

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ERDINGTON  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 26  
JULY 2016 AT 1400 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM 2, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors Robert Alden, Bob Beauchamp, Mick Brown, Des Hughes, Penny Holbrook, Josh Jones, Gareth Moore, Gary Sambrook, and Mike Sharpe.

**ALSO PRESENT:** -

Mike Davis – District Head (Erdington)  
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager  
Councillor Marje Bridle  
Dave Robbie – Chair of the Brownfield Road Residents Group

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**ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR  
ERDINGTON DISTRICT**

On the receipt of nominations, it was:-

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**RESOLVED:** -

- a) That Councillor Josh Jones be elected Chairperson (Executive Member) for Erdington District for the Municipal Year 2016/2017, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2017/18 Municipal Year.
- b) That Councillor Mick Brown be appointed Committee Vice-Chairperson for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year, ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Josh Jones in the Chair)

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

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The District Committee were advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site and members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

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**APOLOGIES**

- 330 Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lynda Clinton, Mick Finnegan and Ron Storer and Superintendent Brandon Langley, West Midlands Police and for their inability to attend the meeting.
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**MINUTES**

- 331 **RESOLVED: -**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2016 having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 332 The Membership of the Committee was noted as follows: -

Councillors Robert Alden, Bob Beauchamp and Gareth Moore (Erdington Ward).

Councillors Des Hughes, Gary Sambrook and Ron Storer (Kingstanding Ward).

Councillors Penny Holbrook, Josh Jones and Mike Finnegan (Stockland Green Ward).

Councillors Lynda Clinton, Mick Brown and Mike Sharpe (Tyburn Ward).

**Co-opted Members:-**

Station Commander Richard Stanton – West Midlands Fire Service  
Superintendent Brandon Langley – West Midlands Police.

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**LEAD OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS**

- 333 The lead officer arrangements were noted as follows: -

**Lead Officer:-** Mike Davis, District Head (Erdington)

**Support Officers:-**

District Contact Lawyer - Stuart Evans  
Committee Manager - Sarah Stride.

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**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- 334 No declarations of interest were recorded.
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**CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following Code of Conduct for District Committees was submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

335                    **RESOLVED:-**

That the Code of Conduct for meetings of the District Committee be noted.

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**DISTRICT COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES**

The following schedule of District Committee Functions and Guidelines were submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

336                    **RESOLVED:-**

That the Functions and Guidelines be noted.

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**DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2016/17**

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- a) That the following Members be appointed to serve as Member representatives on the following bodies/ community organisations:
  - (i) Youth Champion - Councillor Josh Jones
  - (ii) Looked after Children's Champion - Councillor Mick Brown
  - (iii) Older Person's Champion - Councillor Mick Finnegan
  - (iv) District Parent Partnership Champion - Councillor Mick Brown
  - (v) Heritage Champion - Councillor Penny Holbrook.

It was agreed that each District Champion would report back on work undertaken at each District Committee.

The first report back would be from the Youth Champion in September followed by the Heritage Champion in November.

- b) To appoint Members to serve as a board representative on the following Community organisations:-

**Witton Lodge Community Association**

The Chairman agreed to defer this appointment to the next meeting of the District Committee pending further investigation.

**Erdington Town Centre Partnership Limited**

It was noted that Councillor Robert Alden was appointed at the Erdington Ward Committee to serve as the Member representative on the Erdington Town Centre Partnership Ltd.

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**NO PARKING ON GRASS VERGES PROJECT**

Councillor Marje Bridle and Dave Barrie, Chair of the Brownfield Road Residents Group gave the following verbal presentation:-

- Brownfield Road was over one mile long comprising of approximately 330 properties. Many householders had complained that parking on the grass verges was a problem in the area. The Brownfield Road Residents Group was formed to combat the situation.
- The grass verges were in a very poor state of repair. The Group managed to get Councillor Marje Bridle the Police, the Local Enforcement Team and the Neighbourhood Team involved. Many residents were dedicated to preventing vehicles from driving over the verges and destroying the grass. Together they formed a good team.
- The project took approximately three years to fruition. Residents took photographs of offending vehicles and submitted them to the Police and the Neighbourhood Team as evidence.
- To achieve a parking ban in Brownfield Road the Group required commitment and support from local residents. The Group visited every household in the Road and gained the support of over 85% of residents.
- The Local Enforcement Team visited the Road on a daily basis and issued parking tickets to residents, visitors and even supermarket delivery vans who were not complying with the parking ban. The Manager of Tesco's became involved in the scheme.
- Special signs were erected on lamp posts to advise motorists of the ban.
- Brownfield Road Residents Group set about planting bulbs in the grassed areas to deter motorists from driving over them and the grass. The Police and the local Housing Team were also instrumental in the bulb planting exercise. The exercise encouraged neighbourhood participation, ownership and cohesion.
- An old garage site was put back into usage and was working well.
- Local residents now police the successful scheme.

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- A scheme was implemented to offer residents a reduced rate for dropped kerbs.
- The signs erected on lamp posts were large and robust. No maintenance was required in future years.

Members welcomed the verbal report and congratulated all those involved in making the parking ban on Brownfield Road a successful scheme.

Members questioned whether a similar scheme could be started in the Erdington District on roads where vehicles were parking over grass verges and in turn making the area look unsightly was a problem.

Councillor Gary Sambrook requested photographs showing the before and after look of Brownfield Road as a visual interpretation will encourage residents in the Erdington District to start their own scheme.

The District Head stated that he would contact John Porter, Constituency Parks Manager to discuss verge maintenance costs and an indication of the chosen regime for the Erdington District.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Marje Bridle and Dave Barrie for attending the meeting and presenting their information.

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### **RESOLVED:-**

That the verbal report be noted.

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## **ERDINGTON DISTRICT PLAN**

The following report of the Erdington District Head was submitted:-

(See Document No. 4)

Mike Davis, District Head advised that the Erdington District Plan was a working document and he welcomed revisions to the Plan.

It was envisaged that the final document would be submitted to the Erdington District Committee in September 2016.

In response to a question raised by Councillor he was advised that Councillors Gary Sambrook and Penny Holbrook were Members of the Housing Panel. He requested those Members to forward him the minutes of the Housing Panel as he was interested in what the Panel were discussing about Tyburn Ward. The Chairman stated that the minutes of the Housing Panel will be submitted to all Members of the District Committee.

Members raised the following amendments/corrections to the District Plan:

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- Page 3 – equal opportunities issues – need to tighten wording. Further down should state Four Oaks and not Sutton Coldfield. It was felt that the information contained in the plan was years out of date. Current data and information was required.
- Page 7 – ethnicity issue. If born overseas.
- Data tracker – sample size required.
- Page 10 – need to distinguish whether discussing Erdington Ward or Erdington District.
- Clean, green and safe – information relates to 2014/15. Data from 15/26 is required.
- Need to include that litter and fly-posting has increased in the District.
- Crime date is stated from 2013. Housing issues is stated from 2012. Recent statistics required in both categories.
- Flats above the shops in occupation on Erdington High Street need to be consulted on the Plan prior to implementation.
- The Plan makes reference to Hodge Hill Neighbourhood Challenge. Should relate to Erdington District Challenge.

The Chairman thanked Members for their contribution and it was -

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### **RESOLVED:-**

That the Erdington District Plan be noted and the amended final version be submitted to the District Committee in September 2016.

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## **ERDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CHALLENGE**

The Chairman advised the Committee that the next Neighbourhood Challenge would concentrate on 'mental health and mental health issues'. Work would involve addressing mental health issues including those experienced by ex-soldiers and working with outside organisations to alleviate mental health issues within all groups of the community.

It was -

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### **RESOLVED:-**

That the verbal update be noted.

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## **WARD MEETINGS AND NEW 'WARD TRACKER' DATABASE**

The following report of the Erdington District Head was submitted:-

(See Document No. 5)

Mike Davis, District Head introduced the report and highlighted the salient points. He stated that Lesley Bannister was the officer responsible for the Erdington District and Members should contact her with any comments or queries.

It was -

341 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report on ward meetings and new 'ward tracker' data base be noted.

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**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2016/2017**

It was -

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That the District Committee note the schedule of meetings for 2016/17: -

**2016**

27 September  
29 November

**2017**

31 January  
28 March

All meetings will be held at 1400 hours in Committee Rooms 3 & 4 at the Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham.

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**FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS / DISTRICT WORK PROGRAMME**

343 The Chairman advised that a further meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Challenge in the near future with an evidence data session and invite outside organisations to attend.

District Champions will be required to explain all work undertaken at future District Committees.

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**OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)**

344 No items of urgent business were raised.

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**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

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**RESOLVED: -**

Chairman to move:-

"In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

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The meeting ended at 1525 hours.

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CHAIRMAN