

Mirfield Housing Liaison Board

**Minutes of meeting held on
30 September 2015
At Common Room, Redditch House, B33 0AJ**

Present	Sheila Smith Inez Wilson-Holder Malcolm Meakin Peter Meakin	Member Member Member Member
In Attendance	Firoza Loonat Sandra Tarver	TPO Housing Officer
Apologies	Councillor Ian Ward Councillor John Cotton Councillor Marje Bridle Nik Blizzard Yvonne Blair Phil Grainger Subhas Patel Joan Fieldhouse Allan Middleton Carol Webberley Stacy Peter Foley	Housing Officer Housing Officer Local Housing Manager Police Member Chair Member Vice chair
Absent		

1	Welcome and Introductions In the absence of the chair and vice chair, Firoza Loonat chaired the meeting
2.	All were welcomed to the meeting Minutes of last meeting and Matters arising Minutes were agreed as accurate.
3	Invited Guests No attendance

4	No Councillor in attendance.
5	<p>Tenant Participation Officer Report</p> <p>FL read out a letter of resignation from Allan Middleton. FL advised that Peter Foley has also resigned as vice chair. The group would like to send a letter/card to be sent to both show their appreciation.</p> <p>Although there are 4 members present at this meeting only 50% are tenant and we need it to be 75% for it to be quorate.</p> <p>SS advised that Joan Fieldhouse still wants to be a member and receive the minutes.</p> <p>FL advised that the group needs to look at recruiting more member. 75% members present must be tenants to make decisions and the chair and vice chair positions have to be held by tenants.</p> <p>Because there is only 1 tenant present at the meeting no decisions can be made about projects. FL will ask the SSM if he can authorise them. FL gave the group various options with regard to the future.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruit more members, especially tenants. 2. Join Tile Cross forum, or go to a meeting to see if any of them would be interested in joining the HLB 3. Merge with Shard End HLB 4. Form a residents association but some current members would be outside the catchment area. <p>FL agreed to write a script that members could use to try and engage with other tenants and residents for the next meeting.</p> <p>The group agreed to hold meetings in October and November to check on progress and then they will look at the future. Members are keen to try and keep the Mirfield HLB running.</p> <p>Projects</p> <p>Gate for Bell Lane and Tile Cross shops, including the removal of the old cameras: £5034. To be passed top SSM for decision.</p> <p>The district committee agreed to fund the NOMAD cameras and HLB will contribute £1400 towards the ongoing warranty.</p> <p>Previous proposal to put a new door entry system into the low rise blocks on Chaynes or Culley Grove: This has been shelved as the work will now be done on a capital programme.</p> <p>A quote has been obtained to provide and fit metal hop top railing to the front of the low rise blocks in Culey Grove, £9240.</p> <p>Chaynes grove can be considered in next year's budget.</p>

	<p>East Quadrant in Bloom: Letters have been sent inviting resident to the award ceremony at Stechford cascades on 22/10/15 12.30pm-3pm FL asked members to confirm if they will be attending.</p> <p>It's your neighbourhood: Banbury House was entered into this award scheme. Looking for residents to join in and help to keep the gardens going. The award ceremony was held 29/9/15; it is run by the RHS. Banbury House achieved 3rd grade. Yorkswold were awarded 4th grade, Brandon Place, 4th grade Ambridge House 4th grade.</p> <p>Brochures were handed out about tenant involvement.</p>
6	<p>Housing Report</p> <p>Walkabouts – distributed to the members. Copies of the last walkabout were distributed to members and discussed.</p> <p>All Tile Cross blocks have now had their door entry systems upgraded and all blocks except Ledbury are operated by a fob.</p> <p>A structural survey has been commissioned for the shops and flats at Tile Cross Road and Bell Lane. Work should start 5/10/15</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>The group raised concerns about the annual visits. Complaints that residents are staying in all day and no one is attending. Concerns about the number of day's tenants have to have of work to allow access for repairs and inspection. ST advised it was a condition of tenancy that access is given , however the tenant can ask a friend or relative to be at most appointments, the tenant only has to be available for the annual visit.</p>
8	<p>Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 28 October 2015 From 7.00 – 9.00pm Redditch House common Room</p>