

STIRCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

SUMMARY OF NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM ACTIVITIES

OVER THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS THE FORUM HAS ACHIEVED:

STIRCHLEY LATE SUMMER BASH

The Forum successfully applied for funding from
Tesco Charity Trust & WA Cadbury Charitable Trust



William A Cadbury
Charitable Trust

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum raised a total of £1769 towards the Bash. Considering the shortfall compared to recent years, where we had around £6500 in funding, it was obvious that we couldn't achieve as much; we decided that we should use Stirchley Park instead of Hazelwell Park for the following reasons:

1. Not having as much funding may have made the event look a lot poorer – Stirchley Park is better suited to a smaller event
2. Access to the Hazelwell Park may have been difficult due to sewer works in the surrounding area.

We decided to change the name of the event as well as the venue. With help from the Friends of Stirchley Park who prepared the park, helped on the day and cleared up afterwards, we had a very successful Bash. 95% of those questioned said they preferred the event in Stirchley Park compared to Hazelwell Park.

There are far too many people who supported us to mention here so I refer you to the Stirchley Oscars posted on our Forum page at www.stirchley.co.uk for more information.

STIRCHLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

MEETINGS REGARDING: THE PROPOSED TESCO DEVELOPMENT

THE REGENERATION OF STIRCHLEY BATHS

FLOOD ALLEVIATION PLANS FOR THE RIVER REA

STIRCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2013/2014

- CHAIRMAN: PETER WALKER
- VICE CHAIRMAN: BRENDA THOMAS
- TREASURER: PAULA AUBREY
- SECRETARY: ROWENA EVANS
- PLANNING OFFICER: SANDRA COOPER
- PUBLICITY OFFICER: MICK JONES

ALSO

- MARGARET WALKER
- ANN NEWBOLD
- DAVID JEE
- RON COLEY

FORUM MEETINGS

These are held on the second Monday of the month, 7.30 – 9.00 pm, at Stirchley Community Church, Hazelwell Street, Stirchley B30 2JX; entrance opposite Stirchley Baths.

- website: www.stirchley.co.uk
- email: stirchleynf@gmail.com
- At least one City Councillor has attended each meeting
- Community police officers attend meetings when available
- Committee only meetings are held as required

THE FORUM REPRESENTS YOU AT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

- Lifford Business Association (formerly Cotteridge Traders' Association)(member)
- Stirchley Late Summer Bash Committee (member)
- Birmingham Communities & Neighbourhoods Resilience Group (2 members)
- Selly Oak District Housing panel (member)
- Stirchley Baths/Community Centre sub group (member)

FORUM MEMBERS ALSO ATTEND

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- Bournville Ward Committee Meeting (public meeting)
- Police Tasking Meetings (public meeting)
- Birmingham South Central Clinical Commissioning Group (member)
- Flood Action Group (public meeting)
- Friends of Hazelwell Park (public meeting)
- Selly Park South Neighbourhood Forum (invited)
- Ten Acres Residents association (invited)

WE MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- Planning
- Licensing
- Public Safety
- Environmental Issues
- Improvements for Starchley
- Graffiti Removal
- Highways
- Street Lighting
- Waste Collection

SHOULD YOU HAVE VIEWS ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT US

- By coming along to our regular meetings
- By email: starchleynf@gmail.com
- By phone: 0121 459 2227, leaving a message with your contact details
- Online: www.starchley.co.uk

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STIRCHLEY WEBSITE

Future meetings and agendas are publicised on www.stirchley.co.uk.

Also on the website:

- Local News
- Local links
- Local History
- Local advertising
- Upcoming Events

STIRCHLEY ONLINE FORUM

The website also hosts an online forum where residents are able to post and discuss issues concerning Stirchley:

- Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum
- Police tasking Issues
- Planning Applications
- Stirchley Old And New
- Friends of Hazelwell Park
- Stirchley Community Group
- Stirchley Urban Resource Network
- Local Jobs
- General Discussions

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM OUR PLANNING OFFICER

Comments have been submitted on planning applications in line with guidelines previously agreed by Forum members and comments given at the meetings.

My thanks go to Mick Jones who makes my job much easier by putting details of planning applications on the Forum web-site. Comments made on the site are then incorporated in the Forum response.

General Guidelines

During the year the Forum reviewed the guidelines in one of our meetings and agreed that;

- We are against giving permission for any new hot food take away premises.
- We object to any new advertising hoardings (also we object to the renewal of permission for any existing hoardings).
- We object to any applications for shops on Pershore Road to become restaurants.
- We object to any applications for shops on Pershore Road to become residential premises.

Applications

Comments were made on a number of applications.

Further supplementary applications were made by Tesco relating mainly to landscaping and other ancillary matters.

The application to convert Friends Meeting House into student accommodation was commented upon along with the conversion of TASCOS Social Club building in Hazelwell Lane into a home for Stirchley Working Men's club and their steward. Also structures associated with work undertaken to alleviate flood problems.

Comments were made on smaller applications often involving creating or increasing the number of flats or bedrooms above shops.

Enforcement

It is with regret that we note that enforcement of decisions remains an issue. A number of developments were allowed to continue although planning permission had not been applied for.

Sandra Cooper, Forum Planning Officer

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WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE

COUNCILLOR ROB SEALEY

COUNCILLOR PHIL WALKLING

KAREN STEVENS (WARD SUPPORT OFFICER)

P.C.S.O SALLY STOR

AND THE FOLLOWING GUEST SPEAKERS

FOR THEIR INPUT INTO OUR MEETINGS OVER THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS:

PAULA AUBREY (FRIENDS OF HAZELWELL PARK)

ALISON POWELL (PRINCIPLE PLANNING OFFICER)

JOHN RICHARDSON (PRINCIPLE PLANNING OFFICER)

ALEXANDRA THURLBY (ST ANDREWS HEALTHCARE)

ESME BAYLIS (BIRMINGHAM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH)

MIKE ADAMS (ENVIRONMENT AGENCY)

JON HAYES (CENTRO)

ROWENA EVANS (STIRCHLEY LATE SUMMER BASH)

CLIVE WRIGHT (BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)

TOM HOLNESS (BIKE RIGHT)

JAKE WOODALL (HEALTH EXCHANGE)

JENNI NORTHCOTE (BIRMINGHAM SOUTH CENTRAL CCG)

KAREN STEVENS (WARD SUPPORT OFFICER)

PAUL EDWARDS (AMEY)

TOM BAKER (LOAF STIRCHLEY)

CHRISTINE NAIRNE (ST ANDREWS)

COLIN JUKES (AMEY)

CLAUDIA SEQEIRA (SEVERN TRENT)

JOHN CLAYTON (SELY PARK SOUTH FLOOD WATCH)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, it has certainly been an interesting year, the plans for the new community centre and the refurbishment are going according to plan which with a little luck the new community centre will be open by this time next year.

Unfortunately, we are unable to say the same for the Tesco redevelopment, at the time of writing this report Simon Petar is going to be our guest speaker who is representing Tesco so I will leave this subject for him to talk you through.

We have had concerns regarding the Dads lane recreation ground and the planning application from St Andrews health care where they would like to place a bund in the park to prevent flooding, this is still ongoing and as soon as your forum hears any news we will call a meeting.

We have had nineteen guests over the past twelve months & this doesn't include our regular guests, Cllr Timothy Huxtable, Cllr Rob Sealy & Cllr Phil Walkling and PCSO Sally Stor who attends as and when her shifts allow her to.

As a forum, we have objected to a few planning applications this year on behalf of residents and opinions sought at forum meetings from residents.

The highlight of the year for me was the Starchley Late Summer Bash held on the 6th September, our funding this year was severely reduced, in the past we have had some £6500.00 to spend compared with just £1769.00 this year, but it didn't stop the good people of Starchley having a good time, going on the feedback we had, a very good time, hopefully we can do it all again next year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and the traders who generously donated prizes but you will be glad to know that we only have an hour and a half, but please, take a look at the Starchley Oscars on the starchley.co.uk website.

I would like to thank all our committee members for the effort that they have put in again this year, especially to Brenda Thomas, who has been looking out for Starchley and her residents for more than forty years, Brenda resigned the committee earlier in the year as she is moving away from the area.

I would also like to thank Pastor Gary Cadge for allowing us to use this Church every month for our meetings and especially Lee Whitmore who does an awful lot for us both before & after meetings.

Pete Walker

Chairman

Starchley Neighbourhood Forum