

Kingstanding Ward HLB Meeting

Covering Wards: Kingstanding, Perry Common and Stockland Green

Date: 1st May 2019, 1.30 – 3.30pm at Hunters Walk Sheltered Scheme

Present

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Lesley Beresford	HLB Chair
Donna Forbes	HLB Vice Chair
Shyeene Zaidi-Bere	ENGIE
Kath Lee	Member
Derek Lay	Member
Amanda Spurrier	Tenant Participation Officer
Colette Dyer	Observer
John Dyer	Observer

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 The Chairperson welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies. The Chair read out a health & safety statement, advising about fire alarms and exits and required code of conduct.

1.2 Apologies were received from:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Police	
Jackie Daniel	Member
Kevin Taylor	HLB member

2 Police, previous minutes, actions/progress

2.1 N/A, Police not in attendance

3 Police, update

3.1 Police had given their apologies for this meeting but had given an update to Amanda: For Kingstanding and Perry Common crime is very low. The hotspots for anti-social behaviour (Charlie, Twickenham, Witton Lodge) have pretty much stopped with a number of youths receiving Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

4 Engie, Previous minutes actions/progress

4.1 Derek confirmed that he didn't report the repair on the wall. Shy advised him that he needed to report repairs in order for them to get involved.

4.2 Kingsbridge House doors – The second floor is now complete. Lesley said that the front door was repaired but the handle was loose again. This hadn't been reported but Lesley was trying to get hold of a caretaker.

5 ENGIE – Update

- 5.1 Shy circulated the ENGIE booklet, 'Our Partnership Journey'. This detailed services and projects they have carried out, repairs, maintenance, gas servicing and their community work.
- 5.2 ENGIE were currently planning the June 2019 St Basil's walk. This will be through Cannock and there will be three distance levels. ENGIE staff were going to walk the middle level which is 13 miles.
- 5.3 Shy reminded the Board to let her know if they had ideas for them to get involved in any community initiatives. Amanda thanked Shy for all of the charitable and community work she did and the HLB appreciated her and ENGIE's efforts.

6 HLB-Previous minutes and matters arising

- 6.1 Previous minutes dated 3rd April 2019. Amendment to Any Other Business 14.1 – it wasn't Jill Edwards who reported black bags of rubbish by the number 28 bus stop. With this amendment made, the minutes were accepted as factually accurate.

7 Matters arising from previous minutes

- 7.1 (Number 7.2 of the previous minutes) Cllr Sambrook emailed Amanda and confirmed he will attend HLB quarterly. Amanda has asked him to indicate which ones he will attend. It was agreed to hold the August HLB later, the latest start time could be 6.30 p.m.

Action: Amanda to contact Cllr Sambrook to confirm his attendance at the later meeting in August.

- 7.2 (Number 7.3 of the previous minutes) Tree branches, Hunters Walk: Gareth Jones informed Amanda that he had seen the damage and they have to fell a few of the Rowan trees this summer as they are in decline. This was not deemed urgent work but would arrange for the branches to be removed. Jill confirmed that they had been cut down and branches removed.

- 7.3 (Number 14.1 of the previous minutes) 12 black bags of rubbish had been dumped by the 28 bus stop and had been there for two weeks.

Amanda needs the exact location

- 7.4 (Number 14.2 of the previous minutes) Gypsy Lane (house number restricted from these minutes) trailer full of rubbish.

Outcome: Amanda has reported this to the Central Hub.

8 TPO Update / Kite-mark

- 8.1 100 years of Housing - July 2019 will mark 100 Years of Social Housing in Birmingham. With Birmingham's history of a strong tenant engagement through the Housing Liaison Boards, staff will be working with representatives of the tenant volunteer groups to plan a series of events to celebrate this milestone. The current outline ideas include a launch event, a series of local events, involvement with Birmingham in Bloom and a central celebration event of volunteers. Most of the

suggested events will take place between July and September. Members of the Kingstanding HLB suggested an afternoon tea for one of the local events that incorporated the past and present time.

- 8.2 Kite-mark. A two-year kite-mark was awarded last year so will run until the end of March 2020. Colin Hanno acknowledged this and said keep up the good work!
- 8.3 Birmingham in Bloom 2019 – Amanda circulated the 2019 Birmingham in Bloom leaflet and application forms.
- 8.4 Following the last walkabout where a litter pick was undertaken, the Board agreed to conduct monthly litter picks out in the community but to hold these separately from the Walkabouts as, if they were combined then not so many streets could be covered. Wednesdays were agreed as the best day of the week to do these.
Action: Members and attendees present are to let Amanda know which Wednesdays were best for them.
- 8.6 Modular homes – Amanda circulated information on the modular homes. Birmingham City Council has received planning permission to install its first modular home. This will be built in Heaton Street in Hockley and they are planning to build 50 one and two bed homes later this year. The homes are manufactured offsite.
- 8.7 Sprinklers – Amanda circulated information taken from BCC website about BCC campaigning to the Government to provide funding for the sprinklers in tower blocks in Birmingham.

9 HLB Spend, budget and Projects

- 9.1 The budget breakdown for 2019 – 2020 has now been worked out.
- 9.2 Amanda has requested that the project for a fence and gate on Wyrley Way goes ahead; this was approved last year in 2018.
- 9.3 Quotes have been requested for works on Parkhouse Drive flats namely, gates fitted at both ends of the alleyway leading from the drying area to Faulkners Farm Road; Altro flooring throughout the communal areas of the flat; flat numbers signage for outside the block and a fence in the drying area. (Stockland Green ward).
- 9.4 Quotes have been requested for the Hurstway - old washing frames to be taken down and washing poles put in. (Kingstanding Ward).
- 9.5 Quotes have been requested for a light on Landswood Close on the wall between the bungalows. (Perry Common ward).
- 9.6 Amanda will bring these projects to HLB for consideration once a quote has been received.

- 9.5 Amanda circulated a project / quote for a fence and gate on The Hurstway for consideration. Board members looked at the project
This was taken to a vote and unanimously approved. (Perry Common Ward).
- 9.6 Dean/Roedean Tenant's Meeting asked if HLB would consider funding a whiteboard and pens. HLB members unanimously turned down this request with the reason that the resident group should look at funding this themselves.
- 10 Walkabout – details and feedback
- 10.1 The last Walkabout took place on 17th April 2019 in the Perry Common ward and Amanda circulated the Walkabout documentation. The group also completed a litter-pick (thank you Jill, Jackie, Lesley and Donna) and a substantial amount of litter was removed from the Hunters Walk and surrounding area, four sacks of litter.
ADDENDUM: The date for the next litter pick is already booked for 15th May for the Kingstanding Ward.
- 11 Resident involvement
- 11.1 Resident involvement was discussed at the last meeting and it was agreed that any events would take place in the coming year.
- 11.2 The HLB board agreed to ask Kingstanding Leisure Centre if they could have a HLB promotion / recruitment stand in their foyer. All present said they would attend.
Action: Amanda to contact Kingstanding Leisure Centre to ask if this would be ok and to give dates that would be best for them. If they gave the go ahead, Amanda will bring to HLB to agree a date.
- 11.3 It was agreed to do the same for Stockland Green and Perry Common but to do the one in Kingstanding first to see how that goes.
- 12 Feedback from City HLB
- 12.1 CHLB rep was not in attendance at the last CHLB but Amanda fed back directly from the March 2019 CHLB minutes (the April CHLB meeting had been cancelled).
- 13 Tenancy Management Update
- 13.1 No tenancy management update.
- 14 Any other business
- 14.1 Colin Hanno had now given the go ahead to hold the Kingstanding AGM. The Board agreed to hold the AGM at the July HLB meeting but to change the time from 12.30 until 2.30. All members considered different venues but agreed that Hunters Walk would be the most suitable.
Action: Jill will contact Jo Cutler to change the room booking at Hunters Walk to 12.00 till 2.30. The AGM will take place 12.00 till 1.00 and the HLB meeting will take place following this.
- 14.2 Jill reported that they had received letters that yearly water checks would be carried out but no one turned up.

Action: Shy said she would look into this; the work was being carried out by another contractor.

14.3 Jill raised an issue that she and others regularly paid the service charge for the pull cords but that others didn't pay it. She said this was something Joan Goodwin had raised and talked about before.

Action: CHLB rep will take this up at the next CHLB meeting

14.4 Several HLB members had relayed that the grass hadn't been cut and was now very high. They asked what was happening now the service had moved back in-house. Kath also asked if they were going to cut down the beds as well.

Action: Amanda will try to find this out and get back to the HLB

14.5 The two observers wanted to join the HLB. They were advised that only one of them could become a member as they were homeowners and the constitution ruled that there had to be a ratio of six council tenants to one home owner. It was agreed for him to attend the August HLB meeting and votes would take place then.

Next HLB Meeting

Date	5th June 2019
Time	1.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Venue	Hunters Walk Sheltered Scheme, Hunters Walk, B23 5XP

Booking Transport Process

To book a taxi you will need to call

Amanda or Emma on their mobile numbers:

Amanda: 07766922095 or Emma: 07860904644

Important

We will need a clear 48 hours' notice if possible.

If we are unable to answer please leave a clear voice message detailing:

- Name
- Full address with post code of the pick-up address
- Time you would like the taxi to pick you up
- Full address with post code of the venue you are going to
- Time of return taxi
- Contact number for the taxi company to call you

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Thank you

Amanda and Emma