

BIRCHFIELD WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Birchfield Ward	DATE: 21st November 2018
VENUE: The Big Local ,Grosvenor Road ,Lozells	START/FINSH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR: Hussain	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 14
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Brown ,Inspector Ahmed, Matthew Smith and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Keith Smith Amey

WARD PRIORITIES:

The Ward Plan is an agenda for the next Ward meeting on the 23rd January 2018

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Local Policing with Inspector Ahmed – Current local issues and Statistics ,HMO's ,ASB and drug related crime, update on successfully obtaining a closure order for 3 months on a HMO, reinvigorating neighbour tasking and staffing changes . Finally Inspector Ahmed reiterated the importance of logging suspicious activity and suspected crime as this helps with the Police's intelligence gathering and resourcing. He said that this could be done in a number of ways which included by emailing the local Police team, calling the crime stoppers 101 number or via the west midlands website.
2. The Ward Plan- Ken explained the process and purpose of the Ward Plan .Cllr Hussain emphasised the importance of the residents input into this process and that at the next meeting the Ward would start constructing the plan. Residents debated the process and there was some concern over what was achievable with the resources available and there was a consensus that the plan should be realistic and not a wish list.
3. H.M.O's (Houses of Multiple Occupation) Matthew Smith Service Head for the Private Rented Team – Matthew gave an overview on HMO'S and the private rented sector and along with that the work of his team. This included what constituted a HMO, the increase in the private rented sector since 2011, examples of good and bad practise by landlords; the new legislation affecting HMO's that came into force on 1st October 2018, example of issues which don't come under his team's umbrella i.e. Policing, Environmental and Planning; Housing act 2004;details on the properties register and the

Homes England web page on .GOV.uk ;the help that they provide to landlords and successfully prosecutions of rogue landlords and reporting of the mistreatment of tenant's . Residents asked a number of specific questions linked to their own experiences and circumstances which were answered where possible by Matthew .At the end of this item Matthew gave out the contact details for his service and asked residents to keep on reporting HMO issues Email PRS@BIRMINGHAM.GOV.UK Telephone number 0121-303-5070.

4. Amey Highways issues Keith Smith –Keith explained AMEYS role to the residents which included :the bi annual highways inspection process ,the criteria for pot holes and the national guidelines ; Utility street works reinstatements ;Offensive graffiti removal and tree pruning emphasising the reasons why trees were pruned in particular ways .Keith answered all the residents questions and took away one resulting action .
5. A.O.B - A) The timing of the traffic lights between Heathfield and Birchfield Road – **Action: Ken** Brown to raise this with Alan Woodcock the local highways engineers.
B) Charity tipping licence for assisted collection for vulnerable people - **Action:** Cllr Hussain to contact the Cabinet Member to see if this was possible.
6. Future meeting to be held on 23rd January 2019, 20th March 2019 and 22 May 2019.At the Big Local Grosvenor Rd with a 7.00pm start. The next meeting will be a one item agenda on the Ward Plan

ACTIONS	WHO	BY WHEN
1. The timing of the traffic lights between Heathfield and Birchfield Road. Ken Brown to raise this with Alan Woodcock the local highways engineers.	Ken Brown	As soon as practicable
2. Charity tipping licence for assisted collection for vulnerable people .Cllr Hussain to contact the Cabinet Member for waste to see if this was possible.	Cllr Hussain	As soon as possible

AOB:

Councillors (s) Signed:

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