

HEARTLANDS WARD FORUM MEETING NOTES

WARD: Heartlands	DATE: Weds 29 th October 2019
VENUE: Saltley Leisure Centre	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 9.00pm
COUNCILLORS: Shafique Shah	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 12
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Whyte and Lesley Bannister - Community Governance Team, BCC ,Sgt Charlesworth and PCSO Jerome - Local Police Team APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:	
WARD PRIORITIES: To be discussed at a future Ward meeting	
MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	
Cllr Shah in the Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Recording Residents were advised that they were able to record and/or take photographs of the meeting. 2. Councillors News/Updates – Cllr Shah gave updates on reported fly tipping in Colonial Road ,blocked gullies in Bordesley Green, pot holes near Mac Donald’s which had been reported to Amey and are due to be reinstated by mid- November and Tree pruning across the Ward . 3. West Midlands Police Local Police Team – PS Charlesworth started by giving a local crime statistical update stating that overall reported crime was down by around 25%. This included crimes such as domestic violence, stalking and harassment, with the main reduction of 35% being seen in violent crime such as shooting and stabbings. He warned residents that with the darker winter evenings the Police were expecting an increase in burglaries and gave crime prevention advice accordingly . The group then discussed violent crime and 	

gangs amongst the under 25's; the perception of crime; street beggars ;ASB; speeding cars along the Bordesley Green Road and local speed watch .

- 4. Residents News and Updates** – Representatives from The POD (Heartlands) C.I.C updated the residents on past projects, funding and the delivery of youth work at the Pod. The major issues they said they currently faced was attracting sustainable funding. The C.I.C said that they were restructuring their organisation in the hope of attracting more funding, A.S.B and replacing equipment after a burglary. The residents were critical over the current opening times at The POD (two days and two evenings per week) saying that if volunteers were used rather than paid staff then the POD would require less funding and be open more hours. There was a heated and lengthy discussion with a frank exchange of views on the options for running The POD, it was decided that this matter would need resolving in a specific meeting to be organised by Councillor Shah and PS Charlesworth .There were residents updates from both Ideal village and Memorial Park this included problems with ASB , drug taking in the memorial park, restricted access to memorial Park by keeping one set of gates closed ,Green space issues, allotments, Parks and Community Clean Up's .

Other Issues - Speeding at the Drummond Road roundabout and pots hole in Belches Lane .**Action** - Cllr Shah to contact Alan Porter and invite him to a site meeting.

- 5. Review of Outstanding Actions** – none

- 6. Petitions** - none

- 7. Dates of Future Meetings** -to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 9.00pm