

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH WARD MEETING
THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017
6.30PM
ST. EDBURGH'S CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD
YARDLEY
B33 8PD

MEETING NOTES

Present: Councillors Basharat Dad, Carol Jones and Neil Eustace

Officers: Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team
Dave Prosser – Place Manager
Pat Whyte – Community Development and Support Officer
Sgt Ken Walters – West Midlands Police

There were 16 residents present.

Cllr Neil Eustace in the Chair

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING

The Chairman advised that members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

Residents were reminded that permission must be obtained from members of the public prior to taking photographs or recording individual comments.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Dad for lateness.

3. NEWS UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Stechford Pool & Leisure Centre

The redevelopment of the centre was on schedule for completion within the expected timescale.

Poolway Centre Redevelopment

Members were due to meet officers within the next day or so for a progress report on the redevelopment. An information update would be given at the next Ward meeting.

Stechford Police Station

This would remain open to public. The station in neighbouring Sheldon was now closed to the public; however it was currently being retained as a base for officers until further notice.

Community Clean Ups 3-5 March 2017

Several local clean-ups had been arranged as part of the national Great British Spring Clean event organised by Keep Britain Tidy. These included:-

- St. Edburgha's Park – Sat 4 March, 10.30am
- Manor Park Estate – 10am – 12pm

Residents were advised that litter picking/clean-up equipment would be made available for those who wished to organise their own local clean ups. Further details on how to get involved could be obtained from Dave Prosser, Place Manager.

Stechford Railway Station

The programme for the station improvements was expected to be completed by 2020. Stechford Station was included in the programme; however a start date had not yet been confirmed.

Glebe Farm Community Library

Following the citywide library services consultation, Glebe Farm Library was no longer under immediate threat of closure. The library would continue to offer a regular service although the weekly opening hours would be reduced.

There were no further updates.

4. WARD LOCAL INNOVATION FUND

Pat Whyte, Community Support and Development Officer gave a brief overview of the Local Innovation Fund and the criteria regarding how the fund should be used.

Partnership working and collaboration was essential if the project(s) supported by LIF was to be successful and sustainable.

A number of ideas and suggestions were put forward by residents. These included:-

- A Community Speed Watch Initiative, Road Safety and Training
- Development of a Community Website/Online Directory to help improve networking, communication and access to information across the wider ward
- Healthy Eating/Gardening & Growing Initiative for all ages
- Local Green schemes including design/decorate planters/raised beds/training and learning opportunities for all
- Local Community History Project involving residents of all ages. The history of Stechford Railway Station was suggested as an idea to explore

- The development of a community hub as a focal point of activity for the ward. Several local community organisations including Arts in the Yard had expressed interest in helping to develop/secure funding for a community hub.

It was agreed that the LIF proposal form and criteria should be sent to residents, community & voluntary groups following the meeting. Ideas and suggestions should be submitted on the proposal form and returned to Councillors for consideration.

Pat Whyte, Community Development & Support Officer would be the 'critical friend' and offer support/suggestions regarding each project proposal.

All proposals received would be presented and discussed at the next ward meeting.

Residents were advised that decision regarding the proposals would be made by the Ward Councillors following the meeting.

Action: All to Note

Community Governance Manager to email LIF proposal form and criteria to residents

5. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Consideration was given to the following outstanding actions:-

Ref No	Concern raised by	Nature of complaint	Action to be taken	Responsible Officer	Response Target Date
01	Resident	Vacant land adjacent to police station - plans for long-term use unknown Update given – land part owned by City Council. long term plans still to be decided	Ward Chairman to investigate	Ward Chairman	Ongoing/next meeting
02	Resident	Flaxey Road Shops and Flats – ongoing problems with rubbish dumping by premises owners and tenants Update given – most of the site had been cleared by the Council and costs charged to the landlord	Cllr Dad had been dealing with the issues and agreed to continue to investigate Continue to monitor	Cllr Dad Cllr Dad	Ongoing/next meeting Ongoing
03	Resident	Flaxey Road Shops – ongoing problem with	Cllr Dad currently dealing with the		

		obstructive parking on the pavement; a blue Skoda was regularly parked across the dropped kerb	issues. Proactive action had been carried out by Civil Enforcement Officers, and several cars issued with Fixed Penalty Notices	Cllr Dad	Ongoing
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6. RESIDENTS ISSUES AND CONCERNS

None raised.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Poolway Redevelopment Update
Iron Lane Road Works Improvement Scheme
Co-op Sports Ground Redevelopment Update

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 May 2017, 6.30pm

9. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Noted and agreed that:-

“In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee”.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm