

## **Summary of Resident's issues and actions**

**Ward: Kingstanding**

**Date of meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7.00pm at Kingstanding Leisure Centre**

**Present:** Councillors Ron Storer (Chair), Gary Sambrook and Des Hughes

Officers: Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

Richard Davies – District Lead for Library Consultation

John Mole - Community Support and Development Officer

There were 12 residents in attendance.

**Apologies** – none

**Notice of recording read out.**

### **Update from the Fire Service**

- Perry Barr and Kingstanding Wards had recently seen an increase in cases of arson, vehicle fires have increased however the numbers of incidents are still in single figures.
- The fire service reminded the residents and Councillors that they offer a Safe and Well scheme whereby they visit homes of the elderly and vulnerable (by appointment) to check for hazards in the home that may not be apparent as well as fitting and checking fire alarms. This is a free service.

Councillors Storer enquired if there had been any increase of incidents over the Bonfire Night period, the fire service said there had not.

### **Library Consultation**

Richard Davies introduced the Library Consultation to the Ward meeting and supplied detailed handouts to the residents which outlined the proposed changes to the service, which explained

1. The budget cuts in terms of reductions in spend, staffing and opening hours.

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2. The ranking and criteria methodology used to tier and prioritise the 37 Community Libraries.
3. That the Consultation would run for three month and closed on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
4. How to make your views known and becoming involved in the Consultation via the be heard web page <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk>.

## **Comments from the residents and councillors to be fed into the consultation process.**

- If Sutton Coldfield Library is to close this will affect the residents of Kingstanding too, could consideration be given to increasing the Kingstanding Library hours, and note that the closure of Sutton Library doesn't just affect the residents of Sutton Coldfield.
- Residents and Councillors wanted consideration to be given to School children and the effects of reduced open hours would have on their ability to do homework, the residents wanted it noted that Children in this Ward did not always have access to the internet and computers outside of School.
- Both Councillors and residents asked if any new income streams were being sort for example in the forms of coffee shops, Richard Davies said that this was being looked into.

## **Local Innovation Fund**

John Mole gave an overview on the new Local Innovations Fund he explained that there are two sets of criteria.

1. Based on the City's Core Priorities : Children ,Job &Skills, Housing and Health
2. The Local Innovations Fund Priorities: Citizens' Independence & Well-being, New approach to Investment, Active Citizenship, Clean streets and Improvement to local area.

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John went onto explain that this fund was **not Community Chest** it therefore could not be used for the following:

1. One off equipment purchases e.g. Hanging basket ,CCTV
2. One off events
3. On-going cost
4. Contracted staff
5. Commissioning Reports
6. Monies to replace lost revenue budgets or core funding.

John advised the group that he received three Local Innovation fund proposals:

- **Kingstanding Food Community** – funding for the continuation and expansion of this project which seeks to empower Kingstanding's most deprived, unhealthy and vulnerable residents to make healthy choices regarding their lifestyles through the provision of a vibrant community gardening scheme, a community run cookery centre, and a community café. Approximately 3,500 deprived residents with low confidence, living with lifestyle related and social challenges in the Kingstanding area have benefited from activities and workshops on the project, and approximately 6000 people have accessed information about nutrition and well-being. The project is based in a local Birmingham City Council Well-Being Centre.
- **Raising Achievement in Kingstanding** -Kingstanding Gardens will provide a free gardening service to elderly and vulnerable residents who are unable to maintain their gardens .The work will be delivered by a qualified trainer working with a cohort of young people from Kingstanding that are not in employment, education or training(NEET These young people will gain valuable work experience and training and be supported to gain entry level vocational qualifications that will enable them to work in the construction industry.

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- **Health & Wellbeing Navigators**-We seek to support 'more' older people to live independent and healthy lives in their homes and communities and also reduce costs and burden on Council and NHS services. More and more people are accessing emergency and acute services, which are often not appropriate for their needs and also cost significantly more than if there was better and more effective support in their community.

The three ward councillors voted on each project, and agreed to support all three projects equally to the value of £16,000.

## Resident's issues -

1. Residents requested an update from the Councillors with regard to the site of the former Hare and Hounds Public House and the progression of a planning application for 35 Flats .Councillor Storer explained that to the best of his knowledge there was an issue with an access road and planning permission had not yet been granted.
2. Residents asked if there were any re generation plans for the local shopping precinct, the Councillors agreed that re generation was needed saying that the site was owned by a London based property so they had very little influence.
3. Residents asked if the rumours regarding the closure of the Post office at Kingstanding Circle was correct ?Councillor Sambrooke said to the best of his knowledge the rumours were incorrect, normally local Councillors are sent information about such intended closures as part of the Consultation process .None of the Ward's Councillors have received any such information.
4. Residents asked for the police to be invited to the next meeting.
5. Residents were unhappy with some of the street cleaning and litter bin emptying in the Ward .The Councillors said they would talk to Nick Reid about their concerns and invite Nick to the next meeting.
6. Residents complained that the grass verges by Co-op store at Kingstanding Circle were being churned up by their delivery vehicles. Could this be stopped? Councillor Storer to contact Karl Randall.
7. Residents informed the Councillors that litter bins were missing on Brackenbury Road and by the TSB bank Hawthorn Road .Councillor Sambrooke said he would look into this for the residents.

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**Petitions – None**

**Authority to Chair – agreed**

**The meeting concluded at 8.38pm, the next meeting tbc**

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NO.	Resident or Forum or Residents group Details	Concern/issue	Type of <b>action</b> to be taken (if any )	Officer or Member with responsibility
1	Residents and Councillors	Resident request for the police to be invited to the next meeting	Councillors agreed with request.	Governance Manager to invite the Police to attend.
2	Residents	Lack of street cleaning and litter bin emptying in the Ward.	Invite Nick Reid from Waste Management to next meeting	Governance Manager to invite Nick Reid to next meeting.
3	Residents	Residents complained that the grass verges by Co-op store at Kingstanding Circle were being churned up by their delivery vehicles. Could this be stopped?	Councillor Storer to consult with the Highways Engineer.	Councillor Storer
4	Residents	Residents informed the Councillors that litter bins were missing on Brackenbury Road and by the TSB bank Hawthorn Road	Councillor Sambrooke to investigate	Councillor Sambrooke.



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