

Weoley Ward Housing Liaison Board
Minutes
Wednesday 20 November 2019
7.00pm – 8.30pm
Millfield Sheltered Housing Scheme

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| Residents | Stephanie Dudt (Chair) Ted Decalmer | Valerie Chapman Bridget O'Brien, (Vice) Pauline Foster Boni Nganga |
| Councillor's attending | | |
| BCC Officers /Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadeen Justice, Tenant Participation Officer • Ben Mile, Fortem. ben.mile@fortem.co.uk | |
| Apologies | Cllr Freeman Jayne Feeman Ruth Bowles, Housing Manager Joy Brown Mr Brown | |
| No | Item | Action |
| 1. | Welcome, introductions and apologies | |
| 1.2 | Stephanie welcomed all present to the meeting. | |
| 1.3 | Apologies were received as above | |

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| No's 2 | Item Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – 18 September 2019 | Action |
| 2.1 | Previous Minutes agreed as true copy | |
| 2.2 | The Chair asked for Chris Tame to be removed from being present as he was not in attendance at the last meeting | |
| 2.3 | The Chair reminded the group that she was asked to agree project quotes outside the meetings | |
| 2.4 | Minutes were agreed as accurate | |
| 3. | Item Performance Updates (Fortem) Ben Mile | |
| 3.1 | Ben Mile was welcomed to the meeting: | Ben to meet on site on 18.12.19 |
| 3.2 | Nadeen proposed a community project for the Middlepark estate, working with residents and apprentices | |
| 3.3 | Ted raised concerns about leaves in the area | |
| 3.4 | Bridget explained that shifting leaves are not a council responsibility; she clears her own leaves. However, will raise the issues at performance management group | |
| 3.5 | Val agreed | |
| | | Bridget |

Fortem News were as follows:

Sifa Fireside

SIFA Fireside's, Drop-in Centre is the main point to access support and services for vulnerably housed and homeless adults in Birmingham.

Visitors to the Drop-in Centre are able to access food, showers and clothing as well as a range of support services dealing with physical and mental health and different aspects of everyday well-being. The daily Drop In service provides 100 clothing parcels, 400 showers and over 3,000 meals each month.

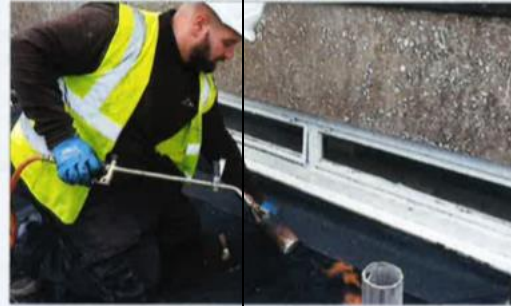
Volunteers from the Birmingham branch went along again this month to help serve breakfasts to the service users. Around 57 people attended on the day to receive



Garden House Hospice

Staff from Head Office have been supporting the Garden House Hospice for the past few months by volunteering their time at the local shops, helping sort through donations for stock to fill their shelves.

In October Fortem were asked if they could help by repairing a roof at one of their stores which was in the South. Ron Palmer and Duane Preston from the Midlands gave up their weekend to travel down, staying overnight to carry out the works. They spent a full day repairing the roof; the materials, access equipment and the use of a van were kindly donated by the Birmingham Branch.



Inspired Choices Event at Holte School

Students from Holte School in Birmingham were given the opportunity to spend a day with the team, attending a Willmott Dixon live construction site in the morning followed by an afternoon at the 4Life Academy having a go at building bird boxes and getting some hands on basic plumbing experience with our apprentices.

10 students attended the event along with 2 members of teaching staff from the school.



Community News



What's happened in October?

Key Points

- Nationally we have raised **£16,715** in fundraising YTD.
- We have attended **43** career events nationally YTD.
- We have supported **20** school engagement activities nationally.
- **20** Smart4Life digital events have been delivered by the community team to help our customer's access on line services.
- **20** females have completed a work experience placement.
- **11** people over the age of 25 have completed a work experience placement, totalling **778** hours.
- The RCF Scape team delivered a "Speed Dating" event at Stephenson's college in Coalville, engaging with **44** construction students.
- **Head office** continues to support the Garden House Hospice each month.
- Volunteers from **Equity** branch delivered a "Your Home Matters" event at Clifford Court, helping residents with minor repairs and putting some furniture into storage.



Community Investment so far this year

- YTD we have Invested **£673,249.11** back into local communities.
- **19** Legacy projects have been delivered YTD.
- **32** Customer centred activities have been supported.

Young People

- **144** Young People have had work experience totalling **9410** Hours!

Volunteers

- **437** employees have volunteered their time to help deliver Community Projects so far this year

Annual Solihull Apprenticeship show

Volunteers from the Midlands attended the annual Apprenticeship Show in Solihull to promote our Apprenticeship Scheme and talk about career progression with Fortem.

There was a steady flow of visitors from the minute the show opened at 3:00pm right through until 7:30pm and initial figures indicate that approximately 2,000 people attend the event.



| No 4 | Item - CHLB Updates | Action |
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| 4.1 | <p>A CHLB 26 October 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Housing Services – Julie Griffin • The BMHT is part of the council. It is a brand for the development that the council undertakes to deliver housing, both for market and for council housing. It was first set up in 2009. • Overall across all developments, the BMHT needs to give 35% as affordable housing (not on every development but this will even out across the board). The average house costs £130,000, and MBHT funds the cost of building council housing by including houses for market rent and/or sale as part of each development. All houses will look the same from the outside, but there will be mixed tenured estates. • For every home built, the developer gives £500 to go to the Building Birmingham Scholarship, which helps train young people in Birmingham to build houses. • Athletes Village- Phase 1 development will have an estimate of 1177 properties, subject to design. This will be shared accommodation for the Commonwealth Games Athletes, and then turned into housing after the event. 22% will be affordable homes on this development and there will also be an extra care scheme. This is a large development, and will cost a lot of money, so they need to sell more homes in order to make it viable. As this isn't through BMHT only they are not sure how many homes will be bought by the council yet. Phase 2 development is bigger in terms of land but will be a lower density with more houses than flats. Estimated 500 houses, 35% affordable. • https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/50008/tenants_groups_associations_and_boards | |
| No 5 | Item – HLB Community improvement | Action |
| 5.1 | <p>Nadeen updated as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation 2019-20 = £19,969.67. • Remaining = £459.56 | |

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| <p>5.2</p> | <p>The board agreed to the chair agreeing quotes on behalf of the group during stand down or outside meetings. The following quotes were approved by the chair outside the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Bench - introduced by Boni. He updated that John Oliarnyk worked for BCC for 17yrs, he proposed a memorial bench as per below: <p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Memory of John Oliarnyk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“A much respected individual and dedicated caretaker cherished for outstanding-long service to Middlepark Estate. Rest in Peace!” Courtesy of Weoley HLB in conjunction with Middlepark Estate Residents Association.</p> | <p>Approved by chair b/h chair £2,443</p> |
| <p>5.3</p> | <p>Tenby Court, Tugford Road, B29 4PX:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install 2 Metal Gates to the garage site of rear Tenby Court as a preventative measure against ASB & Drugs. | <p>Approved by chair b/h group £7,665</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Walkabout & Local Updates – Nadeen Justice October & November</p> | |
| <p>6.1</p> | <p>The main concern was fly tipping which was reported to the Street scene Team for removal. The walkabout picked up the following concerns from the roads that were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenley Fields • Essex Court – broken door still not repaired • Richmond court – requires litter picking & Rubbish • Rutland Court – Household items; carpet pieces • Dorset Court – at front requires litter picking • Chester Court – litter pick required | |
| <p>6.2</p> | <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 | |

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| 6.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ruthall Close - Wednesday 17 July @ 10am ❖ Weirbrook Close – Wednesday, 21 August @ 10am ❖ Silvington Close – Wednesday,25 September @ 10am ❖ Wednesday,16 October @ 10am Alwold Road; Ludstone Road & princethorpe Road ❖ Wednesday,13 November @ 10am – Shenley fields & Kemberton Rd ❖ Wednesday,18 December @ 10am– Gregory Avenue & Bushwood Road <p>Boni litter picked his way throughout the walkabout; bags full of rubbish were noted and a visit to the local shop to engage them in litter picking of the arear was undertaken to minimize the litter that were collected outside the shops</p> | |
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| 7.1 | <p>Nadeen confirmed that £85 is still available for the Christmas meal; Jayne will contact the group to arrange</p> | |
| 7.2 | <p>Damage to grass verge - a resident has been known to park his car on the grass verge causing damage to the grass verge.</p> | |
| 7.3 | <p>Bridget to take the issue to performance monitoring</p> | |
| 7.4 | <p>Meeting closed @ 19.50pm</p> | |
| 8. | <p>The next meeting will be as follows:</p> <p>Wednesday 15 January 2020 - 6.30-8.00pm Millfield Sheltered</p> | |