

MOSELEY FORUM

NOTES		OPEN MEETING	St Columbas Church 30 JUNE 2026 19:00-21:00
PREP'D BY		BG/TR	
PRESENT	Jane Harvey Tom Russell Becky Greenhill David Isgrove John Gorman	Chair Secretary Minutes Secretary Committee Member Committee Member	JH TR BG DI JG
IN ATTENDANCE	Cllr Knowles Cllr Mills Laura Kenny	Moseley ward councillor Moseley ward councillor CEO Moseley Community Trust	
APOLOGIES	Sarah Jeffrey Steve Chilton Jill Adams Sam O'Mara Yas Yeahia Huw Davies	Vice Chair Treasurer Safeguarding lead Committee Member Committee Member Resident	SJ SC JA SO YY
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1	WELCOME Register of attendance has been taken. Welcome by Chair. Apologies for absence from following committee members - SJ, SC, JA, SO'M, YY Privacy statement is taken as read, should anyone wish to take videos/photos they must seek permission of MF.		
2	Minutes of previous public meetings 31 March 2026 Crime and policing		
3	Financial report We are hopeful that BCC will be reinstating grants to neighbourhood forums and have submitted an application. We will be taking a retiring collection at the end of the meeting		
4	Quiz our councillors and council – Cllr Knowles and Cllr Mills 1. What does the new administration look like? The Birmingham City Council has formed a minority administration led by Cllr Roger Harmer (Lib Dem) and Cllr Julien Pritchard (Green). This coalition includes the Better Birmingham and Birmingham Independent Groups. The administration aims to address the city's challenges and deliver policies that put residents first. Key priorities include improving the city's infrastructure, such as tackling litter and fly-tipping, and ensuring a reliable waste collection service. The coalition's vision is to unite behind common goals and work towards a greener, safer, and fairer Birmingham.		

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4 (Cont'd)	There are 10 cabinet members (green, liberal democrats and independents), with a new role 'deputy' member to support the member. The 10 cabinet members and deputies are: • Leader: Roger Harmer (Lib Dem) • Deputy leader economy and sustainability: Julien Pritchard (Green), deputy (economy and sustainability) James Hinton (Lib Dem) • Finance: Chris Garghan (Green), deputy Shaukat Khan (Lib Dem) • City operations and digital (formerly environment): Harris Khaliq (BB), deputy Joe Peacock (Green) • Transport: Rob Grant (Green), deputy Izzy Knowles (Lib Dem) • Housing and homelessness: Baber Baz (Lib Dem), deputy Atikur Rahman (Green) • Children, young people, and families: Kamel Hawwash (Green), deputy Mumtaz Hussain (LD) • Health and social care: Nosheen Khalid (BB), deputy Hamzah Sheikh (Green) • Culture and heritage: Deborah Harries (Lib Dem), deputy Raheem Humphreys (Green) • Equalities communities & social justice: Jane Baston (Green), deputy Jamil Khan (BB) All scrutiny chairs are conservative councillors. • Corporate and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Councillor Robert Alden • Economy, Skills and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Alex Yip • Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Matt Bennett • Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Deirdre Alden • Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Ken Wood • Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Richard Parkin • Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee details Committee Chair: Cllr Timothy Huxtable Cllr Knowles is deputy cabinet member for transport. Cllr Mills sits on the Corporate and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
	2. What is different? Problems of hiding bad news / not communicating – this has to stop; there needs to be an openness and transparency to build trust. Scrutiny committees are now chaired by a different party to ensure due process is being followed and to hold people and process to account.	
	3. When will we see a change? It is only one month since elections; but decisions are now being made such as pilot waste collection being expanded and including cleaning up the city.	
	4. What is scope of Cabinet for Transport? City-wide active travel, sustainable public transport, overarching objectives of Birmingham Transport Plan, flood risk, parking, road safety.	

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4 (Cont'd)	5. How will basic policies be set? In the same way as before, but there will be changes to policies as the council is still working to the previous administration. New parties will be wanting to bring in more from their manifestos.	
	6. LTN – what is happening? BCC website says: <i>Last year, the statutory consultation on Traffic Regulations Orders (TROs) identified 4 key issues with the plans for the area to the east of the A435 (Kings Heath High Street) which needed further investigation. TROs are the legal documents required to make changes to the roads.</i>	
	Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People Birmingham City Council Will be delivered in 4 stages: Project 1 <i>To the west of Kings Heath High Street (Vicarage Road side), we plan to make some changes to the proposed road layout and proceed.</i> <i>There are currently modal filters in place, so you can drive into the area for access, but you cannot drive through from one side to the other. This will still be the case, but the layout within the area will be different and the modal filters will be built from more permanent materials. The bollards will be harder to vandalise.</i> <i>The next step will be a statutory consultation on a new TRO. This will be similar to the one published last year, but with some changes as a result of consultation responses.</i> Project 2 <i>We still plan to reduce the speed limit to a consistent 20mph.</i> <i>Most roads are already 20mph, but we still need to lower the limit on a few roads at the edge of the area.</i> <i>Speed limits were not included in the TRO consultation last year, so the next step will be a statutory consultation on a new 20mph speed limit TRO.</i> Project 3 <i>We still plan to introduce traffic calming and a zebra crossing on Billesley Lane.</i> <i>This requires a small change to parking on Billesley Lane. The next step will be a statutory consultation on a new TRO to allow this.</i> <i>These changes were included in the TRO consultation last year, but because we are not taking forward the other changes in the parking TRO, it is clearer to repeat the consultation with just the Billesley Lane changes.</i> Project 4 <i>To the east of the A435 (Kings Heath High Street), we will gather some more data, particularly about on-street parking. We will work on a new scheme using a Healthy Streets approach.</i>	
	7. Oracle – what is happening? The Oracle fix is due to be completed by August; there is hope it will start to deliver efficiencies and certainty for our city finances.	

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4 (Cont'd)	8. Green waste / and return to normal waste collection A priority of the new administration. No date in diary as yet, depends on agreement with unions and new leader/deputy have instructed officers to recommence discussions. It's looking more likely that it will now be 2027, and when it does recommence & will have another bin for paper and food (which is currently only in pilot areas). Green waste anticipated to commence in 2027 also.	
	9. Speeding – what is being done to address this? Highways come under the remit of transport so Cllr Knowles hopes to drive some change. She is frustrated at the lack of prosecution of drivers having accidents due to excessive speed and speeding itself. She is already having discussions with senior police officers. She is keen for West Midlands Police to roll out a properly resourced community speed watch across the city. She also mentioned parking comes under her directorate; she will leverage this position to have discussions with the company BCC had contracted enforcement to.	
	10 In 2023, Cllr Knowles submitted a petition asking BCC to phase out weed killer spraying with glyphosate Kier maintain highways – they don't seem to be reducing the glyphosate usage but it is reducing in city parks and green spaces. Cllr Knowles is asking questions about this.	
	11 How can travellers be prevented from continually entering Swanshurst Park? This is a challenging problem that can't be resolved easily. Camps are set up across the city; BCC is applying for a high court injunction to remove camps quicker and give police more power.	
	12 What does Cllr Knowles/Cllr Mills working together look like? Both Cllrs have been spending time working across the ward not just in Moseley Village. Residents are encouraged to send correspondence to both councillors and they will decide which of them will deal with it - Cllr Mills is taking on a significant amount of the case work.	
	13 What are Reform UK doing? Still getting to know each other and what working together as a party and council looks like.	
	14 Councillors have just had a pay rise – how does this sit when the binmen are still on strike? The question refers to this news story Birmingham councillors urged to take massive pay rise to become best paid in country - Birmingham Live The independent remuneration panel wants councillors to take their biggest ever rise in basic allowance, a near 25% increase from £19,952 to £24,866. The pay review has been scrutinised by an independent remuneration panel and reflects that BCC councillors have the largest wards in terms of residents in the UK. Both councillors are keen to get the bin crews back working.	

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4 (Cont'd)	15 Car cannibals A resident raised the issue of car cannibalisation in Moseley. What is being done to stop this? Nobody seems to care. There are specialist officers at WM Police – but one of the issues is that the police have not focussed on neighbourhood policing and are missing intel, there have been 4 different sergeants in Moseley since Cllr Knowles was elected.	
5	Community Development Trust (CDT) and the Community Investment District Bid (CID) Lucy Kenny CEO of the CDT Laura introduced herself as CEO of Moseley Community Trust (MCT), the new name for the former Moseley Community Development Trust. The MCT have 2 buildings the Exchange and Hive. They employ an outreach worker, working with homeless and host a community fridge. Their focus is on 'Thrive' – making Moseley the best it can be. The Community Investment District Bid - how much was secured? In 2025 MCT applied for a CIDB and secured c, £48k with just 6 months to spend. BCC had suggested there would be subsequent funding tranches but this is now looking less likely. How much has been spent? The CIDB has been spent within the 6 months timeframe.	
	What has the money been spent of what happens next? Spotlight festival - illuminating different businesses and fill spaces with activities Colour changing indoor lights – available for businesses to use Convene and seed funded a Moseley Business Association – Moseley means business (launching in September) Funded with Moseley in Bloom new planters to reduce anti-social parking, Moseley loyalty card Purchased 6 hireable market stalls – e.g. for the station forecourt Commissioned a local artist to design wayfinders for two Moseley walks (green spaces and nature / heritage) Laura is working to: Form a Friends of Moseley Village Station Launch of Moseley Business Association Regeneration for Moseley - what are the ward priorities?	

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6	NEXT OPEN MEETING AGM – Council Leader Roger Harmer 28 July			
	DATE	VENUE	OPEN/CLOSED	TOPIC
	28 July	The exchange	Open	AGM and leader of council
	29 Sept	TBC	Closed	TBC
	27 October	TBC	Open	TBC
7	MEETING CLOSE 21:00			



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