

STIRCHLEY, THE WAY FORWARD

MINUTES Of the meeting held on the 29th November 2016 7.15 p.m. Stirchley Baths

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Chaired by Sue Fellow

Secretary - Susan MacLean

Administrators – Chris Tomlinson and Lisa Girling

Sue welcomed the members of the community and thanked them for attending the meeting.

1. Apologies:

Councillor Mary Locke. Councillor Timothy Huxtable. Mr Wayne Pell. Susan Kruse. Sharon Hughes. Steve Warburton. Sam and Lucy. Get a Grip. Paul Maders. British Oak. Emma Ashton. Joy Rawlinson. Paul Slatter will join the meeting later.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

Emma Ashton wanted an adjustment made to the previous minutes. Her words should have read.

Emma Wrote: ***Just to clarify my comments regarding 'one spokesperson' - I tried to convey that one view is that, to be run properly, it may require one person dedicated to the task but with a group of people (a committee) in support. However, that is only one model, there may be others that are more appropriate but that will only become apparent as the nature of the demand (what people want to use the building for and how) emerges.***

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

Details will be dealt with later in the meeting.

4. Stirchley Christmas Fair

Sue informed the meeting everything was coming along nicely. StWF had undertaken the Stirchley Christmas Fair as it was unlikely the Residents forum would be able to stage their Christmas light switch on this year because of funding cuts. It was an opportunity for StWF to provide an event for the community in a warm and cosy welcoming Stirchley Baths.

Sue wanted to thank Karen on behalf of Stirchley the Way Forward for her help and assistance. StWF wanted to offer a donation towards the Stirchley Baths Christmas Tree. Karen graciously accepted the cheque of £100 on behalf of the Baths.

Sue asked the members to promote the fair and to sell more raffle tickets if possible.

5. Stirchley Library.

Susan advised the meeting that Kerry Leslie asked for this item to be included in the agenda for this meeting. Unfortunately Kerry wasn't at the meeting to join in the discussion.

Karen advised the meeting that BCC were looking at cost saving measures within the library service across the City. Details of which were being put to public consultation. Locally Stirchley Library may be affected; there would be further opportunities to discuss this matter. Karen said solutions were needed and any ideas were welcome. Karen also mentioned that Stirchley do have an excellent children's library service. Madeleine asked if Library services could be linked with other public buildings for dual use purpose e.g. Hospitals.

Sue said we should wait to discuss it further at another meeting when Kerry may be able to join us.

6. Former Stirchley Constituency Office.

Sue asked if anyone had any further information as Mr Wayne Pell from Birmingham City Council was unable to attend this meeting.

Susan explained Mr Pell has been working with the local traders group Stirchley the Way Forward in the context of austerity and reduced local authority spending, exploring a range of options and new forms of partnerships between local authorities and local trading groups the need to be brokered suitable to a context avoiding 'one size fit all; approach.

The former Stirchley constituency office was one amongst many void properties in Stirchley.

Dave said the Stirchley Community Group were interested possibly in a community use for the building but were waiting for further information concerning the condition of the former constituency office.

Sue asked Karen if she would like to comment.

Karen informed the meeting that the building was officially handed back to the Education Property Services. The Asset Management Officer was Mr Neil Willkie. There was no definite use for the building at present and believed quotes were being obtained to ascertain the cost involved in the repair and upkeep of the building. Sue asked Liam if anyone had contacted him concerning community use of the former constituency office. Liam said there were ideas being discussed but probably negotiating a commercial lease would appear not to be a good idea for the community.

Chris said he would be in further contact with Wayne Pell concerning voids in Stirchley, and the impact on the general trade on the high street. Lisa mentioned that the property on the corner of Maryvale Road was in particular an eyesore.

Mr Paul Slatter joined the meeting.

7. Any other Business

Susan asked if anyone would be interested in helping Moseley Round Table with their Christmas Sleigh, collecting donations for charity. Madeleine said she may be interested, Susan said she would send her the details.

Chris wanted to mention the Tesco S106 money.

For those who were unsure of the meaning of S106 money Karen explained there were obligations within planning#

#S106 obligations overview

Legislation

Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), commonly known as s106 agreements, are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. They are focused on site specific mitigation of the impact of development. S106 agreements are often referred to as 'developer contributions' along with highway contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Chris was interested in the long term plan for Stirchley. He suggested he had a few ideas but they were sketchy at the moment. There was a general discussion around bringing properties back into use. Chris said he would be having further meetings with Wayne Pell as he wanted to be sure the real numbers of actual derelict properties. The criteria around compulsory purchase etc.

Paul Slatter said there could be many issues and perhaps further discussion is needed at a later date.

Sue asked what the 106 money would be actually used for. The money would be used for the community realm improvements.

Paul Slatter explained he had been attending the ward meeting and the Local innovative fund (LIF) money could make a difference. StWF would be invited to further discussions. The money would be proactive not reactive.

Madeleine suggested speaking with the Planning department of the University of Birmingham along with lecturers and professors who were very knowledgeable in these matters.

Sue said traders were struggling but all wanted to see Stirchley become a better shopping area.

Susan suggested we should all promote Stirchley and Shop Local!

Karen mentioned that the Baths anniversary would be 14th January 2017 and everyone was welcome to join in the celebrations.

The Christmas tree would be decorated ready for the Stirchley Christmas Advent Fair
1st December 2016

Date of Next Meeting: **Tuesday 17th January 2017 7.15 p.m. Stirchley Baths.** Susan will chair the next meeting. Email: Stirchley2016@gmail.com www.stirchleytwf.co.uk

Sue thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m