



Stockland Green Ward Advisory Board

Notes from the meeting of 25th July 2017

Apologies

Trevor Davis
Cheryl Dockery
Junaid Gharda
Jean Heap
Paul Humpherson
Kevin Warrington

Erdington Seventh Day Adventist Church
SGOHT
Autis
Northside Welcome Centre
Place Management, Birmingham Council
Bethany Outreach Project

Present

Parveen Akhtar
Kirsty Burden
Barbara Dhalia
Cheryl Dockery
Alison Foden
Fatima Gharda
Councillor Penny Holbrook
Mary Kennedy
Glennette Mason Gray
Maureen Meehan
Tom Meehan
Malcolm Oliver
Alan Pike
Wayne Potter
Nick Williams

Streetwise
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Royal Gardens Residents Association
SGOHT
Homestart
Erdington Asian Ladies Association
Chairperson
Pioneer Group
SHAPS
Gravelly Hill & Stockland Green NW
Stockland Green Gating Programme
Stockland Green Methodist Church
George Road Baptist Church
Stockland Green Neighbourhood Police Team
Highcroft Community Centre

In Attendance

Lesley Bannister
Rabiyah Latif
John Mole

Birmingham Council
Near Neighbours Fund
Birmingham Council

1. Welcome & Introductions

Penny opened the meeting and thanked Malcolm for hosting the WAB. All present introduced themselves.

2. Neighbourhood Police Tasking

The tasking document had been circulated previously to the board and the Board concurred with the contents which suggested the priorities continue to be burglaries and anti-social behaviour.

Wayne advised that the Police team have surgeries at both Post Offices within Stockland Green and are working with a range of local organisations to help reduce crime and an example of such excellent partnership work is that taking place at The Gardens.

Members of the Board expressed concern about the increase in begging throughout Stockland Green and all were encouraged to make official statements about this which could influence Police priorities.

Action

The Gardens Action Group to be asked to next WAB to provide an update of their work.



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3. Notes from previous meeting & matters arising

The notes were accepted as being accurate there were no matters arising.

4. The Near Neighbours Fund

Rabiyah Latif had been invited to the WAB to provide details about the Near Neighbours Fund. The fund seeks to support projects which bring the community together through either social action, e.g. litter picks, or through opportunities for social interaction, e.g. gardening projects for newly arrived communities. Applications for between £250 and £5000 are being sought and the fund is currently open for applications and will be until November 2017.

Action Mary will circulate details of the fund to the WAB and any enquiries should be made directly to Rabiyah via email address rabiyah@nearneighbours.com.

5. Applications to the Local Innovations Fund

Lesley Bannister and John Mole of Birmingham Council provided details about the Local Innovations Fund which is a sum of £48,000 allocated to each ward within Birmingham to allocate to projects which are new and innovative. Applications must be considered and recommended or otherwise by the community in readiness for final approval by the Cabinet of Birmingham Council.

Two projects had been submitted to Stockland Green for approval;

- **Get Healthy Get Working**

Presented by Jonathon Davies of Compass Support, this project seeks to work with individuals who due to poor health, are unable to readily access the jobs market. Through a series of 1:1 sessions and workshops including exercise and coaching, this project would move individuals forward in a format not currently provided by any other agency.

Recommendation

This project should be recommended for Cabinet approval as it aligns itself to the desired outcomes held within our Ward plan.

- **Youth Hub**

Presented by Kirsty Burden of Sutton Coldfield YMCA, this project will offer support to children and young people affected by domestic abuse through life coaching and peer group support sessions. Referrals to the project will be made through the DV partnership group currently in Stockland Green. There is no similar provision elsewhere in Stockland Green.

Recommendation

This project should be recommended for Cabinet approval as it aligns itself to the desired outcomes held within our Ward plan.



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6. Domestic Abuse Initiative

A task and finish group had been established to create some initiatives which responded to the high levels of domestic abuse within the ward. The group has met on three separate occasions and the following partnership projects have been progressed;

- **Weekly Peer Support Group Sessions**

Accord Housing Group will facilitate a weekly peer support group for people affected by DV. These sessions will be advertised as Arts & Crafts and/or coffee mornings to protect people. The sessions will be overseen by a trained DV support worker employed by Accord Housing and will commence as soon as a venue can be found. A funding application on behalf of the WAB has been submitted to Greggs in respect of room hire costs.

- **Awareness Raising**

Accord Housing Group will provide DV awareness training to agencies working in Stockland Green

Action Any organisation wanting to avail themselves of training should forward their details to Mary.

- **Young Hub**

This is the project referenced at point 5.

- **Perpetrator Programme**

A behavioural programme for perpetrators will be delivered by Featherstone Children's Centre. It will look at behaviours, beliefs and healthy attitudes to relationships. Any referrals should be made directly to Featherstone.

7. The Community Conference

This will take place on 23rd September at Stockland School and as well as being an excellent opportunity for organisations and residents to meet each other, it's finding will inform the next ward development plan which is scheduled for June 2018. The conference will be based around four themed workshops; young people, older people, the environment and community safety. Board members are encouraged to think about which workshops they would like to contribute to.

8. The Community Awards

Nominations will close on 31st July, the deadline having been extended by a month because of a poor response. There is a thought that nominations are so very slow because it is the same people doing the same great work over and over again and there is a reticence to nominate previous winners. There was general debate about how the process should be managed next year to ensure that new people are nominated and Mary suggested that a roadshow courting nominations be undertaken capitalising on the community events held over the summer period. There is also some thought that the awards should not be the focus of the evening and maybe replaced with a network event.



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It was also noted that the community conference might successfully introduce new groups and people to the Board and that feedback should be sought at the actual Community Awards as to process in future years.

8. **Events Calendar**

Royal Gardens Residents Association are hosting a Party in the Park on Sunday, 27th August 2017 but numbers are restricted.

9. **Management Accounts**

There is an amount of £11,101.27 in the WAB account and this is reserved as follows;

£9,850.00	Awards for All, Volunteering at Brookvale
£1,163.62	Community Awards, St Thomas Dole Charity
£ 83.20	Capacity Building, Sport Relief
£ 4.45	Unreserved funds

10. **Any Other Business**

SGOHT have begun marketing the properties built at Copeley Hill. There will be an open day to which the board will be invited giving real credence to the work of the Board who helped to identify both the short term and long term problems resulting from poor housing. Details will be circulated nearer to the time.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th September at Spade, Hammer and Pen.



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Stockland Green Calendar of Events

August 2017

27th August Royal Gardens Residents Association
Party in the Park
Further details from Barbara.Dhalia@bmet.ac.uk

November 2017

17th November Pride of Stockland Green Awards
Further details from mary.kennedy@pioneergroup.org.uk