

STIRCHLEY, THE WAY FORWARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May, at 7.30pm at Stirchley Baths
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Chaired by Lisa Girling. Secretary Susan MacLean

1. Apologies: Steve Mee. Councillor Huxtable. Birgit. Kerry Leslie. Theresa Summerfield
Rose, Su, Tim Fallon. Sunanda. Liam. Kieran. Roxy. Karen.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (AGM). Margaret queried the minutes. Margaret said there were two people who put their hand up who wanted to be part of Stirchley, the Way Forward. In the minutes it did not mention the names of these people.
Chris said he would check the minutes. Susan said although she had not taken the minutes of the meeting she had taken notes. As far as she could recollect, two people raised their hands, but did not come forward at the end of the meeting to sign the constitution.
Lisa suggested as the people were unknown, we couldn't find out who they were.
Susan said they would be welcome to join the organisation if they applied again.
The Minutes were approved.
3. Matters arising.
Sue asked if she could raise a point concerning the discussion around the new group proposal and Mr. Wayne Pell.
Sue was invited to put her point.
Sue was concerned that as Mr. Pell was the BID ambassador, she felt he may be trying to encourage people to ask for the BID again. Susan and Lisa said this must be a valid point, because most of the emails being received mention BID meeting.
Margaret mentioned that when the Lifford association was formed, Pete from the neighbourhood forum had tried to inform the businesses the best he could concerning the ramifications of the BID. Margaret felt the businesses did not take this on board. Lisa said no one had ever come to warn her. Chris said we must be wary and as Stirchley fought hard not to be in a BID we would do well to keep an eye on the situation.
Susan suggested we write to Mr. Wayne Pell and ask him to be clear Stirchley are not looking for a BID. We are interested in using the proposed S106 money for the betterment of Stirchley as a whole.
Councillor Locke suggested we might want to ask Jackie Kennedy who is Wayne's boss to come along to one of our meetings to discuss the S106

money. Councillor Locke mentioned that the S106 money proposals would be looked at by the council before giving their approval. One of the objectives was for the high street to be regenerated and to encourage new businesses to the area.

4. Discussion: outcome of the two public meetings 20th March and 4th April. Chris started by saying the meetings had been well attended, and Mr. Wayne Pell had attended the second meeting to take questions from the audience.

Susan told the group Rose had emailed just before the meeting and the next S106 meeting will be on the 10th May. Susan wasn't sure of the venue, but believed it might be the British Oak. Rose will be in touch.

Briefly, it has been decided that there should be a newly constituted group to assist in the spending of the S106 money. There were a number of people who wanted to be involved, but it was thought too many people would mean an unworkable committee. Chris suggested he would recommend, individual people with an interest should join one of the larger groups e.g. Stirchley the Way Forward, or Stirchley Community Group, Neighbourhood forum. Representatives from these main groups could then form the committee.

Susan suggested that if Chris and she represented Stirchley, the Way Forward then it was obvious we would consult with our other members especially Lisa, Sue, or Liam. Who could if Susan or Chris couldn't attend a meeting stand in? Same goes for the Neighbourhood forum, if Pete couldn't attend, Margaret or say Rowena could stand in. No one wants to exclude anyone who is interested in Stirchley, but to work, it needs to be slimmed down and basically got on with.

Lisa said there needs to be one person representing the parks. Susan told the meeting that Dave had volunteered to be the representative of the local parks.

Susan suggested there is a rough time frame, Wayne would like to meet May 25th and the S106 meeting would be the 10th May, so aiming to be up and running before September.

Chris suggested the next meeting on the 10th would be the time to firm up the structure.

5. Stirchley Fete: Susan said all was on track, obviously needing more volunteers. Also would anyone be willing to sell the raffle tickets?
Lisa asked if there was any other business. Thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 7th June 2017 - 7.30 p.m. Stirchley Baths.
Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.