

Hall Green District Housing Liaison Board

**Minutes of the Biennial Meeting (AGM)
held at 6.00 pm Monday 16 September 2019
Highfield Hall Community Centre, Highfield Rd, Hall Green**

Present	Jeff Horton (JH) – Chair Shaheeda Choudhury (SC) Wendy Kempson (WK) Arshad Butt (AB) Shabrana Hussian (H) Councillor Naeem Quereshi (NQ) Officers Salim Miah (SM) – Local Housing Manager Mandy Williams (MW) – TPO Firoza Loonat (FL) - TPO Derek Fellows - HO
Apologies	Raj Srivastava (RS) Peter Weston (PW) Norma O'Regan (NO) Izzy Knowles (IK)

1+2	<u>Welcome, Introductions</u> JH chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the Hall Green District HLB AGM.
3.	Minutes of the last Biennial meeting – 21 November 2016 Group agreed the minutes

4	<p>Chairpersons Report</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>The Hall Green Meeting Group had its last AGM on the 21st November 2016. The group officially became a Housing Liaison Board (HLB) on the 15th December 2014 when the constitution was signed</p> <p>Hall Green District Housing Liaison Board</p> <p>The group has 9 members. The HLB represents the Hall Green District which has 6 Wards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hall Green North• Hall Green South• Moseley• Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East• Sparkhill• Balsall Heath West <p>The Hall Green District HLB also has a representative on City Housing Liaison Board.</p> <p>HLB Meetings</p> <p>This HLB holds 10 meetings each year. These are attended by: HLB members, Observers, Housing staff, Guests for example: Wates Contractors, Local Councillors, Police and Representatives from other Departments.</p>

Kitemark

The HLB was successful in achieving 1 year for the Kitemark for period 2018/2019. Some of the areas that had to be completed were meeting regularly, providing minutes and attending walkabouts.

Walkabout

The HLB holds one walkabout a month. Walkabouts are held to highlight problems on the area which can be dealt with by housing or other partners/departments.

Projects

The HLB has a small budget and this is used for small projects on the district. We have been involved in some very successful projects. For example

- Painted 2 disabled bays at Belgrave Middleway
- Installed metal fencing at Priestley Rd to prevent fly tipping
- Installed barrier fencing at Kyrwicks Lane to prevent fly tipping

Project ideas are discussed regularly at the HLB meetings and members can put ideas forward.

Events

Members of the HLB have been involved and have asked for events to take place on their ward. These have included:

- Great British Spring Clean – Woodnorton Drive
- Great British Spring Clean – Main St

All these events have been very encouraging for the HLB. Support was provided by housing staff and local councillors.

Tenant Panels

The City Council has recognised Housing Liaison Boards as its Tenant Panels. All councils are required by the

	<p>Government to co-regulate housing together with tenants and leaseholders representatives on tenant panels.</p> <p>During the next twelve months the role of HLBs as co-regulators will be developed and they will be asked to monitor performance information to ensure that the Council is working to a high standard.</p> <p>East Quadrant Gardening Competitions The East Quadrant has a yearly gardening competition. The East Quadrant is made up of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall Green District • Hodge Hill District • Yardley District <p>The competition compliments Birmingham in Bloom which is a city wide gardening competition. Members of the HLB attended the award ceremony for East Quadrant Gardening Competition which was held at the Community Centre in Shard End in September 2018.</p> <p>In Closing This is the report for the Hall Green District HLB. Who have worked very hard over the last 3 years. Thank you for attending our AGM and we look forward to welcoming some new members.</p> <p>JH thanked the Housing Team for all their support</p> <p>JH explained that the members of the board will now stand down and passed the meeting over to SM – Local Housing Member</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>SM took over as Chair of the meeting</p> <p>SM explained the purpose of Housing Liaison boards, the constitution, and code of conduct and equalities policy and asked each member to read through the document.</p>

SM introduced himself and thanked the board for their hard work over the last two years and the projects that they have agreed to be carried and made a difference to the district.

SH explained the different budgets that are available to the HLB

Balsall Heath West - £3266.91
Hall Green North – £2734.44
Hall Green South - £244.04
Sparkbrook/Balsall Heath East - £3433.30
Sparkhill - £621.21
Moseley - £1902.46

SM advised that there is another budget that the HLB are made aware of which is the Environmental Budget. This budget is approved by Ward Councillors and a Housing Panel. Below is the breakdown of this budget:

Balsall Heath West - £21,700.00
Hall Green North – £17,950.00
Hall Green South - £5850.00
Sparkbrook/Balsall Heath East - £22,300.00
Sparkhill - £4900.00
Moseley - £12,650.00

SM advised on the importance of block inspectors and as Hall Green has no high rise blocks we will be concentrating in recruiting in low rise blocks.

6. **Election process**

SM explained that under the current constitution a minimum of 6 residents and a maximum of 20 (with least 75 % being tenants and leaseholders and 25% other) were needed to form a HLB.

SM asked those present who would like to be board members
By a show of hands

	<p>Therefore the following were elected to the board</p> <p>JH WK SC AB</p> <p>Those that gave their apologies had expressed interest to become board members again :</p> <p>IK PW RS NO</p> <p>The two members from the above were unable to attend due to confusion about cancellation of this meeting. It was agreed that the position of chair, vice-chair and City Board representative and Reserve representative for CHLB to be elected at the next HLB meeting</p>
7.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Cllr H discussed the walkabout she carried out with SM on Friday 13th September and how it would be a good idea if residents were invited to carry out a litter pick of their areas.</p> <p>Cllr H discussed Dolobran Rd and how residents need to take ownership and that Main St is not looking good. Cllr H asked about putting in CCTV and SM said this is not an option for BCC but Highways may be able to assist.</p> <p>SM shared that Oldfield Rd is still looking good after the big clean and many organisations took part</p> <p>SM shared that he does not work for Place Directorate anymore and can only cover BCC Housing properties and land</p> <p>SM discussed that we need to get more tenants who want to get involved with HLB, Block Inspectors and litter pickers.</p>

	<p>NQ discussed using Cllrs to link into all local groups</p> <p>It was shared to maybe invite John Mould to a HLB meeting and JH to ask Karen Cheney about what is going on and how we can connect into other groups</p> <p>NQ asked what actions will be taken to encourage more membership and more joined up working. A discussion took place on how the local HLB, the City Council and third party organisations will take work together and take this forward.</p> <p>JH shared that the HLB are currently looking at where housing stock is and to do a leaflet drop but the housing stock is very dispersed and therefore makes it difficult to engage as a district.</p>
12.	<p><u>Date and Time of next meeting:</u></p> <p>6.00pm Monday 21st October 2019 Fleetwood House</p>