

Ward: Sutton Trinity

Date of meeting: Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7pm at Sutton Town Hall

Meeting overview

Present: Councillors Pears, Waddington and Mackey

Officers: Karl Randall-District Engineer

John Porter –Parks Manager

John Mole – Community Support and Development Officer

Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

Apologies : Sutton Town Councillors Maria Hewett and Claire Bennett

There were 6 residents in attendance.

Notice of Recording – noted

Local Innovations Fund –John Mole

John re capped on the last meeting and the developments that had been made in the intervening months he said that in essence Trinity local innovations was to utilise the existing library space for different and innovative use.

The bid proposed came from the Friends of Libraries in Our Sutton Coldfield whose aim is to “play a unique and innovative role in reinventing what is offered to the community from inside the walls of Sutton Coldfield Library. Our vision it to meet with energy and ingenuity the modern day needs of our local community ensuring the library becomes a genuine local hub of activity and services. Funding from the Local Innovation Fund will be the catalyst for us to help change and shape a whole new service that will be reflective of community needs.”

FOLIO’S PLAN to install and run an intergenerational community play-café.

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“Thereby creating

- a new, much needed and requested family-friendly space in central Sutton Coldfield;
- an innovative and exciting community space to hold events run by FOLIO Sutton Coldfield and other community groups; and
- an ongoing, financially secure funding stream (through café revenue), which will support Sutton Coldfield library.

To deliver this plan FOLIO Sutton Coldfield are in the process of entering a Joint Venture Partnership with a local Community Interest Company which has rich experience of running play-cafés; LGF Play Cafes CIC.”

Action: The three ward Councillors approved the application at ward level and recommended that this application should progress to the next stage of the process.

The Ward Plan – Councillor Pears introduced this item and read out some suggestions for consideration, after a discussion with the residents at the meeting the Ward came up with the following list of suggestions. Councillor Pears to draft the Ward Plan and submit.

Highways Improvements –

- To various junctions within the Ward to relieve congestion e.g Tamworth Road/ Lichfield Road and Tamworth Road Whitehouse Common road.
- Traffic improvements around Schools.
- Parking problems in the Town Centre and hospital
- Grass verges

Parks

- Improve the infrastructure and facilities in Sutton Park e.g roads, car parks Toilets and other visitor facilities.
- An attendant gardener to be employed for Sutton Park and Rectory Park.

Litter and Rubbish

- Improvement to Town Centre car parks and on the Falcon Lodge estate

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- Find sustainable solutions and funding for Town Hall and Sutton Library.
- Development of Brassington Avenue as part of a review of Town Plan and the development of Red Rose Centre.

Housing Development

- To ensure that any development is on brown field sites and is in keeping of the character of the Town. Should development proceed on Langley Site that all efforts are made to have infrastructure in place before growth of the development occurs . Including a need for suitable school places,a preference for housing for existing Sutton residents.

Britain In Bloom – Town Councillor Terry Wood

Councillor Wood said that the Town Council has set up a working party with the aim of entering Heart of England in Bloom competition in 2018

The working party consists of Sutton Coldfield Town Councillors; Birmingham City Council; the Civic Society and Alan Gardener - The Autistic Gardener.

Councillor Wood said the Town Council was trying to:

- To create a cleaner and greener, healthier and happier environment for all to share
- To encourage local people to get involved by planting bulbs, litter picking their area and working on joint projects to improve neglected areas
- To develop the strong sense of civic pride in our town and neighbourhoods
- To involve schools, neighbourhoods, residents and businesses to help make improvements to their local area

Councillor Wood went on to describe what was involved which included:

- The judging route and key sites
- New projects to support the Town Council's clean and green aims
- The judging party from Heart of England in Bloom visit in July 2018

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The key elements of the judging horticultural achievement 50%, Environmental responsibility 25% and community and continuity 25%

Councillor Wood said that more information was available at www.royalsuttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Highways update - Senior Highways Engineer Karl Randall

- Grass Verges – Announced that each ward has a small amount to spend over the next three years, for the current year each ward has £6,250 and for the follow two years £2,475 for one member wards and £4,990 for two member wards.
- Minor measures – Currently the District Engineers are consulting with the residents of Hollyfield Drive single yellow lines scheme to help address the parking issues at Rectory Park Whitehouse common.
- No objection had been received to no load or unload proposed restriction in Bromwich Drive by St Joseph School.
- Plantsbrook School – 20 mile per hour zone and zebra crossing around Holland Road was underway.

Councillors updates –

- Councillor Pears - reminded everyone about the Sutton Coldfield Sports awards and the nomination process.
- Councillor Mackey – Moor Hall School has been granted planning permission for expansion.
Driver feedback signs have been purchased by the Town Council, one for each ward in the Town which can be repositioned from site to site across the ward.
Three Defibrillators have been purchased by the Town Council and have been positioned in the Town Centre, Mere Green and at Moor Hall.

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Residents Questions and concerns

- Resident's raised their concerns at the parking problems at Reddicap Heath by the Co-op and toward Rectory Park Ave ,where cars park half on the pavements and on the road, residents felt they were being ignored .Karl assured the residents they weren't being ignored and each case was looked at but unfortunately it was a case of competing priorities.
- Residents also commented on the amount of unsightly advertising signs that were popping up around the Ward .Karl said that he and his colleague Iain Aiken regularly took down all sorts of illegal signs around the Town

Petitions -none

Authority to Chair –agreed

Meeting concluded at 8.00pm

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