

HANDSWORTH WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Ward	DATE: 28 th January 2019
VENUE: Handsworth Association of Schools	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm 9.05pm
COUNCILLOR: Quinnen	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 16
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neil De Costa and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

WARD PRIORITIES: Under discussion .

1. **The environment** - fly tipping, Littering ,rubbish on private land, enforcement, street cleansing, waste collection, wheeled bins left out on the road and HMO related issues, empty frontages ,retaining green spaces and licencing of scrap metal collectors .
2. **Highways** – illegal, inconsiderate and obstructive parking, speeding, road repairs, tree pruning, congestion, traffic calming and road safety.
3. **Adult Services** - independent living, homelessness, mental health, health and wellbeing and Jobs and Skills
4. **Children and young people** - education, jobs, skills and training, safety, mental health and wellbeing, homelessness and child poverty.
5. **Crime and Policing** - ASB, prostitution, modern slavery, robbery, unreported crime, burglary, safer streets drug related crime and crime prevention
6. **Housing** - HMOs – poor management, ASB, homelessness, private rented sector regulation, education and enforcement)
7. Creativity i.e. thinking ‘outside’ of the box
8. Planning consent (fast food outlets, betting shops, illegal developments, HMOs hostels etc.)
9. Celebration of the ‘good’ things and civic pride.
10. Being a good neighbours
11. Cohesion.

Priorities with specific details as agreed on 28th January 2018

1. **Environment** - Fly tipping in B21, Grove Lane, Leyton Rd, Whatley Road, Dawson Rd, Chantry Rd, Arthur Rd Junction of Goldshill Rd & Stafford Road .To be carried out/organised by members of the public.
2. **Environment** -HMO in B21, Woodstock Rd. To be carried by ?????????????????????????????????/ need better regulation .
3. **Environment – Environmental Hot spots (Grot Spots)** Crick Lane,Alley Way from Douglas to Laurel Road, Alley Antrobus to Laurel Road, Junction of Rookery Road and Antrobus Rd, Antrobus and Grove Lane and the junction of Soho Rd and Murdoch Road .To be carried by or organised by residents .
4. **Highways** – Safer Roads, speeding 20 is plenty around Schools and tree pruning.
5. **Adult Services** - Independent living contact Home England, resident’s looking into this and looking for potential renovation projects, homelessness, mental health, health and wellbeing.
6. **Jobs and Skills** added as a priority

The meeting ran over and points 4 to 11 will be discussed at the next meeting on the 30th April.

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. The Ward plan- Neil recapped on the process and provided the residents with Ward Plan templates and the notes of the last meeting which listed broad headed priorities that had been agreed by residents. Neil added that The Ward plan should be resident-led and involve stakeholders.
2. There was a discussion on the priorities and how these could be delivered , some residents wanted to start with looking at “The How” first whilst others wanted to start with listing the specifics under each heading of the suggested priorities .This was debated by the group agreeing that “The How “ and being able to deliver on priorities was very important but decided they needed to set priorities and the detail first.
3. Other points considered by the residents – Cross ward working on issues for example HMO’s; issues don’t necessarily respect boundaries ; connect with neighbouring wards ; Police boundaries are different to Ward boundaries ; the need for an asset based audit and consulting widely with existing groups , businesses , neighbourhood forums and residents associations in the Ward outside of the Ward meeting in order to progress The Ward Plan.
4. John O’Meara updated on the request made at the last Handsworth Wood Ward meeting for a delegation of residents accompanying residents to meet with cabinet members Hamilton and Thompson regarding cross ward issues such as HMO and private rented sector regulation.
5. A.O.B- Residents asked for an update on the Well- being Consultations – Action Cllr Quinnen

Residents reported that the 20mph sign at the junction Dawson Road and Woodstock Road is facing the wrong way – Action Neil to report to Highways Engineers.

ACTION	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Ward planning information to be emailed out to the residents on the contact list.	Councillor Quinnen/ Neil De Costa	As soon as practicable
2. Well-being Centre update to be obtained by Councillor Quinnen from Steve Hollingsworth	Councillor Quinnen	As soon as practicable
3. Dawson Road /Woodstock Road – one of the twenty is plenty signs facing the wrong way.	Neil De Costa	As soon as practicable

AOB:

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):