

**THE MOSELEY WARD MEETING
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| WARD: Moseley | DATE: 6 November 2019 |
| VENUE: The Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road | START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.15pm |
| COUNCILLORS Kerry Jenkins & Martin Straker-Welds | NOs OF ATTENDEES: 25 |
| OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Tom O’Keeffe, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager ALISON MILLWARD CHAIRED THE MEETING | VISITING SPEAKER – Councillor John O’Shea, Cabinet Member for Street Scene & Parks |

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Community Safety Update

Sergeant O’Keeffe gave an overview of the team’s activities in the area and advised that the PSPO continued to be enforced with officers continuing to engage with, support and report for referral those involved. There had been 43 logged engagements since June and the process to extend the Order, which expired in September 2020 would begin in the New Year. Residents were encouraged to donate through Moseley Alternative Giving if they wanted to help local homeless people.

Work continued with traffic colleagues and Speed Watch across the ward and during November/December the team would be working with enforcement officers on parking issues. The focus up to the New Year would be on house burglary and crime prevention, with increased street patrols around the neighbourhoods. Street Watch was working well across the ward.

With regard to crime statistics, year on year figures had seen a reduction in burglary, business crime & vehicle crime and a slight increase in robbery.

Residents then asked the following questions –

- a) Britannic Street Watch – highlighted the broken fence to Highbury Park in Yew Tree Road (opposite Britannic Close) and that activity had been witnessed at night in Highbury Park grounds. An urgent repair was requested. The Chair said that a more permanent solution was needed as the fence had been broken & repaired previously.

Action: Councillor O’Shea & Sergeant O’Keeffe undertook to contact the Parks Manager & the sergeant said he would arrange for patrols in the location.

- b) Swanshurst Neighbourhood Watch – concern expressed regarding fishermen’s tents and the erection of temporary shelters in the park contrary to the court order. Stechford police did not seem to know about the court order when contacted.

Action: Sergeant O’Keeffe to contact Sgt Ullah and check the details of the order to see if fishermen’s tents were covered.

- c) Yardley Wood Road resident – request for traffic enforcement. Sergeant O’Keeffe said that when the traffic team was available he would be undertaking speed operations in the ward and Yardley Wood Road would be targeted as a main road through the area. Parking enforcement operations would be carried out during November /December. Speed Watch groups were also able to work with the PCSO’s on speeding in local roads.

- d) Plans for more speed cameras? – Councillor O’Shea said that average speed check cameras were being installed on arterial roads where serious accidents and fatalities had occurred. There was no prospect of having cameras on other roads.

- e) Street drinking in Moseley Triangle – Sergeant O’Keeffe referred to the Public Space Protection Order and that this was enforced when anti-social behaviour arose and the street drinkers were moved on or appropriate action taken. It was intended to seek an extension to the PSPO when it expired next year. The Chair said that there were regular incidents and the police did respond but it was a pressure for the shop keepers and therefore perhaps consideration needed to be given to alternative ways to improve the situation and that this be a topic for discussion at a future meeting.

- f) Increase in graffiti – Sergeant O’Keeffe said that he was aware of the increase but a significant arrest had been made recently. Graffiti was a crime but evidence was required, in particular good CCTV images. The Chair referred to work undertaken with residents by the Parks Manager to remove graffiti in heritage parks and suggested contacting him regarding graffiti in parks.

2. Working Together for a Greener Moseley

The Chair referred to the previous meeting and that this discussion was to address some of the issues raised.

Councillor O'Shea gave a brief overview of the waste collection service and then welcomed questions from residents;

- a) Rob Kewley, local resident explained that he had attended the Citizens Engagement event on waste management where residents from across the city had met with the consultants working with the council on the review of waste management. An interim report was being prepared which he hoped would be made public. Rob said that he would have liked to have heard more about street cleaning given the situation across the city and the impending focus on Birmingham through the Commonwealth Games.

In response Councillor O'Shea advised that an independent report on the state of the waste collection service had been commissioned to provide direction & how improvements could be made to recycling. Due to purdah the report would now be published in the new year.

- b) Issues with vehicle fleet.

Councillor O'Shea advised an order for 20 new vehicles was being placed in December. Due to the specialist nature of the vehicles the orders had to be limited to a small number at a time but the fleet should have been renewed during the next 12 months. All new vehicles would be Euro 6 standard at least and it was hoped, if possible, to trail an electric vehicle in the future.

- c) Street Champions

Rob Kewley advised that in Erdington residents took responsibility for a street and its environment. Active citizens could make a difference. It was noted that in Moseley there were numerous active citizens involved in litter picks etc but the area around the shops and involvement from the traders would benefit the area.

- d) Questions submitted in advance by Moseley Litter Busters

Councillor O'Shea thanked the Litter Busters for the questions and that they had been answered by officers but he wanted to add to them and would forward the responses to be circulated with the notes.

- e) Education & enforcement was the key to keeping the streets clean. Reference made to the number of prosecutions made by Bristol City Council.

Councillor O'Shea supported more enforcement and wanted to see the council being more proactive. Rob Kewley felt education was key as BCC could not afford to continually clean up. Since the council's website had been updated it was not possible to report fly

tipping as the mapping had been removed. Councillor O'Shea undertook to take this back.

- f) Flats above shops create rubbish on the streets due to lack of bins. Special bags for those residents had never been provided. Councillor O'Shea advised of a trial starting on the Stratford Road with a dedicated crew removing black bags on a daily basis. The priority was to get the streets clean.
- g) Businesses – there was no strategy around problems associated with business rubbish and businesses were not tackled about leaving rubbish on the streets around their premises.
Councillor O'Shea said it was hoped to increase the enforcement budget next year and to continue the 'Love Your Street' initiatives and encourage residents groups to take advantage of the street cleaning barrows available to each ward. Not all had been taken up so if wards wanted an additional one the request should be made. He undertook to take details at the conclusion of the meeting of where applications had been made without response. He gave an assurance that any information regarding businesses fly tipping would be acted upon.
- h) Recycling/recyclable materials – residents commented on ways the council could influence fast food restaurants to use recyclable materials and businesses to start using compostable and environmentally friendly packaging. Also suggested was a 5p charge on polystyrene containers similar to that on plastic bags.
- i) Cigarette bins – suggestion that the council include in its Statement of Licensing Policy that it be a condition for licensed premises to have a cigarette bin outside their premises to prevent cigarette butts ending up on the street. Councillor Straker-Welds undertook to take this back to the Licensing & Public Protection Committee.

3. Any Other Business

- a) **Bus Priority Lane** – reference made to the consultation on the bus priority lane proposed for Moseley/Alcester Roads which would create narrower pavements and removal of several mature trees. Residents opposed the proposal as it did not meet the council's priority on clean air & climate change and felt the current bus lanes should be enforced instead. It was noted that the consultation ended 22 November.
- b) **Moor Green Residents** – concern over access to Highbury Park and the pedestrian refuges that were to assist crossing. It was intended that a compound be situated at the Shutlock Lane junction during work for the new station which would impair crossing

further. It was suggested residents include this in the consultation regarding the station

- c) **School Road Impact Study** – in response to queries Councillor Jenkins advised there would be a formal consultation in the New Year and the impact study would be part of that. The money had been committed.
- d) **Howard Boyd** – the Chair, on behalf of the meeting, sent sympathies to the family of Howard Boyd who had been a key resident and campaigner in making Moseley a better place to live.

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