

Sutton Coldfield District Housing Liaison Board

Date: 2019

Time: 1.30 12th June.

Venue: Arbury Walk Sheltered Scheme

Present

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Eric Shipton	Chair
Jadwiga Sys	Vice Chair
Pat Keen	Resident/HLB
Pat Hall	Resident/HLB
Pat Mason	Resident/hlb
Graham Payne	Resident/hlb
Pam Pritchard	Resident/hlb
Sue Sargent	Resident/hlb
Wendy Jones	Resident/hlb
Jacky Rodgers	Resident/hlb
Shyeen Zaidi-Bere	ENGIE
Emma Batterham	TPO

1. Welcome & Apologies

- 1.1 The Chairperson welcomed attendees to the meeting and introductions were made. Chair advised of housekeeping and fire drill for the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Designation:</u>
CLlr Ken Wood	Councillor
Stuart Cross	Amey
Lorna Steers	Resident
Clive Hannaby	Resident
Margaret Saunders	Resident
Doreen Rymell	Resident
Matthew Fox Redfern	Resident

2. Contractors – ENGIE

- 2.1 Shy advised 9 members of ENGIE staff and 1 client officer are doing the annual St Basil's Walk in Cannock Chase taking place on Saturday 22/6/19, St Basil's strives to support homeless young people.

ENGIE have two apprentice positions available this year for a plasterer and a roofer and are partnering with The Princes Trust this year to offer a two-week programme whereby the candidates will be assessed on their performance, skills, team work and knowledge. Successful candidates completing the 2week course will offered an interview for the apprenticeships that are on offer.

All candidates on the two-week program will obtain a cscs card and undertake IOSH training.

- 2.2 Shy advised the drains at Heron Court are still undergoing investigations to identify source of the smells within the block; they will now look at individual flats given to her by Jacky at the meeting.
- 2.3 Graham Payne mentioned 70 Churchill Rd – had issues with seeping water in the bathroom; this has now been resolved and there have been no issues since. Graham also thanked ENGIE for all their hard work in painting the benches at Churchill scheme, they look wonderful and residents are very happy with them.

3 **Previous Minutes & Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Previous minutes dated 8th May 2019 were accepted as factually accurate.

Matters Arising

- 3.2 Jad mentioned pot holes at the front of the laurels are still not fixed. She will forward this to her support officer
- 3.3 Sue advised Amey had been out to look at the broken up ground outside her property around the tree but had heard nothing since.
- 3.4 Pat reported that the grass has still not been cut on Hill Village and Henley Drive.

4 **HLB Spend/TPO Update**

- 4.1 Budget details for this year were presented to the board.
- 4.2 Emma asked the board if they could agree a project from last year to fit two seats in Heron Court foyer as this had been missed on Capital and so not approved. Members voted to agree this project and so will be sent to CWO for the go ahead.
- 4.3 Emma brought a project to the board for consideration, Heron Court had a fence they wanted to be looked at but the board refused this as it was felt it would not prevent ASB and seemed a lot of money for nothing to be resolved in the area.

5 **Walkabout**

- 5.1 Walkabouts will take place as follows

July – Mount View

August – Heron Court

September – Wheatley Close

- 5.2 Walkabout took place at Warden Close Bold mere Emma passed on information for the board

6 **City Housing Liaison Board Update**

- 6.1 Eric reported the meeting covered discussions on the common wealth games which will take place in a number of locations across Birmingham and Coventry including Sutton Park. There have been some properties built to house people involved in the

games and it is thought these will be rented out once the games are completed. Eric also congratulated City Board Chair Joan Goodwin on being awarded the MBE. Eric has been invited to represent Birmingham via arch at the House of Commons celebrating 100 years of social housing on 2nd July 2019. Universal credit was also discussed and shows a debt within the city of 14 million pounds and rising. Housing - new builds by BCC were not being built as 5 properties sold only, results in one flat being built. Sprinklers cost over the next 3 years is 19 million and so there are restrictions on all other Capital works being completed until these have been done and fire doors have been looked at for replacement.

7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 Pamela was asking if the disabled Housing register still existed within housing department
- 7.2 Sue reported doors in washing area at Henley Drive needed collecting as they had been left there some time ago
- 7.3 Sue reported a tenant on Sheri Ford Lane has a very large front garden that as always been mowed up until this year – Emma to chase with parks
- 7.4 Pat complained that Hill Village Road and Henley Court never seem to get anything resolved when brought to HLB and there never allowed any of the budgets for their area. Emma explained the grit bin had been agreed and would be done and that any other projects she wishes to bring to the board can be looked at fairly.

8 District update

Emma advised Carla Bates was the acting senior service manager whilst Jack O'Callaghan was on secondment.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Date: 10th July 2019

Time: 1.30p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Venue: Arbury Walk

Amanda will be covering this meeting as Emma is on holiday

Booking Transport: New Procedure

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Emma or Amanda on their mobile numbers:

07860904644 or 07766922095

Important

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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

Taxi company is Galaxy Cars - 0121 350 1000

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Thank you

Emma and Amanda