Kingstanding HLB Meeting
Covering Wards: Kingstanding, Perry Common and Stockland Green
Date: 4th March 2020. Time: 1.30 till 3.30 p.m.
Venue: Hunters Walk Sheltered Scheme

Present

Name: Designation
Lesley Beresford  HLB Chair
Donna Forbes  HLB Vice Chair
Jacqui Daniel  HLB member
Kevin Taylor  HLB member
Jill Edwards  HLB member
Kath Lee  HLB member
Maria Rawlins  HLB member
Amanda Spurrier  TPO
Ian Underhill  Engie

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, exits and required code of conduct.

1.2 Apologies were received from:

Name: Designation
Police
Derek Lay  HLB member
Shyene Zaidi-Bere  Engie

2 Police, previous minutes, actions/progress/update
2.1 n/a
2.3 The Chairperson asked if someone else could come in Tracey Baker’s place when she was not able to attend.
Action: Amanda to ask

3 ENGIE, Previous minute’s actions/progress/update
3.1 Jill raised the issue of lamps one and two not working on the Hunters Walk scheme. Shy said as a one-off, she will follow this up. Engie are no longer involved with the streetlights any more, this would be McCanns. Update: The job has now been allocated.
3.2 Engie is donating Easter eggs to Birmingham Children’s Trust for their looked after children. The HLB member were asked if they wanted to donate any Easter eggs and to contact Shyene about this.
4 Guest Speaker
No guest speaker today, Kam Bahra was due to attend to give a talk about gambling. The HLB Chair asked if he could be invited again for the next HLB meeting.

Amanda to invite again

5 Previous minutes, agreement & sign-off
5.1 The previous minutes were accepted as factually accurate.

6 Previous minutes, matters arising
6.1 Security at Wyrley flats.
Update: A letter was sent to all residents in respect of tailgating and buzzing people in they did not know.
Update: The security at Kingsbridge House have been reported for not inspecting the building. This has now been dealt with and there have been no further incidents.
6.2 CHLB – Rep
Update: Amanda informed Colin Hanno that she would pass on any CHLB issues and they could feed back through Amanda until a rep was appointed.
6.3 Kerb on Hunters Walk/The Hurstway is still broken and is a trip hazard.
Update: Now fixed
6.4 Dipped manholes next to the above kerb have not been fixed.
Jill will let Amanda know if this is still not fixed.
6.5 No Dumping sign is missing from the tree in Finsbury Grove.
Update: they no longer put up no dumping signs
6.6 V.E. day remembrance celebrations will take place on Finsbury Grove on 6th May 2020. He wants to know how to get permission to close the road for the day.
Update: Amanda gave this info to the Finsbury Grove resident group.

7 District Update
7.1 No update

8 Feedback from City HLB
8.1 Last CHLB was cancelled so no new update.

9 HLB Spend / Budgets
9.1 Budgets were circulated to HLB members.
9.2 It was agreed to use £79.27 of Kingstanding budget to pay for the H lines at Finsbury Grove as Perry Common had no budget left.
9.3 It was agreed to use £1,085.71 of Stockland Green HLB budget to cross fund with Capital, for the Altro flooring in the four Wyrley Birch T blocks. This would leave a shortfall of £297.13. It was agreed to use Kingstanding HLB budget to cover this shortfall.
9.4 Kingstanding HLB budget will be used to order litter pickers for the Great British Spring Clean.

10 HLB Projects
10.1 Finsbury Grove H lines at dropped kerb project was approved.
10.2 15 litter pickers project was approved.
TPO Update / Kite-mark

Great British Spring Clean, a litter pick has been arranged for 17th March Wyrley Birch estate, 10.00 till 12.00. Hope to see all members there.

Amanda to invite local Councillors.

Walkabout – details and feedback

Walkabout paperwork from 19th February on Slade Road was circulated. Next Walkabout will take place on 18th March 2020, meeting at Landswood Close and will include Beckenham Avenue, Kingstanding Ward. The HB has completed a Walkabout on Perry Common ward four times, Stockland Green three times and Kingstanding three times so as we did Stockland Green last time, it was agreed to do one on Kingstanding ward.

Tenancy Management Update

n/a

Resident involvement

Low rise block champion recruitment has begun on North. HLB leaflet is also being distributed at the same time. We are not recruiting yet, not until the high-rise block champions have been set up.

Great British Spring Clean as detailed in these minutes.

Any other business

Jill asked if the HLB could fund a new lock on one of the kitchen cupboards to store the HLB biscuits etc. Advised Jill to speak to the Housing Officers or Housing manager to see if this was something they fund under a repair as there is a lock already on the cupboard that does not work.

Kevin confirmed the date for the Finsbury Grove V.E celebrations as 8th May 2020 and all HLB members were invited to attend.

Maria reported that the bulkhead light on the side of the bungalows on Rushden Croft and the four small lights on the corner of the road were still not fixed.

Amanda to chase these up

Maria reported that the pub that had burned down near Rushden Croft was being demolished on 19th March 2020.

Kevin fed back from his residents meeting: Police had advised that a Romanian woman has been knocking on doors and begging. If anyone experiences this, they are to inform the Police. Similarly, someone has been knocking doors asking if people if they want their guttering cleaned. This was someone known to the Police and advice is not to accept his services or to give him any money. Beggars in Erdington have been issued with PCN notices to move are arrested if they come back.

Jill informed everyone that a man had been knocking on doors on the Hunters Walk sheltered scheme. He asks for the person by name and starts a conversation with them saying it’s ok I’m not asking for any money. He then proceeds to tell a story about his son in the army and then says he is collecting money for him. He is getting their names by knocking on a door a few flats along and says he’s looking for the woman at number (10). They
then say, oh, you mean ‘Joan’. Jill was advised to contact the Police straight away to let them know.

16  Next HLB Meeting

16.1 1st April 2020, 1.30 till 3.30 p.m. at Hunters Walk common room
Booking Transport Process

To book a taxi you will need to call

Amanda (Kingstanding, Perry Common, Stockland Green wards) or Emma (Sutton, Erdington wards) 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

Taxi company is Galaxy Cars - 0121 350 1000

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If there are any issues out of office hours with the Taxi not arriving, please call Galaxy directly.

Thank you

Amanda and Emma