

Minutes of Meeting 13th May 2018 Stirchley Baths

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The minutes from StWF meeting may not accurately reflect the discussions that took place amongst the StWF participants. Statements are paraphrased and may oversimplify discussions, leaving out many nuances in conversation, and may inaccurately report facts.

If there are any objections then please make them known before or at the next meeting where they can be rectified.

Present: Sue. Lisa. Councillor Mary Locke. Margaret. Ian S. Chris. Kerry. Stu. Susan.

Lisa Girling chaired the Meeting. 7.00 p.m.

No Apologies.

Minutes agreed from previous Meeting.

Matters Arising.

Planning application:

Junction of Maryvale Rd and Pershore Road.

Planning application for demolition of derelict property (old Treasure Chest) and replacing with building with 42 apartments and commercial below.

Mary Locke said the planning could be seen on the Council website and the comments should be in by June 6th.

There was a general discussion. Lisa thought there would be a big problem with parking as there seemed to be no facilities for parking on the plans. There would be too much pressure on side road parking where there was very little parking now.

Susan suggested the building were surely too high towering above the existing commercial streetscape. Most of the commercial buildings were built in late 1880 and early 1900. Ian S said buildings can be built taller than those at present.

Mary Locke made a comment that the public transport facilities were probably a factor in the design. Susan answered that she used all transport facilities but she thought it extremely unlikely the tenants would be without cars. At present without a public car park in Stirchley the side roads were under pressure and the commercial businesses were suffering because of this. The new car parking on the high street was not working.

The general consensus, it was extremely unlikely the apartments would be let to students. More likely a transient population not the family housing wanted for Stirchley.

Mary Locke said anyone not happy should put their comments into the planning department.

Stirchley in Bloom

Lisa asked Stu to bring us up to date with the Stirchley in Bloom. Stu explained the baskets had been ordered and were ready for collection from Umberslade Nurseries. Kerry said it was important to show benefit for Stirchley residents and businesses.

Kerry asked if a stall could be booked for the forthcoming Stirchley fete. Susan said that was fine. Su, Kerry and Sunanda along with Stu would look after the stall.

Susan said she was waiting to hear from Nicky at Umberslade Nurseries so the invoice could be paid from the funds, any left could be used to benefit the area maybe update planters in and around Stirchley. Kerry said we needed to arrange a convenient date to everyone interested to carry out gardening around Stirchley. Kerry reminded everyone we needed to show the community benefit.

Stirchley Fete:

Sue informed the meeting that everything was on plan and we just needed volunteers for the day to look after the games.

Everyone said they would come along and help out.

Any Other Business:

Councillor Locke wants to meet with a couple of members from each Stirchley Group and she would like to get a Ward Plan together.

Mary said Stirchley has a lot to offer and she would be contacting people over the next few months. At present she was meeting with Ian Ward Council Leader and Brigit Jones.

Data Protection laws

Susan explained that any personal data had to be dealt with within the law; she understands that computer information held on anyone shouldn't be shared without the prior permission. Susan will keep a paper copy of meeting attendees. Anyone attending meetings will be asked to sign in, but only if they wish to be contacted via email would leave their email. It is important to note when keeping documents that personal information must not be shared with a third party unless expressly agreed.

Our meetings will be documented and will be found on the website. Susan is happy for anyone to contact her via email. Stirchley2016@gmail.com

Ian S asked why the Neighbourhood Forum received money from the Birmingham City Council., when as far as he was aware any other groups receive nil. He asked if

Stirchley, the Way Forward could be recognised as an important community group representing residents and businesses and as such should receive

money to help with administration etc. Mary Locke said that we do need to build on strengths and she would look into it for us.

Lisa Girling thanked everyone for coming and closed this part of the meeting at 7.35 p.m. the group moved outside for the second part of the meeting which was an onsite survey for the forthcoming Stirchley Fete.

Date of next meeting: We will try to book one for June which will be announced on website, facebook, and twitter.

Meeting closed 8 p.m.