

## MOSELEY WARD MEETING NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Moseley	<b>DATE:</b> 19 October 2022
<b>VENUE:</b> Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road, B13 8JP	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7pm – 8.35pm
<b>COUNCILLORS</b> Kerry Jenkins & Izzy Knowles	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 25
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Sergeant Tom O’Keeffe, West Midlands Police Sergeant Chris Gallon, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

**1. Welcome**

Councillor Jenkins welcomed all to the meeting and made introductions

**2. Notice of Recording**

The meeting was advised that press/public could take photographs or record the meeting except where there were exempt or confidential items

**3. Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety and Policing**

Sergeant O’Keeffe introduced himself as the sergeant covering the Moseley/Kings Heath areas and outlined the Force wide priorities for October as follows –

- Serious Youth Violence

- Gang tensions
- Theft of and from motor vehicles/vehicle crime
- Burglary

The meeting was advised that local priorities were currently with robbery offences, especially in parks, drug supply (County Lines), ASB and speeding issues.

Robbery - a particular issue in Kings Heath & Highbury Parks and the team focused on those areas on late and early shifts and neighbouring teams covered on rest days. Three arrests had been made in relation to crimes in Kings Heath Park and property recovered and 7 people arrested for offences in Highbury Park.

Vehicle crime - including theft of catalytic converters and car stripping was a particular issue across the force area and an operation had been set up to tackle this crime and it included Moseley.

Burglary - there was a seasonal spike anticipated and crime prevention was key, advice was available to the community on WMNow. An arrest had been made recently of a person targeting Moseley.

Drugs – High Impact Team was leading and regular arrests were made. Seizures and warrants were executed weekly. It was a long- term team and would continue into next year. It had a direct impact on Moseley

Thefts & Aggressive Begging – meeting with Manager at M&S had been held and had included a Business Crime Team representative in an effort to deal with persistent offenders targeting the store and Orders were ready to serve on individuals.

Public Space Protection Order – this included Moseley Village and helped target and disperse groups and dealt with drinkers. Due to be signed off and then open for public consultation.

Community Speed Watch – this was continuing, working with various community groups

Councillor Knowles advised she had attended the M&S meeting with Sergeant O’Keeffe and the new manager and discussed the concern around the store being targeted. Relationships were starting to be built and she would also link with the Co-op and the Business Crime Co-ordinator. Sergeant O’Keeffe advised that the Police were trialling a digital evidence safe where businesses could upload evidence in response to crimes directly/immediately. In response to questions the meeting was advised that individuals could also use the digital

safe to upload evidence from doorbell footage etc via a link that would be generated when a crime number was provided. It was important that businesses as well as the wider community report issues and the team email could be used to send information [moseleyandkingsheath@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:moseleyandkingsheath@westmidlands.police.uk) but crimes should still be reported through the correct channels. Councillor Knowles reported that the Community Strategic Partnership was taking on 8 new ASB enforcement officers based across the City, to include Moseley & Kings Heath.

Residents then asked a number of questions and Sergeant O’Keeffe and Sergeant Gallon responded as follows –

- Speeding/dangerous driving – this was a priority and was an issue of local concern. Work was undertaken with Force Traffic in the Moseley area and with Speed Watch groups. Enforcement was important but the team was limited due to numbers and acted where it could. CCTV was a matter for the council and government. Councillor Knowles stressed that more volunteers were needed for Speed Watch and anyone wishing to take part could contact her for details. 4 petitions had been submitted for traffic calming. Residents felt that there were not sufficient opportunities to undertake Speed Watch and as the guns were not calibrated only warning letters could be issued to motorists. There needed to be better ways of sending intelligence to the police. Sergeant O’Keeffe said that while community support was welcomed there were insufficient officers to support too many Speed Watches. He acknowledged the issues with reporting via 101 and on-line and this was being looked at.
- Bicycle marking – this was undertaken periodically and was dependant on funding availability, but the Team did support it. Councillor Jenkins said she was talking to TfWM regarding safe, secure cycle parking at the new station.
- HMO’s/Exempt Accommodation – the police were aware of the increase in the numbers of properties and were working with BCC. Vulnerable people were housed in many of the properties and the key was adequate support which in many cases was not provided. The Police did work to enforce but also to offer support where needed. Sergeant Gallon advised there was an enforcement day happening soon where the police would be out with the Private Rented Sector Team (BCC) and a dedicated police team and Park Road would be visited. In response to concerns regarding drug dealing and drug use associated with the 3 properties on Park Road, the meeting was advised that drug lines were being actively targeted, including County Lines but further details could not always be provided due to ongoing operations. Sergeant Gallon undertook to visit residents regularly and

provided a contact number.

- PSPO – meeting advised that it allowed the police to enforce certain prohibitions and disperse groups, seize alcohol and stop begging. Police had requested to extend the Order. Residents were encouraged to respond to the consultation

#### **4. Priorities for Moseley Ward Plan**

Councillor Jenkins circulated an explanation of the Ward Action Planning process and advised the meeting on a number of statistics relating to the rise in the local Moseley population according to the most recent Census. As part of the process the previous ward plan would be reviewed but a specific meeting would be arranged to consider previous priorities and work out what had been achieved, what needed to be carried forward and any new priorities that needed to be added. Priorities should be achievable and actions/ responsible persons identified.

Moseley Regeneration Group had begun looking at transport and parking and what had been included in the last plan and should be included in the new plan going forward.

Residents said it would be useful to see how the Moseley Plan could fit into other Birmingham City Council Plans eg 5 year Net Zero Plan and what was realistic to achieve and available budgets. The opening of the new station would bring benefits to the area and should be part of the plan.

Councillor Jenkins said that once all of the Plans had been completed the main themes would be collated and cross ward themes would be fed into wider plans. It was hoped to organise a workshop approach to discussing priorities and consideration could be given to inviting Cabinet Members to see how the Moseley Plan would feed into wider plans. Also the use of social media, community groups, on-line consultation etc to gather views would be arranged. It was suggested that the Farmers Market and The Exchange be places for

consultation/questionnaires etc.

**5. AOB**

- a) Fly tipping Network Rail Land** – Councillor Jenkins said that she had taken this up and was looking to get some artwork installations and a litter pick was being organised but responsibility did lie with Network Rail.
- b) Leaves** – Councillor Jenkins undertook to find out about leaf collection this year
- c) MHRC** – in response to a query regarding better ways to advertise the MHRC, Councillor Jenkins said she had been advised that a 3 month schedule of the dates for the vehicles would be made available so that better advertising could be provided for residents. Also looking at updating the website with the 3 month list. Councillor Jenkins undertook to circulate the list once she received it.