

Erdington Ward Forum Meeting

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| WARD: Erdington | DATE: 24 th January 2024 |
| VENUE: The Scout Hut off Douay Road | START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm |
| COUNCILLORS: Erdington Ward Cllrs Alden and Moore | NOs OF ATTENDEES: 25 |
| OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mel Coton and Lesley Bannister | VISITING SPEAKER(S): James Aldridge |

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

- **Introduction by Cllr Moore**
- **Notice of recording read out by Cllr Moore**
- **Apologies** from Mike Davis, the item on Neighbourhood advice service carried forward to the next Ward meeting.
- **Local Policing** - James Aldridge
 - **Erdington High Street** – Discussion on Policing problems and resident's issues
- Groups congregating outside Iceland food store which people find intimidating.
- Drug dealing openly taking place on the High Street.
- Anti-social behaviour outside Kentucky fried chicken fast food outlet.
- Street drinking.
- **Erdington Ward Policing issues and concerns** - Topics discussed.
 - Seasonal increase in burglaries and car theft currently police have overtime funding to tackle this problem.
 - Drug dealing and drug taking in the area of Douay road including the alley way by The Scout Hut, residents reported that drug addicts were injecting

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heroin there ,a significant number of needles had been found in the alley way .The Police advised residents that they should contact either the Council or the Police who would arrange for safe removal . Residents described the issues as an everyday occurrence believing there to be a link with a local H.M.O .Residents from Harman Road added that the sale of drugs was now spilling into their road too. Further details were given to the Police.

- Discussion on gating orders as a crime and ASB preventative measure, it was agreed this could be challenging both to fund and organise.
- Fighting in the street by local HMO near the Yenton Pub was reported, this was believed to be drugs related.
- Theft from motor vehicles, crime prevention, CCTV and ring doorbells.
- Discussion on Police staffing and turnover rates
- Crime project in conjunction with Birmingham University.

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- Noise nuisance – Issues with loud music being played reported by a resident, Cllr Moore explained what constituted noise nuisance, the process of reporting to environmental health, the evidence required and enforcement.
- HMO and rented properties – Discussion on how to access the information on licenced HMO's; unlicenced properties and reporting; Article 4 explained re planning and exempt accommodation. Cllr Alden said BCC were pushing nationally for change and had provided evidence to the Parliamentary select committee .
- Planning update by Cllr Alden, Cllr Moore declared he was a member of Planning Committee and took no part in the discussion - Royal Oak Pub planning refused for change of use and Cross keys Pub also refused planning permission for change of use. Cllr Alden said he would like to see H.M.O's being turned back into family homes.
- Birmingham City Councils finance crisis
- Assets sale - potential properties could include Erdington Sutton new road offices , the local library and nursery on Chester Road.

- Condolences - Cllr Alden and Cllr Moore announced the very sad news that Terry Guest the BID manager had passed away at Christmas.

Ward Action Plan review for 2023 – The revised and updated Plan was presented to residents by Cllr Moore. Revised plan for 2024 link below
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/26255/erdington_ward_action_plan

| ACTION – | WHO | BY WHEN |
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| 1. Submit the reviewed Ward Action Plan | Cllrs Moore and Alden | |

Councillors (s) Signed:

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