

Minutes of the

# Stirchley, the Way Forward

meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.15 pm

Stirchley Baths

Susan MacLean chaired the meeting.

Sue Fellows kindly noted the minutes.

1. Apologies: Councillor Mary Locke. Clare Thomas. Chris Tomlinson, Susan Kruse.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
3. Matters Arising. Chris has been in contact with the BCC with regard to the vacant properties within Stirchley. Susan, Sue and Lisa are meeting with the representative of BCC on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

**We will discuss this matter further at the next meeting.**

4. Approval of the website: [www.stirchleytwf.co.uk](http://www.stirchleytwf.co.uk) everyone agreed, and further information concerning the group will be posted on the webpage with access to facebook and twitter pages. Susan made the point the group is for everyone and wanted the traders, residents, and larger community to feel happy coming along to our meetings, joining in with the events planned. Everyone agreed with this. Funding was discussed for the webpage. It was agreed for charity events, and businesses providing entertainment for the larger community would be free too. E.g. PSL bowling, The Roadhouse. However, traders advertising businesses with links to their websites there will be a nominal charge. The charge will be £35.00 for the first year. Previous sponsors of the Xmas Event 2015 and Stirchley Fete will receive a discount and the charge will be £25.00
5. **We need a volunteer unpaid Santa** for the Christmas Advent Fair. Paul from the British Oak said he will ask around.

**We also need volunteers to help out with the organising and on the day. We will put out a call for help on the facebook page.**

Further details of the Stirchley Advent Fair were discussed.

Karen Cheney has very kindly offered the group the use of Stirchley Baths

There will be 'Meet Santa'. Kids will receive a small gift. Christmas Stalls with Christmas items for sale. Kids disco and music from the local Birmingham Rock School who have offered to sing

<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghamrockschool/#>

Susan has spoken with Mr. Clifford from Stirchley School, who is happy to let the children know of the Stirchley Advent Fair. Lisa asked would other schools be contacted. Sue suggested perhaps getting in touch with local head teachers. Susan said she would do that.

**The Window competition** will go ahead. Jane from the co op florist has kindly offered to be our judge this year. The traders will be asked to have their windows ready for judging week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December until 19<sup>th</sup> December. 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be awarded a £25.00 gift voucher 2<sup>nd</sup> prize chocolates. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. People's choice. Tub of Chocolates. Details of the voting for the 'people's choice' will be posted closer to the date. All winners will be notified personally and announced on social media.

#### 6. Any Other Business

Susan has put in an application for small donation of funding from the Greggs foundation. Susan will advise the group when she hears anything further.

We intend to run a raffle with a prize of a Christmas luxury Hamper. We are hoping residents and business traders will donate gifts or money.

Susan said she had received a very favourable response from the new liaison officer for Tesco.

#### 7. Date and time of next meeting. Will be posted on the webpage when confirmed.