

Summary notes

Ward: Handsworth Wood

Date of meeting: 14th November 2017

Meeting overview

Present : Councillor Narinder Kooner(in the Chair) and Councillor Paulette Hamilton

Officers : Neil De Costa, Lead Officer for Perry Barr District

Lesley Bannister, Community Governance Manager

There were 15 residents in attendance.

- 1. Notice of Recording** - Noted
- 2. Apologies:** Councillor Gurdial Atwal for illness
- 3. Local Innovation Fund**

As part of the Local innovation fund process Handsworth Wood Residents Association gave a presentation to the audience on the outcome of their project “ Handsworth In Bloom” for which they had received £3,000 towards the cost of the event . This was the events fifth year and the funding had enabled the following :

- 5000 households to be leafleted to promote event.
- 1000 plus residents attended the uplands allotment event.
- There was a well participated residents gardening competition.
- A garden on a plate competition for school children.
- Hanging baskets demonstration to encourage all residents to have hanging baskets to brighten the whole ward.

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- A Plant sale at the main event (which quickly sold out).
- Plans for a social event in spring 2018 and a date is already set for next summer 30th June 2018.

Graham Winfield summed up the event by saying Handsworth in Bloom brought together the different cultural groups of the Ward and thanked the Councillors and the residents for making Handsworth Bloom.

In response Councillor Hamilton said that the event was truly amazing, the plant sale was fantastic and it was a great event for Community Cohesion.

4. Ward Plans for 2017/18 –

At the last Ward meeting on the 19th September the Ward Plan and the Wards priorities had been discussed and residents and resident groups had been tasked with emailing their priorities into officers who would collate them for the member who would then draft a Plan for the Ward to be discussed at this meeting before submission to Cabinet Committee Local Leadership.

The following was agreed.

- The Ward plan was a work in progress and would remain a fluid document and be reviewed regularly at Ward meeting.
- The priorities for the Ward – Parking around Schools; inconsiderate parking in the whole of the Ward ;Grass verges; Cleaner Streets; better facilities in the Wards Green spaces ;A.S.B; Crime; H.M.O's; develop a neighbourhood plan and Older peoples care combating loneliness.

Action: When the draft plan is completed to be emailed out to residents

5. Issues and Concerns

- **Policing** – PC Glenpitt updated the residents and Councillors on the recent fatal road traffic accident on Rookery road he said that three arrests had been made .There was a discussion with regard to training volunteers to operate speed watch camera .**Action PC Glenpitt said he would forward details to the Ward Councillors with regard to funding and training for a volunteer speed watch scheme.**

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- Residents reported several incidents of A.S.B this included incidents in Cornwall road ,Ellwood road .Councillor Hamilton emphasised once again the importance of reporting all these issues to the Police at the time they happened and not to wait until Ward meeting to report them.
- Police tasking Issues – The last police tasking meeting was poorly attendant with only 3 people attending ,many of the residents and both Councillors said they hadn't received the normal notification from the local Police team ,this was believed to be due to a team member being absent from work .**Action PC Glenpitt said he would try and ensure this wouldn't happen again .**
- Fireworks allegedly being sold to minors – Councillor Kooner explained the licensing laws to the residents.
- Parking in Antrobus Road either side of the crossing – **Action Councillor Kooner to email the Highways officer**
- **H.M.O's** – Resident's complained about the effects of H.M.O on the Ward once again the effects of the negative impact they were having on the community of Handsworth Wood Ward, residents asked if there was any news on the Ward becoming part of a pilot scheme for licensing H.M.O's .Councillor Kooner said potentially Handsworth Wood maybe a part of a pilot scheme for the licensing of H.M.O .**Action Cllrs Hamilton and Kooner to seek further clarification on this and report back at the next meeting .**

6. Future Meeting Topics

- The Future of Handsworth.
- Modern day slavery.
- Presentations from all the recipients of the Local Innovation funding.

7. Date of next meeting

January - 16th, 7pm at Handsworth Fire Station

2018

March – 20TH Details TBC

9 Authority to Chair & Officers - Agreed

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The meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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NO.	Resident or Forum or Residents group Details	Concern/issue	Type of action to be taken (if any)	Officer or Member with responsibility
1	Residents 19 th September 2017	The area around Oxhill Road junction , Stockwell Rd and Osborne Rd– Lorries and vans causing obstruction by parking on pavement area's . A.S.B in Stockwell Road,Westminister Road and Bernards Drive	To arrange a day of action to address the problem parking and ASB issues in the Ward.	Ward Councillors and Neil De Costa
2	Residents and Councillors 19 th September 2017 Completed	Ward Plan –residents concerned over the short timescale .	Information from residents to be collated by officers and sent to the Ward Members by 13 th October	Neil De Costa and Lesley Bannister
	Residents and Councillors	Fatal road traffic accident on Rookery road	Police to forward to the Ward Councillors funding and training details	PC Glenpitt

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			for a volunteer speed watch scheme	
	Residents and Councillors	Police tasking meeting – Communication breakdown due officers absence .	Measures to be put in place to avoid repeat of this in the future.	PC Glenpitt
	Residents	Parking in Antrobus Road either side of the crossing .	Action Councillor Kooner to email the Highways officer	Councillor Kooner
	Residents	Will Handsworth Wood a part of a pilot scheme for the licensing of H.M.O.	Cllrs to seek clarification for the next Ward meeting	Cllrs Kooner and Hamilton