

HANDSWORTH WOOD WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Wood Ward	DATE: 28 th March 2019
VENUE: Hamstead Pavilion	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR : Kooner	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 24
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister and PCSO Sam Shaw	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Dave Conroy and Dilbagh Dhami

WARD PRIORITIES: -

1. **Housing** - HMOs, affordable Housing ,supported Housing and sustainable Neighbourhoods
2. **Aspiration to set up City Ward forums for issues that affect different Ward for example H.M.O**
3. **Crime and the Perception of Crime** - ASB, safer streets and crime prevention.
4. **Traffic and Highways Issues** – Speeding, road safety and inconsiderate parking.
5. **Debate and be consulted in policy making** – With the aim of establishing City wide forums on key issues to help shape policy
6. **Environment issues** - fly tipping and Littering.
7. **Adults Service** - Loneliness in the elderly
8. **Children and young people** – Mother and toddler groups

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Introductions and notice of recording** – Cllr Councillor Kooner
2. **Apologies** - Neil De Costa ,Ken Brown and Cllr Atwal
3. **Update on actions from previous meetings on the Ward Plan** - John Cheney and Richard Hatcher updated the Ward on the Ward Plan/Ward Priorities which were identified at the residents meeting that was held on the 21st February saying that the key prioties identified were HMO's with some residents reaffirming the need to be able to be involved in the debate and discussion with Cabinet members . Cllr Kooner reminded the residents of the 8 priorities identified by both meeting which it was agreed would be adopted into the Ward Plan.

4. **Local Police** - PCSO Sam Shaw gave a progress report on the teams recent activity this included
 1. HMO'S and the resulting ASB .She said the recently unsuitable properties had been closed down by the Police and they were continuing to monitor dwellings in Cornwall Road, Oxhill Road, Somerset Road, Stockwell Road Windermere Road and Friary Road. Sam said that if residents had any concerns about a property they could contact the local Police team on Handsworthwood@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
 2. Fly tipping – close to the Friary Road/Oxhill Road junction and flytipping was reported to be happening from Cherry Orchard road into the Park.
 3. Vehicle Crime- Sam said that this was the only crime on the increase in the Ward. Residents reported an increase in nuisance and speeding mopeds on Hamstead Hill AND Cherry Orchard Road.
 4. ASB – a reminder about the light nights and Street drinking.
 5. Street Watch
 6. Knife Crime
 7. Upcoming Cllr and Police surgery dates

5. Local innovations fund report back by – Handsworth Community Development Trust and Spring Housing

- a) **Spring Housing project** - “Make a difference “.Project feedback was given by Dave Conroy from Liberty CIC . This project was awarded a grant of £8,000 having originally requested £16,000 to enable this project to run, Dave believed this put the project at a disadvantage from achieving all projects predicted outcome and stating that he had also been unsuccessful in obtaining a £100,000 Reaching Communities Grant. The aim of the project was to identify local citizens with local initiatives and ideas there by assisting them in implementing these ideas by helping them obtain the knowledge and skills to obtaining funding. Dave said that more people had needed help than they had estimated originally and that there had been a lack of support from other groups and Birmingham City Council. Dave went on to say however there had been positive outcomes they had learnt a lot about the local area its people, their thoughts and this did result in funding courses being run for the interested parties and organization .
- b) **Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust. Dilbagh Dhami** - HWCDT received two L.I.F grants for Jobs and Skill and for Health and Wellbeing .Dilbagh started by saying that the funding had helped kick starting the work at the Pavilion and was helping to turn space at the Pavilion into a vibrant place for the local community .He listed the accomplishments to date this included a Job club; free computer access; business club ; bhangra dancing classes, yoga and meditation sessions , ladies cycling sessions, Children's football and 'walk and talk'. Dilbagh finished of his presentation by saying The Pavilion and HWCDT were now generating income for and from these sustainable activities.

8. **Future Meeting** - Date tbc topic to include the Clean Air Zone

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Councillors (s) Signed:

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