

MINUTES

**Edgbaston Housing Liaison Board
Monday, 13 February 2017
Barsham Close Common Room
2.00 pm**

In Attendance

K. Wale	Chair
David Spiers	Member
Gwen Spiers	Member
Kath Edwards	Member
Linda Waterhouse	Member
Chris Hoare	Member
Councillor Deirdre Alden	Councillor
Alan Kilby	Fortem Representative
Donna McMullan	Place Manager- Edgbaston and Quinton Wards

Apologies

Simon Rogers	Housing Officer / Edgbaston and Quinton Wards
Councillor Fergus Robinson	
Councillor Matt Bennett	

No	Item	Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting 21 November 2016</u></p> <p><u>Page 2:</u> Alan advised led lights on order (This was missed off)</p> <p><u>Page 3:</u> After the wish list, Chris advised that if contractors ruin trip rails or bollards, they should be held to account and pay for the repair (This was missed off)</p> <p><u>Page 5:</u> Last line should say “check out a particular car” not a “peculiar car”</p> <p><u>Page 4:</u> Wording should be Hollies Croft <u>not</u> Holly Croft.</p> <p>Otherwise minutes agreed as correct.</p>	
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2.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	

1)	Damaged bollards outside Hollies Croft shops <u>Update:</u> Alan advised 3 completed 2 to follow.	
2)	Lamppost 9 and 10 Wyatt Close <u>Update:</u> Completed December 2016.	
3)	Fly tipping behind Hollies Croft shops and by garages. <u>Update:</u> Waste Prevention has visited all of the shops to remind them that they need to contain their waste properly, and have enough containers to cover what they produce. Local caretakers will continue to monitor, this is ongoing. Members can contact www.birmingham.gov.uk "The only way to keep this city clean is to do it together".	
4)	The abandoned car, mentioned at November's meeting <u>Update:</u> Linda has reported this, also to DVLA; car has been there for 6 months, nothing done. Not taxed or M.O.T the members had a long discussion about it. Donna: To pass to Street Scene	
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4.	<u>HLB BUDGET / PROJECTS</u>	
1)	The only item agreed from November 2016 wish list, is the cabinet notice board for Wyatt Close, Priory Estate. The paperwork kept being sent with the size the wrong way around, It has now been put right and signed off, should be about 2 weeks. <u>Linda:</u> Took a photo of where it should go, all agreed but a member will still have to meet the contractors on site. The price is £1,326.67, leaving £1,718.25 in the budget.	
2)	<u>David</u> put forward 2 bollards as a project, by Boundary House, the criteria did fit. David also drew a map of where they should be situated. This was put forward last November, but members voted "Yes" again. Donna to arrange a photo to be taken. Kath: Put forward a security light for an area. Donna: Advised that it would be assessed on the 22 nd February walkabout to	

	see if it was suitable. A vote was taken – All agreed.	
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5.	<p><u>HLB Walkabout</u></p> <p>The 30th January 2017 walkabout was on the Waterworks Estate. The next one will be 22nd February 2017 on Priory Estate at 10.30am with 2 Members and a Housing Officer. The Chair confirmed that all members had received the walkabout timetable for this year, and that the 10 walkabouts required, had been done last year.</p>	
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6.	<p><u>Fly Tipping and Enforcement Update – Place Manager</u></p> <p>DM presented an update on fly tipping and enforcement.</p> <p>Donna handed out the paperwork to everyone, and did a run through of it. What is fly tipping, and what actually has been left out for a paid collection. There was a heated discussion on this subject among members who were not satisfied with Birmingham City Council's lack of action.</p> <p>Linda: Brought a letter from Alison Hardwood, Acting Director of Enforcement and Regulation which was discussed, also a discussion about recycling bins not being emptied on time, but Councillor Deirdre dealt with this very well, Thankfully.</p>	
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7.	<p><u>City HLB Update / 20 October 2016</u></p> <p>The Chair read out relevant parts of the minutes and gave comments on some items.</p> <p>The Chair advised that she had not received the January 2017 minutes as yet, but read out parts of November 2016 minutes. City HLB discussed behaviour at HLB meetings, the City HLB chair advised "All officers have been informed to close any unruly meeting and report back to us for disciplinary procedures fortunately this is only a minority.</p> <p><u>Feedback from Edgbaston HLB Chair</u></p> <p>"I am proud to say that this HLB is not one of the above, we are so nice and respectful to staff, guest speakers, our Willmott Dixon rep etc. That they are all happy to come to our HLB, knowing they will be treated well. We use the carrot</p>	

	<p>approach, not the stick, and it works for us. The chair also mentioned that proof reading should be better before a document /minutes are sent out, e.g. apostrophes where there should be none.</p> <p>Everyone at Edgbaston agreed that it would be much simpler and more interesting and save time if we could have a copy of City HLB minutes; after all they are in the public domain.</p>	
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8.	<p>Local Innovation Funds</p> <p>Councillor Deirdre Alden gave a talk on what Local Innovation fund is and how it works.</p> <p>Councillor Deirdre Alden advised there are various people from Edgbaston leading on this project: John Warward – Calthorpe Estates, Tom Jones, Naomi and Chris Hoare. There is one bid for a neighbourhood meeting place / hub in the ward which will hopefully be at the Botanical Gardens. The hub will host art and youth events. This has been agreed by ward committee and 3 ward Councillors have signed to back it and it will go to the Cabinet Committee Local Leadership meeting on 7th March. Chris Hoare will be bringing in a graffiti artist to work with the elderly. There has been £40k bid for of the £48k. There will not be any more of this funding in the near future.</p> <p>£2,000,000 pounds shared by 40 wards equals £1,920,000 pounds leaving £80,000. The Chair felt £80,000 for administration was a bit excessive.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>1) Chris said we are lucky to have Councillor Deirdre, who has been so helpful and an asset to our HLB, she has supported Edgbaston HLB for years, A great Councillor. Everyone totally agreed with this.</p> <p>2) Linda: Fly tipping again Foster Way, by number 37. Also disappointed at no leaves collection, green bins should be seasonal, not a cut-off date. Councillor Deirdre explained about this. She also explained about the pedestrian facilities, and the difficulties.</p> <p>There will be consultation meetings February 28th February at the Plaza, University Station, and Saturday 4th March at Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park.</p>	

<p>3)</p>	<p>Councillor Deirdre advised about future polling stations and that the Roman Way Estate Office will not be used anymore, but the alternative, University Guild Hall is totally unsuitable too difficult to get to, no bus route therefore Councillors have put forward a road off Metchley Lane instead as this is easier to get to.</p> <p>The chair said most likely a lot of people would not go out to vote if it was at the Guild Hall, so the turnout would be more dismal than usual.</p> <p>The chair handed out the AGM agenda and AGM leaflets for distribution</p> <p>Councillor Deidre Alden advised that the pedestrian facilities are coming as part of the cycling revolution. There will be a Consultation meeting on Saturday March 4th by the Mac Centre in Cannon Hill Park and there will also be one at the University between 2pm – 6pm with another one being in Selly Oak ward.</p> <p>Due to the Boundary commission and the change of wards they will be changing polling districts within the wards and taking opportunity to cut the number of polling districts from 12 to 7.</p> <p>Donna discussed the 5x5x5 forms for reporting off road bikes and handed them out to members.</p> <p>Linda asked if the times of the green collections could be altered.</p> <p>CLlr Alden explained that there are 20 green refuge collections per year and they have already extended it up until the end of November.</p> <p>David discussed monies being available for cameras.</p>	
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<p>8.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date and Time of AGM Monday 20th March 2017 Barsham Close Common Room. Commencing at 5.00 – 6.00pm</p>	