

Minutes - Meeting 5th September 2018 Stirchley Baths

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In attendance: Chris, Margaret, Councillor Locke, Lisa, Wendy, Stu, Susan.

1. Apologies: Kerry Leslie and Sue Fellows
2. Approval the minutes of last meeting – approved
3. Matters arising. Would be dealt with under next item.
4. Updates on Planning – No further updates on the planning for the property situated on the corner of Pershore Rd and Maryvale Rd. Councillor Locke informed the meeting there had been quite a few objections but she hadn't heard of the outcome yet.

There was no further information on the Seven Capital site either.

Wendy asked if anything was happening with Lidl and Aldi site. Councillor Locke said as far as she was aware both were waiting to see what Seven Capital was planning. Wendy asked if plans had been submitted for the site. Councillor Locke said there were no plans as yet.

Lisa asked how many houses could be built in the area before there was a need for an increase of doctors and school places etc.; Margaret said there were 101 houses being built on the Fordhouse Lane site. Lisa said she did know there were 170 houses planned for the Parsons Hill site. The lack of school places was an issue. Many children moving on from primary were unable to find suitable places at the senior schools. Lisa mentioned she had brought this matter to the attention of our MP Steve McCabe but he wasn't able to give any figures. **(Councillor Locke will keep us updated)**

5. Stirchley in Bloom: Stu informed the meeting that the group of 9 had met outside the former constituency office on the 1st Sept. Weeding had begun and one member had weeded at the Maryvale entrance to Bournville Train Stn. The intention was to meet again on the 6th October 10.00 a.m. outside the S.C. Office and commence bulb planting. The group were complimented on Twitter and by passersby. Stu had met with a rep of Britain in Bloom, who suggested entering into another competition next year 'It's your Neighbourhood'. Areas could be chosen in Stirchley to be judged which may

be a way of moving the project forward. Entries to I.Y.N. February 2019 suggesting maybe discuss this further after Christmas.

Susan mentioned that Catherine had suggested we purchase a roll up banner which perhaps Kerry could design for us. We could display the banner anytime the group were working in a particular part of the ward. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. **(Stu to speak with Kerry for design and price up the cost of a banner)**

6. Proposed S106 funding application.

Susan explained the money originally from Tesco was for use on public realm improvements. Susan gave a brief run down on the problems encountered after the BID back in 2015. It was time for Stirchley to move on and improve the area for the benefit of its residents and traders this could be done by applying for a funding from S106.

Susan said the group had been speaking with neighbours and traders and after taking into consideration their wishes she hoped the proposal would be a start.

The proposal covered improvements and help to new business start ups, along with assistance to the present traders. Money could be made available for improving the general look of Stirchley. Equipment made available to perhaps encourage exercise and assist the health of senior citizens.

Extra facilities for parking bikes along the high street.

Lisa asked if a car park could be included. Susan explained that was for the Ward Plan, which is being drawn up at the moment and couldn't be considered a public realm improvement. However, perhaps further investigation is needed.

Stu thought the proposal was a good one and he liked the idea of investing in the area. Chris said he was happy to support the proposal, although concerned money might go to landlords who have not helped the area. Susan suggested that the council lawyers would be involved and StWF would not be administering the money directly. Any agreements with traders would be thoroughly looked at. Susan also suggested that with the Council purchasing power, items such as new planters and bins might be cheaper. Than those in the draft proposal.

Councillor Locke was happy to pass the proposal to the relevant person responsible at the council. Susan said she had spoken with Wayne Pell but she understood there was a procedure to follow, so would be guided by Councillor Locke. Everyone agreed to put the draft proposal forward for consideration. **(Susan - further updates will be posted along with the proposal and published on the website. www.stirchleytwf.co.uk)**

7. Truck of the Day. Susan explained the residents of Bournville Lane are being caused problems with large trucks trying to negotiate the low Bournville Lane Bridge. Susan said she has many photos of truck which come day and night. The problem was reported to Councillor Locke. Councillor Locke went on to explain she has had a meeting with Sajid from the Council and Cadbury/Kraft. Most of the trucks are travelling to and from Cadbury factory. One suggestion was to perhaps change the postal code for the factory with the post office approval. This way, Sat Navs would then direct the drivers to the factory from Linden rd and not Bournville Lane. There will be a further meeting with Cadbury and **Councillor Locke will inform us of the outcome.**

8. Litter Pick. Councillor Locke explained she had organised a few litter picks within the Stirchley Ward. She will be having another Sat 8th Sept. Her intention is to organise a couple more, and then resume in the spring. **Information will appear on StWF twitter.**

9. Any Other Business: Susan thanked Councillor Locke for assisting with the canal path problem. Susan explained a cyclist had fallen into the canal near to Bournville. Thankfully she was ok and boat people helped her to recover her bike. Councillor Locke asked the Canal heritage to inspect the towpath and they found the overgrown bushes had possibly caused the problem. The workmen will commence cutting the bushes back from October 1st and will start at Bournville.
Councillor Locke wanted to draw our attention to the on line survey Be Heard, question 12 referred to what should be introduced for the area.

Councillor Locke was asked if she knew anymore with regard to the proposed train station on Pineapple area. Councillor Locke will update us when she has further information.
Lisa said there had been a lot of anti social behaviour in Stirchley and Cotteridge and she wondered what was happening. Councillor Locke said she had been in talks with Sgt Bonehill and had a meeting booked with Inspector Murrin.
10. Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 17th October 7 p.m. Stirchley Baths.
Chris thanked everyone for coming along and closed the meeting at 8.18 p.m.

