

Hall Green District Housing Liaison Board Meeting

**Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 15th April 2019
At Common Room, Fleetwood House, B13 8BL
6.00 PM – 7.30 PM**

Present	Jeff Horton (JH) Chair Peter Weston (PW) Member Raj Srivastava (RS) Vice Chair Arshad Butt (AB) Member Norma O'Regan (NO) Member Giovanni Esposito Police
In attendance	Firoza Loonat (FL) Tenant Participation Officer Mandy Williams (MW) Tenant Participation Officer
Apologies	Shaheeda Choudhary (SC) Member Izzy Knowles (IK) Member Wendy Kempson (WK) Member Derek Fellows (DF) Housing Officer Ronda D'Aguilar (RDA) Wates

1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>JH welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Minutes agreed by AB and RS</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>RS said that when he has a shower that the drain gets flooded and reported it 3 weeks ago – but they are coming out on 19 March he asked why it took so long – RDA will investigate if he can provide a job number.</p>

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Invited Guests

Police:

Giovanni said he is the local PCSO and covers the Hall Green Ward
He shared that the Police are working to the old boundaries and doesn't think this will change. The Hall Green team will be moving back to Moseley Police Station after it has been refurbished

Giovanni gave an overview of the crime figures :

149 - 153 compared to last year

15 residential burglaries – 13 residential and 2 attempted burglaries

26 vehicles crime – 11 stolen vehicles and 15 thefts from vehicles

He explained that officers had passed through Yew Tree Lane early in the morning and there were 2/3 cars on the car park and by midday at least 3 or 4 cars had had their windows smashed. 1 of the cars had a dash cam stolen. He shared not to leave any valuables in the glove compartment

He also shared that number plates had been stolen off a car recently and the owner left the car with a bag on the back seat with clothing in and the windows had been smashed to break into the car – again leave nothing in your vehicles.

RS shared that for 3 or 4 days there had been 2 number plates on the floor of the car park and should he report it – the officer said to call 101 and they will get them disposed of

Giovanni also shared that Hall Green had recently carried out speed operations on Stratford Rd, Fox Hollies Rd and Highfield Rd and lots of vehicles were caught speeding and tickets were issued. He also said they are currently trying to tackle school parking which is a big issue.

Junior PCSO's went really well and was started at Hall Green Junior School. They were given the phonetic alphabet to learn as homework and were encouraged to try and educate their parents when parking at school. Junior PCSO's were given a high vis tabard and training will continue for 6 weeks. They will then go out with officers and issue (tickets) to parents who are parking at school illegally and then if parents receive 2 of these then they get an official ticket on 3rd time of asking.

Streetwatch - Police Officers have been out with Streetwatch who wear high vis tabards and have had a good response from the public. Members of Streetwatch only have to commit to 2 hours per month and this can be done in the day or evening.

A number of arrests have been made via community intelligence.

	<p>The Police are looking to increase neighbourhood and street watch in Hall Green</p> <p>Tasking Meeting for Hall Green</p> <p>25 April at the Old Conservative Club on Stratford Rd junction of Petersfield Rd 21 May at The Oak, St Michaels Church, Redstone Farm Rd junction of Lakey Lane</p> <p>Both at 7pm</p> <p>NO asked if someone is in your home and you injure them can you be prosecuted – Officer said if you tell someone to get out of your home and you hit them on the way out then yes you would but if in self-defence this would change things</p> <p>Wates:</p> <p>No-one in attendance</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Councillors update</p> <p>No-one in attendance</p> <p>FL shared that: 3rd April was the Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath ward forum and Sufik was sent the notice to put up in Belgrave Middleway 17th April – Moseley ward forum to be held at The Exchange</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>CHLB update</p> <p>CHLB was held on Thursday 28th March 2019</p> <p>Universal Credit leaflets were passed around and these are to be discussed at the next CHLB on 25th April 2019.</p> <p>Hall Green Conference was held at Birmingham University and this was very good but mainly discussed Housing Association Sector and no mention of Retaining housing. Jeff shared that BHMT are building new properties and all housing association when the properties are for mixed tenure and stated that it should be made more aware that some properties are for council housing</p> <p>Kitemark – the review is still ongoing and AGM's still on hold. FL shared it is how the walkabouts are marked</p>

	<p>Modular Housing – Jeff shared these are space intensive and that 10 modular houses can be put in the place of 2 normal houses. These can last for approximately 40 years. They are 1 & 2 bedroom properties and are transported in 2 halves to be built. They are 14m long or 4.8m wide. These properties can help tackle the homeless and can be put up very quickly. Jeff showed a picture of what the housing will look like. They also have spiral staircases inside the property which is no good for anyone with mobility issues.</p> <p>RS asked would any of these properties be for sale. Jeff said not sure yet.</p> <p>Rob James has got the litigation sorted now with Waste</p>
6	<p>HLB Walkabout & Projects</p> <p>Walkabout took place on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 11am on corner Pensby Close and Thirlmere Drive – no feedback yet will hopefully send out with the minutes on Derek’s return from leave</p> <p>Next Walkabout – date to be confirmed but will be 11am on corner of Springcroft Rd and Shaftmoor Lane – to confirm date to JH, PW and AB – date confirmed Wed 8th May</p> <p>New HLB Projects.</p> <p>Funding not secured as yet for budgets but we can still get quotes if anyone has any ideas</p> <p>Dropped kerb to Lenches Green – DF to complete project form Gates to access way</p> <p>RS mentioned having the horse shoe hedge to be removed and made into two car spaces – DF to do consultation and obtain quotes – On-going</p>
7	<p>Tenant Participation Updates:</p> <p>FL spoke about membership and stated that some wards do not have any members and for the next meeting that she will bring maps showing where there are council properties and to target that area to see if we can recruit new members.</p> <p>BIB is now open to all tenants and application forms were handed out</p> <p>British Spring Clean 22 March – 23 April working with residents and if the members have any idea of where to go – litter picks etc – Woodnorton Drive had a clean-up and 2 residents asked for litter picks, gloves and</p>

	<p>bags to continue keeping the drive clean</p> <p>Discussion took place around the use of the common room and upstairs at Belgrave Middleway. MW read out Sufik's email:</p> <p>Firstly the common room was originally downstairs and over time everyone started to use the common room upstairs. However for fire safety reasons it would be better downstairs, so if there is fire then there are more access route out. Pool table upstairs was going to be moved downstairs, however this does not seem practical as it is too heavy to move and will more likely stay upstairs. I did request the a dishwasher & hot water unit be fitted in the downstairs common room . (this would cost money for non-contract work and if it is cost effective to do this ?)</p> <p>As present the common room upstairs is being used by tenant rather than downstairs. The downstairs common room I set up for meeting/training etc , as it was sitting idle and therefore in the interim is being used for training once in a while, however only a few tenants sometimes sit there sometimes.</p> <p>I will be speaking with my manager regarding the common room at my 121 meeting soon, as see if they will be actually going ahead with this and if they have the money to do this.</p> <p>Also FL shared that the common room is an extension of their living room</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>PW shared that there is broken trip by 347 Yardley Wood Rd – I have reported this to DF</p> <p>WK mentioned the lamp post that needs repairing by her property – RDA said to report to call centre.</p>
9	<p style="text-align: center;">Date and Time of Next meeting : Monday 20th May 2019 @ Fleetwood House Time: 6pm – 7.30pm</p>