

<b>Acocks Green Housing Liaison Board</b>	
<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.30pm In the Community Lounge, Needwood House, Acock's Green, Bericote Croft, B27 6DD</b></p>	
<b>Present</b>	<p>Derrick Novell – Chair Maggie Novell – HLB Phil Lee – HLB Brenda Hurdman – HLB Leon Bailey – HLB Bob Musticone – HLB Jenny Poole – Wates Zafar Iqbal – Councillor Mandy Williams - TPO Derek Fellows – HO</p>
<b>Apologises</b>	<p>Joe McKeown – HLB Gwen Johnstone – HLB Brian Jones – Vice Chair Pauline Connelly – HLB</p> <p>Roger Harmer – Councillor</p>

<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>Derrick welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes agreed by Maggie and Brenda</p> <p>Bob (BM) advised that following the installation of the new lamp post the signs regarding dog fouling have not been put back up – Derek to email to Animal Welfare for new signs. – Derek to Chase Animal Welfare</p> <p>Bob (BM) said he had contacted someone re the signs, and they have now been put up but are quite low – <b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b> Derek has emailed the Animal Welfare and requested some more signs to be fitted at a higher level – <b>Completed</b></p>
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Phil shared that there are 3-4 allotments free at present. He asked if a notice board could be bought by the HLB so notices can be put up without them being taken away. The cost of an allotment is £90 per year, if you are a pensioner it cost £45 per year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year is free and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> year it is to be paid again.

**Post Meeting Note: Unfortunately, the HLB budget could not be used to fund a noticeboard within the allotment. Maybe Phil could contact the allotments committee or [allotments@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@birmingham.gov.uk) directly to see if there is any funding available to fit a noticeboard.**

**Allotments team do not have a key to noticeboard so they will drill it out and a new lock will be fitted.**

**There are now 2 allotments let.**

### 3. Invited Guests:

#### Wates

Jenny advised that Wates are scaling back any projects, but the heating and roofing repairs have increased

#### HLB Chairs Meeting

This is planned for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and invites will be sent out the first week of November

Christmas Jumper day is 13 December which Wates are taking part in.

Wates have attended a Careers day at Hall Green School

Phil asked if Jenny knew when the sprinklers will be 'live' at Rayleigh and she advised that the letters will be sent, and a launch meeting will be held. – no date at the moment.

There has been a change around on resources so that Wates have moved some people around and Alan Byrne has moved onto to Roofing Team.

Gwen mentioned the front path to Needwood House – Derek explained that they will only repair not renewing the whole path – Derek will arrange a site meeting with Wates.

	<p><b>Post meeting Note:</b> Site meeting has taken place with Dennis Painter from Wates and a new job raised for the necessary repairs to be done.</p> <p>Jenny advised Phil that Wates are still keeping an eye out for wooden pallets.</p> <p>Phil mentioned that his boiler has countdown for when his boiler requires a service - Jenny explained that this is okay if it has been serviced</p> <p>Derrick mentioned the guttering to the rear of 31 Pemberley Road is leaking – Jenny to investigate</p> <p><b>Police</b></p> <p>No one in attendance</p>
4.	<p><b>Councillors Update</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Iqbal</b></p> <p>The 106 money has now been commissioned, and the project started on 31<sup>st</sup> October. A second event has been planned regarding keeping the road clean and residents will hold a street party.</p> <p>Cllr I shared the tents from Coventry Rd have gone but there are still beggars at the traffic lights of Kings Rd which he is trying to deal with.</p> <p>Local Community Safety Partnership meeting held with Chief Inspector Ahmed, local councillors, housing officials, and other stakeholder’s looking at local issues and the members are tasked with resolving them.</p> <p>He has recently attended the Stakeholders Meeting, East Quadrant in Bloom, and Coppice and Homemeadow House residents meeting</p> <p>The major issues in the ward are ASB, Fly-tipping and drug activity.</p>

	<p><b>Councillor O'Shea</b></p> <p>Christmas lights will be switched on 24 November.</p> <p>There will be a pop-up Christmas community shop in the old Post Office on 13 and 14 December</p> <p>The city has just launched the budget consultation for next financial year and advised everyone to have their say</p> <p>Leon asked about cars inappropriate parking in the Acocks Green – Cllr O will send Leon the form.</p> <p>Bob asked who the PCSO is for the area and was advised that it was John Ludford.</p> <p>Leon mentioned that bin collections have been missed at Rayleigh and Needwood House which causes a problem with chutes becoming blocked and when they are emptied this causes an issue with spillage etc.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding recycling bins at Bericote Croft.</p> <p>Blocked chutes due to being blocked by big black bag – Derek to do a newsletter.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Chairs Report CHLB Update</b></p> <p>Derrick attended the CHLB in October.</p> <p>He shared that the meeting was to do with ARCH conference and BHMT.</p> <p>See CityHLB newsletter below.</p> <p>At Stakeholders meeting it was asked if there will be an increased HLB budget for next year, this is unknown at present</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Walkabout Report</b></p> <p>The last Walkabout should of took place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and to meet outside Needwood House but no one attended.</p>

Next walkabout is on 5 December 2019 meeting at 11am Tynedale and Heathcliffe Road

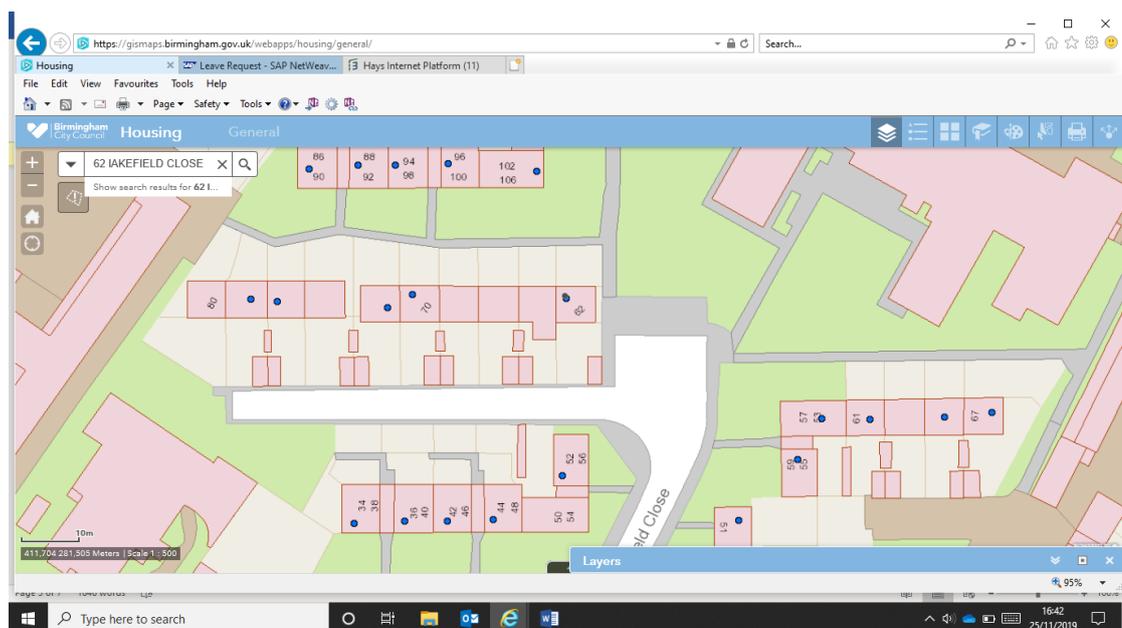
## HLB Projects Update 2019-20

Budget for HLB is £8000 and the Environmental budget is £19000

Awaiting quote for gate/fence to access way Hay Brook Drive

## New Projects

Derek advised that a resident in Lakefield Close had requested a barrier to the entrance of the access way rear of 62 Lakefield Close and asked if the HLB would fund this project. – Derek to get desktop quote – See plan of location and the blue dots show council properties.



Brenda asked if heating could be fitted to the ground floor foyer of Needwood and Rayleigh House – Derek to check

## 7. Tenant Participation Officer Report

MW shared that the Birmingham in Bloom award ceremony took place at the Council House on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The East Quadrant ceremony awards took place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Hall Green United Community Church

	<p>MW distributed the meeting dates for next year.</p> <p>The Christmas Meal has been agreed, budget is £85, and all agreed to go to Smokey Barrels on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 1pm</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business.</b></p> <p>Phil advised that the access way in Woodberry Walk where this a lot a rubbish – Derek to report</p> <p>Phil has spoken to the new Street Warden who has agreed to attend the next Residents Meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 At Needwood House Common Room.</b></p>

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



The Chair of CHLB, Joan Goodwin, commenced the meeting promptly at 6.30pm with introductions and a review of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Chairs Comments**

The Chair began the meeting with a sad announcement, Harry Bennett, the Chair of Bartley Green HLB has sadly passed away. Joan has known Harry for over 25 years and expressed her sadness that the movement has lost a long-standing stalwart member. Harry will be greatly missed by all.

Joan explained that there is a delay regarding his funeral, however members will be notified once we know more. Family flowers only, however there will be a collection for charity. Joan will notify TPOs of the details.

Joan then asked for all members to stand and a 1-minute silence was observed in respect to Harry Bennett.

Joan confirmed that the Welfare Reform Group met on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please see the minutes on the website for more details. The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The ARCH Conference met in Bridlington on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. It was a long way for some members to travel; some delegates travelled over 9 hours. But it was a good conference, and Joan later gave a full update to the Board.

The Xmas HLB allowance will be the same as last year. The next PMG meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## **Feedback on the ARCH Tenant Conference 2019- Joan Goodwin, MBE**

- **100 Years of Council Housing-** ARCH tenant group members from Sheffield and Rotherham Councils explained the work they and their council had done to celebrate the milestone of 100 Years of Council Housing.
- **Fire Safety-** There were talks on fire, gas and electrical safety. Pictures were shown on the dangers of home improvement, and the message was given that it is imperative tenants understand their tenant handbook.
- **The Future of Safety Regulation-** The deputy chief executive of the Regulator of Social Housing spoke about the economic and consumer standards, how the regulator came to be and where he saw the service going.
- **Workshop 1 "The Future of Sheltered Housing"-** Delegates from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council explained the consultation and resulting changes to their Sheltered Housing Schemes.
- **Workshop 2 "Housing Complaints- what can we expect?"-** Sector Development Lead for the Housing Ombudsman Service spoke about the role the service plays, their escalation process, and the various tools available for tenants and landlords on their website.
- **ARCH Chief Executive speech-** John Bibby showed the Government approach to housing, and how that has changed from the coalition government to Boris Johnson, and especially in light of the Grenfell tragedy. ARCH's key requests to government are:
  - For an investment in housing, increased grants available and amounts available
  - Support for the building of more council homes and self-financing
  - Reform the Right to Buy, and ensure support to have 1:1 build on every home sold

## **BMHT Update - Jane Trethewey and Mumtaz Mohammed**

**Jane Trethewey and Mumtaz Mohammed** gave a presentation on the BMHT programme and Perry Barr development. For more detail please see the full presentation.

- 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 BMHT 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.