

## CASTLE VALE WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

<b>WARD:</b> Castle Vale	<b>DATE:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>VENUE/ VIRTUAL:</b> Castle Vale Library held in person and streamed live on Facebook.	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 18.30 to 20.00
<b>COUNCILLOR/S:</b> Ray Goodwin	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 7
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Lesley Bannister	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

### CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:

1. A bold and prosperous Castle Vale
2. A bold and inclusive Castle Vale
3. A bold and safe Castle Vale
4. A bold and green Castle Vale

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

- 1) Introduction – Cllr Ray Goodwin
- 2) Notice of recording was read out by Cllr Goodwin
- 3) Meeting was live streamed on Facebook.

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#### 4) Items Discussed

- Lorry's and other HGV's travelling through Castle Vale effectively using it as a short cut, also parking up on the estate whilst waiting to access the nearby transport delivery hubs .Cllr Goodwin said that he was in conversation with a number of transport companies about being a good neighbour and seeking to resolve this the solution being looked at was to find a local site for the HGV's to park up overnight .
- **Future Parks Accelerator fund-** Councillor Goodwin announced that the design had been drafted for Fulton croft with a couple of changes made for Anti - social behaviour and noise reduction, a contractor has been commissioned, equipment has been purchased and work is due to start in late March early April. With the site being accessible by the 1st May2024. **Action: Cllr Goodwin to share the plans on Facebook and in Castle Vale Library.**
- **Discussion on play, other accessible sites on Castle Vale, outdoor gyms and play equipment.**
- **Discussion on the lighting at Castle Vale swimming pool**
- **Discussion on the re-opening of Castle Vale Train Station** – Residents and Councillor were vehemently opposed to a name change to Castle Bromwich Station at the current suggested site. Councillor Goodwin suggested that the train station might be better located by the stadium where there is space for car parking. The time scale for the opening of the Train Station is currently 2030 if it all goes to plan. **Action: This item to come back to a future meeting when more details are available.**
- **Discussion on the Housing Association replacement of doors and windows programme** – The scheduled works to start 2024 and to be completed by the end of 2026.Residents complained that the current state of repair is totally inadequate, adding that two years was too long to wait in many cases. Councillor Goodwin said that in urgent cases this could be bought forward and asked residents to email him individually .
- **Crime** -CCTV sited on the estate to be upgraded.
- **Transport plan for 2022-** Discussion on the clean air zone, potential future funding, and low traffic neighbourhoods. Residents at the meeting wished to have their opposition to low traffic neighbourhoods noted.
- **Former Skylark pub and future use of the site** – Residents were concerned about the sites future use since a metal fence had been erected

around the car park area. Residents and visitors had been using the site as a parking area. Since being closed off there has been a knock on effect causing parking issues in the neighbouring roads .**Action Cllr Goodwin to discuss this with the local highways engineers .**

- **Financial crisis at Birmingham City Council** -Update given by Councillor Goodwin on the current financial crisis, Council Tax increase, Budget saving's and reductions in the Government support grant.