

Weoley Ward Housing Liaison Board
Minutes
Wednesday 15 May 2019
7.00pm – 8.30pm
Millfield Sheltered Housing Scheme

Residents	Jayne Freeman Stephanie Dudd (Chaired this meeting) Betty Howard	Valerie Chapman Bridget O'Brien, (Vice) Pauline Foster Joy Brown Mr Brown Colin Higginson
Councillor's attending	Councillor Eddie Freeman	
BCC Officers /Contractors	Nadeen Justice, Tenant Participation Officer Chris Tame, Fortem	
Apologies	Cllr Julie Johnson Ruth Bowles, Housing Manager C Howes, Chair Peter Hodgkinson	
No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
1.2	Nadeen welcomed all present to the meeting; The group agreed for Stephanie to chair the meeting.	
1.3	Nadeen gave apologies as above.	
1.4	Jayne explained that Ted Declaimer would be attending future meetings; she gave his apologies for this meeting due to ill health.	

No's 2	Item Matters Arising from Previous Meeting –20 March 2019	Action
2.1	Previous Minutes agreed as true copy	
3.	Item Performance Updates (Fortem) Chris Tame	
3.1	<p>The newsletter picked up on the following news for April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience • National apprentice week • Sif Fireside – breakfast is served • Inspired Choices • Time for a Clear-out' Campaign • Dress down Fridays • Red Nose Day 	
3.2	Community Investment figure of over £345, 919.47	
3.3	3862 Work Experience hours have been completed	
3.4	<p>66 people have completed Work experience placement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 litter picks as national 'keep Britain tidy' work experience hours • 138 bags of rubbish collected • £2293.58 fundraising • 16 Carer events nationally YTD • Midland heart raised £107.20 • A Primary school donated 107 hours of volunteer time • Rotherham team held a 'your home matters' – repairs in 14 of our customers home • £190 was raised in May by the Rothererham Branch, dress down Fridays • 183 volunteers have volunteer their time to help deliver community projects 	

<p>3.5</p>	<p>Smart4life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity roadshow 26 June 	
<p>3.6</p>	<p>The above summarised the activities for April News</p>	
<p>No 4</p>	<p>Item - CHLB Updates</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>CHLB recent newsletter was circulated and a copy attached to these minutes. The newsletter summarised the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing communities & Local Govt Conference • Number of sprinklers being fitter in blocks • Recommendations following Grenfell Tower Tragedy • Kitemark • Modular building programme • Option to Return Policy for Regeneration schemes 	

No 5	Item – HLB Community improvement Projects & Walkabouts	Action
5.1	<p>Nadeen updated as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation 2019-20 = £19,969.67. • projects bwfd from the last financial year • forward planning ie new projects to ensure that the budget was on target for spend • new quotes ie, gating & clearance of Merritts Brook. 	
5.2	<p>Project Updates 2019/20:</p>	
5.3	<p>Block 191-197 Gregory Avenue ie., Gating quote bwfd to next fin yr - £1,505</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUSHWOOD ROAD, WEOLEY CASTLE, NORTHFIELD, B29 5AX Area around the tower blocks, BUSHWOOD ROAD, WEOLEY CASTLE, NORTHFIELD, B29 5AX :Coded lock to be added to gate, to prevent area being used for anything other than residents that live there to access their property – bwfd to next fin yr • Land adjacent to 22 Stonebrooke Way, B29 5UT Install a gate, barrier or drop down bollards in order to prevent fly tipping from taking place on this former garage site where a substation is located. • Maisonette Block 39 -57 , Bushwood Road, Weoley Castle, B29 5AY To create and make safe path which cuts across grass from Maisonette block towards Summercourt House • Merritts Brook Clear Up The channel capacity to be restored by clearing overgrowth of vegetation, urban debris and fallen trees – quoted received • £100 agreed for 100yrs celebration of HLB 	<p>Group approved quote</p> <p>Project agreed</p> <p>Project agreed</p> <p>Project agreed</p> <p>“ £5,795.76</p> <p>“ £100</p>
5.4	<p>Board approved costs to both projects i.e. gating & Brook Clear up</p>	
5.5	<p>Remaining = £12,568.58</p>	

6	Walkabout & Local Updates – Nadeen Justice	
6.1	Road Covered during this Walkabout was Abdon Avenue which is a long Road within the Estate; the main concern was fly tipping which was reported to the Street scene Team for removal	
6.2	<p>Schedule was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Abdon Avenue – Wednesday, 24 April @ 10am (meeting outside 2 Wakefield Court) ❖ Holdgate Road - Wednesday, 22 May @ 10am ❖ Tugford Road – Wednesday, 19 June @ 10am ❖ Ruthall Close - Wednesday 17 July @ 10am ❖ Weirbrook Close – Wednesday, 21 August @ 10am ❖ Silvington Close – Wednesday, 25 September @ 10am ❖ October – Roads to be agreed ❖ November “ ❖ December “ 	
6.3	Jayne explained that she will be out on a walkout with Glenn smith, Highways, on Friday, 16 May. She asked the group to share any concerns they may have for Highways to action	
6.4	Nadeen acknowledged Jayne and Cllr Freeman for their hard work in getting the HLB walkabouts completed over the last few years which has enabled the group to retain its kitemark	
6.5	Nadeen circulated a copy of the Annual Report to Tenants 2017-18. She informed the group that a letter had been sent out to HLB Chairs regarding the Annual Report 2017/18, for information and that a printed hard copy of the Annual Report 2017/18 was sent out to all HLB Chairs. She explained that if any members required a copy of the document, they could let her have their name for the central resident involvement team to respond.	

7	AOB	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadeen gave copies of the AGM posters and Flyers for the next meeting and encourage the group to promote/publicise • Stephanie updated on the 100yrs of council housing 1919 –ie., CHLB Chair explained that a celebration will be taking place and a donation of HLB monies is being requested from each HLB • Nadeen explained that the group has been awarded 1 year kitemark, the group was marked down on its walkabout • Cllr Freeman informed that the grass cutting on Middlepark will now be every 3 weeks • Val complained that there was no cleaning up after grass has been cut ie., a blower; she argued the 3 week programme as insufficient • Jayne agreed to email Mike Keavey • Pauline expressed concerns for abandoned cars on the estate • Bridget suggested that the police be contacted • Colin queried boy racers • Cllr Freeman explained that the Police was dealing with this; he advised that the colour and registration were useful intelligence for the police • Colin queried – parking on grass verges ie who is responsible for this • Jayne explained that there was no one in particular • Colin queried – parking of commercial vehicles on public highways, if this was an offence • Cllr Freeman replied ‘no’ 	<p>Grp agreed to £100 being donated</p> <p>Jayne</p>
7.2	Meeting closed @ 8.19pm	
8.	<p>The next meeting will be an AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 17 July, 7.00- 8.30pm Millfield Sheltered Scheme 	