

Hall Green District Housing Liaison Board Meeting

**Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 16th March 2020
At Common Room, Fleetwood House, B13 8BL
6.00 PM – 7.30 PM**

Present	Jeff Horton (JH) Chair Arshad Butt (AB) Member Wendy Kimpson (WK) Member Izzy Knowles (IK) Member Peter Weston (PW) Member Raj Srivastava (RS) Vice Chair
In attendance	Derek Fellows (DF) Housing Officer Mandy Williams (MW) Tenant Participation Officer Firoza Loonat (FL) Tenant Participation Officer
Apologies	Norma O'Regan (NO) Member Lou Robson (LR) Councillor Shabana Hussain Councillor Ronda D'Aguilar (RDA) Wates

1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>JH welcomed everyone to the meeting and distributed free calendars.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Minutes agreed by WK and AB</p>

3	<p>Invited Guests</p> <p>Police:</p> <p>No one in attendance .</p> <p>Wates:</p> <p>No one in attendance but apologies sent</p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>
4.	<p>Councillors update</p> <p>No councillors in attendance</p>
5	<p>CHLB update</p> <p>JH attended 20th February 2020 meeting and advised that the meeting covered Welfare Reform : Performance Monitoring Group : Affordable Housing : BMHT: Commonwealth games update and future house building programmes.</p> <p>JH went through the presentation:</p> <p>Birmingham Headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 156,000 population growth by 2031 • 89,000 Housing need • 13,000 on housing waiting list • Stock not best matched to need • Responding to Grenfell and climate change challenges <p>Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust</p> <p>Completions to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1815 homes for Council rent • 1327 homes for market sale • 3142 in total, 58% affordable <p>BMHT Future programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3000 homes planned to 2029 <p>Mix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically exceeding the 35% affordable housing requirement • Larger sites aim for 50:50 sale and affordable • Smaller sites may be 100% affordable • Sites can be expensive, needing more sales to cover the costs

	<p>Commonwealth Games in Perry Barr</p> <p>Phase 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition and infrastructure works now on site • An estimated 1177 homes will be built, subject to design • Majority built for athletes as shared accommodation first • For conversion after the games into self-contained homes • 22% affordable housing to be delivered • Including an Extra Care Scheme for the elderly, with affordable rent, shared ownership and sale units • Sale of homes will fund the affordable homes and wider works <p>Phase 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplan stage, without detailed consent • Up to 500 units estimated, mainly houses • 35% affordable housing to be delivered • Potential for BMHT and Registered Provider involvement <p>Why the pressure on social housing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 years ago- over 120,000 council homes in Birmingham • Today – just over 60,000 council homes in Birmingham • Right to Buy has depleted affordable homes by half • Housing Associations under pressure to start the Right to Buy too • Some regeneration schemes remove more social homes than are put back, but at a higher quality and larger size • Housing Associations reduced their build programmes due to grant reductions, rent reductions and land value increases <p>AB asked if he could have a copy of the presentation and so did IK. Mandy will send a copy with the minutes</p> <p>Mandy will include the CHLB newsletter with the minutes</p> <p>These meetings have been cancelled until further notice.</p>
6	<p>HLB Walkabout & Projects</p> <p>DF shared the last Walkabout which was on Thursday 5th March 2020 – Conway and Walford Road.</p> <p>No walkabouts will take place until further notice.</p> <p>Discussion took place around letting people know that fly tippers are being prosecuted this may prevent fly tipping going on</p> <p>Wendy shared that the Van in her road is still there and the other day she had to walk into the road where a car driver swore and was very abusive to her. Derek said he would report it again and try and see if anything has been done from when he reported it last time</p>

	<p>Agreed HLB Projects.</p> <p>Dropped kerb to Lenches Green – received and agreed to do</p> <p>Install gate and Fence to access way to Rear 2 to 9 Princess Road – received and agreed to do.</p> <p>DF to check if these have been completed.</p>
7	<p>Tenant Participation Updates:</p> <p>FL advised Great British Spring Clean is 20Th March to 13th April 2020</p> <p>Thirlmere Drive – to remove graffiti etc. – 8th April 2020 Pensby Close Long Street</p> <p>IK mentioned The Great A435 Litter Pick on Sunday 29th March 2020 and meeting points are 9.30am – Kings Heath BID Office, 1a Station Rd (behind Oulsnam Estate Agent) 9.30am – Moseley (St Mary’s Row – Flakes) 9.30am – Balsall Heath Swimming Baths</p> <p>FL mentioned that it is coming the end of the financial year and for the group to think of any projects.</p> <p>FL stated the consultation of the East Birmingham growth strategy and there is a working action plan on-line and it may be useful to view this to see if there were any gaps. The consultation is from 17th February – 11th May 2020 and was distributed to all at the meeting. On the back of the leaflet are dates and times for work shops if anyone wishes to attend</p> <p>FL advised that Ameys contract finishes 31st March 2020 and a company called Kea. will be take over.</p> <p>FL also shared that ‘Fix My Street’ is an app that can be downloaded onto your phones and you can report any issues</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>JH advised the group that all HLB meetings and walkabouts, CityHLBs and other council run meetings have been suspended until further notice</p> <p>AB asked how he forms a Streetwatch in Pensby Close – IK advised that he needs to contact the local police and gave AB an email address.</p> <p>IK mentioned that she is meeting with Moseley councillors to pull together a contingency plan regarding the Coronavirus to give advice and assistance for vulnerable people</p>

	<p>IK said that she is working with EU citizens who are going to have to apply to stay in the country and once she has received her accreditation for the training, she carried out then she will be able to sign post.</p> <p>RS mentioned 24 Kemble Grove is parking in the disabled bay for Belgrave Middleway – DF has sent a letter.</p> <p>RS said that he was attacked by a person who does not live in the complex and it has been reported to Police and that he is awaiting action to be taken by the police and it has been reported to Elderly Services.</p> <p>RS mentioned the fire escape doors are being left open and have been damaged, it has been reported and that they are being replaced. Also, the homeless people are using the bathtub as a toilet – Karen is aware of these issues.</p> <p>RS mentioned person at 53 is being abusive – DF advised to report to Elderly Services</p>
9	<p style="text-align: center;">Date and Time of Next meeting : TBC @ Fleetwood House Time: 6pm – 7.30pm</p>