deterrents were discussed. Residents also believed the number of H.M.O's in the Ward was adding to this problem. Neil De Costa suggested a join day of action between the Police and B.C.C. which both residents and Councillors agreed would be a good start.

Action –To arrange a day of action to address the problem parking issues in the Ward.

After this item there was a delay to the meeting due to a protest from residents and non –residents objecting to the closure of the Fairway Centre in Northfield.

PC Moody left the meeting at 7.35pm

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5. **Ward Plans for 2017/18** – Neil De Costa opened this item by outlining that as part of the budget consultation for 2018/19 Ward members were being asked to consult with residents and identify 5 ward priorities. Councillor Kooner said that the consultation done for the L.I.F process was a good start and suggested that this should be built on. Residents were concerned over the short deadline of the 6th October and asked for an extension. Councillor Hamilton said that if residents could email or send their 5 priorities to Neil, then at the meeting on the 14th November this item could be discussed further, but the initial deadlines would remain.

Action –

- Neil De Costa to email the Ward Priorities as identified during the LIF process and recent ward meetings to residents
- Residents to email their 5 priorities for the Ward to Lesley Bannister as soon as possible absolute deadline 6th October.
- Neil De Costa to collate and forward to the Ward Councillors by 13th October.

6. Residents Issues and Concerns

- A.S.B report by local residents in Stockwell Road, Bernards Drive and Westminster Road

7. Future Meeting Topics

- Standard Items
- H.M.O's
- Modern day slavery
- Ward Plans
- Presentations from all the recipients of the Local Innovation funding.

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8. Date of next meeting

November 14th, 7pm at Handsworth Fire Station

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January - 16th Detail TBC

March – 20TH Details TBC

9 Authority to Chair & Officers - Agreed

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm

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NO.	Resident or Forum or Residents group Details	Concern/issue	Type of action to be taken (if any)	Officer or Member with responsibility
1	Residents	<p>The area around Oxhill Road junction , Stockwell Rd and Osborne Rd– Lorries and vans causing obstruction by parking on pavement area's .</p> <p>A.S.B in Stockwell Road,Westminister Road and Bernards Drive</p>	To arrange a day of action to address the problem parking and ASB issues in the Ward.	Ward Councillors and Neil De Costa
2	Residents and Councillors	Ward Plan –residents concerned over the short timescale .	Information from residents to be collated by officers and sent to the Ward Members by 13 th October	Neil De Costa and Lesley Bannister