

BIRCHFIELD WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: BIRCHFIELD	DATE:13 TH December 2023
VENUE: United Reform Church	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm
COUNCILLOR: Mahmood Hussain	NOs OF ATTENDEES:17
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister, Alan Woodcock, and Carla Belle	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Inspector Dawn Fox

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

1. A Bold Safe Birchfield
2. A Bold Healthy Birchfield
3. A Bold Green Birchfield
4. A Bold Local Birchfield

Full plan link https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/26993/birchfield_ward_action_plan

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

- 1.Introductions – Cllr Hussain
- 2.Notice of Recording – Read out by Cllr Hussain

FINAL DRAFT

3. Local Policing – Inspector Dawn Fox

- Inspector Dawn Fox introduced herself and gave an update on the following items.
- New Policing model – Local Policing teams are being moved around the city daily as they respond to the reporting of crime, local teams are also carrying out investigations with the consequence of reduced visibility on the streets in some locations.
- Apologised for the poor performance of the 101 reporting service, advised residents to use the web chat if they were able to and spoke of the importance of the incidents logging calls as this helps drive Police resources.
- Crime Statistics for the year to date (which took into account the new working model) overall crime is down 11 % with 500 less victims of crime for the Birchfield, Lozells and Handsworth area .
- Discussion on the need of visible local Policing, getting officers back on the beat and the challenges this provides.
- Discussion on Car crime and “Car cannibalism “the theft of parts and chop shops.
- Discussion on H.MO’s, vulnerable people left without support and the practical methods now being used to help resolve this problem. One example given was that a West midlands Police officer is embedded in the City Council working on this full time.
- Discussion on local drug dealing and associated problems.
- Neighbourhood Watch – Some residents said they were struggling to attend the Friday meetings which are very well attended, an invitation was extended to the Local Police team to attend a future meeting.
- Discussion on obstructive parking.

4.Highways – Alan Woodcock

- Update and discussion on the local highway’s engineers work in the Ward.
- Discussion on parking around local schools and remedies available.
- Residents asked why there is still no pedestrian crossing at Perry Barr by the new flats to cross the 6 lanes of traffic. Alan advised that this was not in the remit of the local engineers. Alan Woodcock to report this back.
- Discussion on the underpass by the TSB bank this included flooding, begging, A.S.B and lack of and no lighting. The Big Local to forward a copy of a report on the underpass to Alan Woodcock.
- Discussion on the PFI highways contract.
- Ward minor measures budget – Potential uses discussed which included guard railing to a pedestrian area by Handsworth Park.

5. A.O.B

- 6, Haughton Road – Residents raised the issues at this property again which were reported at the two previous ward meeting. Action Carla Belle chase waste enforcement.
- Discussion on the continuing problems in Putney Avenue regarding H.M. O’s

6. Future agenda items

- Public Transport
- Fleet and Waste

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6 Houghton Road Carla Belle to email Waste enforcement officer. 2. Big Local to forward a copy of the report on the condition of the underpass. 	<p>Carla Belle</p> <p>The Big Local</p>	<p>As soon as possible.</p>