

BRANDWOOD & KINGS HEATH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Brandwood & Kings Heath	DATE: 20 March 2019
VENUE: Kings Heath Community Centre, Heathfield Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.35pm
COUNCILLORS Lisa Trickett & Mike Leddy	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 10
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Ward Priorities & Ward Planning

Councillor Trickett referred to the number of community groups working in the ward that engaged with many different residents in relation to different subjects/issues. However the Allens Croft estate had fewer community groups but the PTA of the school wanted to be more involved and councillors would be working to put them in touch with other groups so that they could also be involved with the ward plan

The History Group had asked to include a paragraph on the history of Brandwood & Kings Heath in the ward plan

The group then considered the following questions & made comments;

a) **What do you think needs to happen in the area?**

- Hold officers to account
- Secure the future of Kings Heath Community Centre – this was a priority for the ward plan. Event planned to showcase the community centre and priorities for the ward could be discussed further
- Refresh the Local Area Action Plan. This had been agreed as part of a wider framework incorporating a number of key projects.
- Test out ward plan through thematic meetings

b) What good looks like in the ward?

- Places to be before places to pass through
- Keep Kings Heath Community Centre & library open to act as a base for outreach work
- Kings Heath having less traffic, more cycle routes that connect to green spaces, more multifunctional & inclusive spaces
- Mental Health a priority
- Happy families and community
- Better systems for sharing knowledge & resources
- Better communication between residents on 1,2 or 3 roads, then between each such area & then across the ward to build up mutual support.
- Litter free, less rats
- Weekly bin collection for businesses & residential
- Less lorries on the High Street
- Speed control
- Dog, bird fouling control
- Graffiti control
- Inclusive youth service & improved children's services
- Improved transport infrastructure – cleaner, greener travel, improved safety, improved air quality
- Have more apprenticeships/ local jobs
- Keep Allens Croft Centre going

c) I want Brandwood & Kings Heath to be/to have-

- Kings Heath Community Centre & Friends of visionary day to develop a specification to enable the centre to be run by the community
- Child centred places
- Opportunities for young people

- Cleaner streets
- Place on a page directory via eg Facebook
- Inclusion, building on cultural capital, assets & businesses
- Cycle routes that are well connected including to Highbury Park
- Litter free
- Fewer lorries on the High Street
- Less graffiti (Cllrs to take up with the BID) & BID to do basics
- Develop better communication between people on the roads (Councillors surveying on the streets once a month to find out views)
- Better parking enforcement (Cllr Trickett to work with the forums/groups re pavement parking starting with schools)

d) What do people value/love about Brandwood & Kings Heath?

- Good quality schools (people move into the area for them)
- Sense of community
- A place people identify with
- Clean air
- A place you want to be
- Good services
- Connected spaces
- Community centres

Discussion around the clean air proposals – proposals to be sought from Kings Heath Residents Association and shared with Keith Watson & Joe Green(BCC) who need to also work together on LAAP & then round table meeting to look, in first instance, at short term measures.

This to form part of the Ward Plan.

Albert Road/Middleton Road Community Association (AMCA) had a common room available at the sheltered accommodation which could be used by community groups to help get different groups of people involved. Use of such space could be trialled as a pilot.

Actions i) Priorities suggestions sheet to be emailed to ward distribution list (KT)

- ii) Councillors to create a summary plan from thoughts from this meeting to develop into ward plan in new financial year after speaking to community groups etc**
- iii) establish a steering group to plan visionary day for promoting Kings Heath Community Centre**
- iv) Kings Heath Community Centre – key action**

2. Next Meeting

Traffic theme – changes, what can be done/what can be influenced

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):