

HANDSWORTH WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Ward	DATE: 22 nd October 2019
VENUE: Handsworth Association of Schools	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR: Quinnen	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 12
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neil De- Costa, Lesley Bannister, Stewart Donohue and Deborah Moseley .	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

WARD PRIORITIES: To be finalised at the next Ward meeting on the 28th January 2020

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** – limit fast food outlets, betting shops, illegal developments, HMOs hostels etc
9. **Celebration of the ‘good’ things and civic pride.**
10. **Being a good neighbours and community cohesion.**

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Matters arising** – Written update provided by Anne Goodall Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager , on the Well -being Centre and Steam room read out by Neil De Costa

Steam Room Refurbishment

I am extremely pleased to inform you that we are hoping to install a new bespoke steam room at Handsworth Wellbeing Centre in the next few months. Mark Brown, Centre Manager will keep customers updated once we have further details on exact timescales. I can also confirm following the request at the last ward meeting, Mark produced A5 steam room update leaflets for customers- please see attached. Mark has also worked with our partners Birmingham Community Leisure Trust and arranged free access to the steam room at Beeches Pool and Fitness Centre for all our premier choice members. Mark has sent letters to all eligible customers; please see attached copy of letter.

Outcome of Service Review

As you are aware we anticipated the findings of the review would be presented to Birmingham City Council Cabinet Members in early 2019. Unfortunately, the report is still to be finalised, and I would like to reassure our customers that at this point no decisions have been taken regarding the future management of Handsworth Wellbeing Centre, but that the Council's priority will be to ensure that local communities continue to benefit from access to high quality sport and leisure facilities.

Petition update from Chris Jordan Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods – Read out by Neil De Costa - Petition 2160 - Save Handsworth Wellbeing Centre

In December 2017, Birmingham City Council's Cabinet approved the report 'A Sustainable Solution for the Future of the Wellbeing Service Outcomes'. The report approved the transfer of a range of wellbeing services including Active Parks, Big Birmingham Bike and, Run Birmingham to The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS), a community benefit society.

The report also agreed to review the remaining Wellbeing Centres and Hubs to determine who would be best placed to manage and improve these facilities on behalf of Birmingham City Council in the future. Handsworth Wellbeing Centre was included in this review.

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2. **H.M.O** - With Deborah Moseley and Stewart Donohue .Full presentations attached to the notes and on the BCC WEBSITE.
3. **Ward Plan** – Neil De- Costa provided the residents with copies of the current working document which everyone reviewed .It was agreed to extend the deadline for input into the plan due to new members of the public attending the meeting and for further engagement with business. Therefore it was agreed that residents would have until the 22nd November to send their priorities to Cllr Quinnen who would then update them so that the plan could be signed off at the next meeting.
4. **Residents Issues** –. Concerns were raised by residents with regard to Community Development Trust being set up without resident groups involvement; Sadness was expressed by the residents and Cllr Quinnen at the news that Wilkes Green residents group had closed after 41 years due to a lack of new members and residents requested if possible to be kept informed on details of all future CDT meeting.
5. **Future Meeting topics and dates**– Topic's - 28th January 2020 and 28th April 2020.

ACTION	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Residents asked if they could be provided with the date of when the report on the review of who is best placed to manage the council's wellbeing centres will be finalised and the date of the cabinet meeting next year that it will be presented at for agreement.	Cllr Quinnen.	28 th January 2020
2. A briefing note to update on the development of the Handsworth CDT, forward the date and time of the forthcoming CDT meeting, suggestion that it would be good to have a separate meeting with interested residents and board members, and there needs to be a separate item on the agenda of the next meeting. It was felt that the process of establishing the CDT hasn't been democratic to date.	Cllr Quinnen	14 th November 2019
3. Remind residents and stakeholders of the closing	Lesley Bannister	On or around the 14 th November 2019

date for comments on the ward plan and action plan which was agreed as Friday 22 nd November 2019.		
4. Residents would like to add a priority around a mechanism for local involvement to revisit the 'coverage' of the remaining two residents' associations.	Cllr Quinnen	By 22 nd November 2019
5. Residents to organised and lead meetings of interesting parties.	Residents	
6. Representation from Sgt McGrath's n'hood policing team would be welcome at the next meeting. There was a suggestion that policing information could be circulated in between meetings.	Local Police Team	Lesley Bannister to invite the Sgt Mc Garth to the next meeting

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Councillors (s) Signed:

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