

## SPARKHILL WARD FORUM ACTION NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Sparkhill	<b>DATE:</b> 5 July 2018
<b>VENUE:</b> Sparkhill Pool & Fitness Centre	<b>START/FINSH TIMES:</b> 7pm to 9.05pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Nicky Brennan & Mohammed Fazal and Roger Godsiff M.P.	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 35
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Andrew Daw, Resilience Team Sergeant Hanif Ullah, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

### WARD PRIORITIES:

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### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERS:

1. Flooding
2. Ward Priorities
3. Residents Issues
4. Police Update/issues

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<p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>Residents and business owners outlined the issues that they had encountered during the recent flooding and produced photographic evidence of the damage caused to business premises and homes. As this was the second time that flooding had occurred in the same location ie Formans Road, Pentos Drive, Percy Road there was a need for the authorities to take immediate action to prevent the risk of further flooding during the next heavy rainfall. Business owners spoke of irreversible damage caused and that they were uninsurable. It was felt that the area had been ‘forgotten’ and had not received the same attention as other areas of the city that had been flooded at the same time and that poorer areas had not received the same access to resources from the council as other more affluent areas. Proactive action from the city council and government agencies was called for as there would be repeat flooding in the future. Councillor Brennan outlined the benefits of setting up a Flood Action Group</p> <p>1. Main issues were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Drainage problems</li> <li>ii) Rubbish dumping in the river and how to work as a community and appropriate agencies to stop it occurring</li> <li>iii) Flooding would be repeated therefore how did residents obtain insurance cover</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>Andrew Daw, Resilience Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Emergency Number 0121 303 4149</li> <li>ii) Fly tipping was a contributory factor – residents urged to report to the city council to enable prosecution.</li> <li>iii) Scheme called Flood Re offers flood risk insurance cover – information to be made available to residents</li> </ul>

<p>iv) Rate rebate for businesses that could not trade</p>	<p>Andrew Daw, Resilience Team</p>	<p>iv) Government scheme for business rate rebate but has a threshold of £500 hardship payment . BCC scrutiny committee was looking at how the council and partners could better work together to prevent or minimise the risk of flooding in the future. Comments from the meeting to be fed into the discussion. Councillor Brennan to attend the scrutiny meeting – any further comments to Cllr Brennan.</p>
<p>v) Set up a Flood Action Group</p> <p><b><u>Police Update</u></b> Sgt Ullah gave an update on community policing and stated that residents input and information was vital.</p> <p><b>2. <u>Pavement Parking</u></b> – Avondale Road – problem increasing &amp; causing obstruction for pedestrians. School bus for children with special needs unable to get through. Police enforcement was needed. Previous petition calling for road to be made one-way and councillors requested to revisit petition</p>	<p>Councillor Brennan</p> <p>Residents/Councillor Brennan</p> <p>Sgt Ullah</p> <p>Councillors to take up with District Engineer</p>	<p>v) FLAG’s had been established in various parts of the city and sandbags would be delivered to recognised Groups. A FLAG would also be able to expand to become a proper community planning group to cover all aspects of flooding and plan for the next event. 8-10 residents would be required to set up the Group. Residents interested in being part of the FLAG asked to leave details with Councillor Brennan at the conclusion of the meeting. Separate meeting to be organised to take further.</p>

<p>and contact local engineer to re-consider the request.</p> <p>3. <b>Violent Crime</b> – Sgt advised was the top priority across the West Midlands – residents felt that parking issues affected more lives on a day to day basis and often led to road rage incidents and confrontations. There was an issue with planning law as there needed to be a stop to any more building in the ward as it was at saturation point and could not cope with any more residents/vehicles.</p> <p>4. <b>Motor bikes, Sparkhill Park</b> – residents advised that the nuisance caused was deterring families from using the park.</p> <p>5. <b>Neighbourhood Alert</b> – police demonstrating drones – further demonstration requested</p>	<p>Sgt Ullah</p> <p>Sgt Ullah</p> <p>Sgt Ullah</p>	
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