

Kings Norton HLB
Held at Melrose Close Sheltered Scheme, Kings Norton, B38

Thursday 27 October 2016

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Dean, Chair • Ron Lees, Vice Chair • Penny Oosthuizen • Betty Swann • Carl Manning • Anne Guise • Arron Blake-Knight • Paul Eccleshall • Julie Prentice 	
In Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadeen Justice, Tenant Participation Officer • Cllr Peter Griffiths • Cllr Seabright 	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Guise • Andy Slater • Marj Levy; West Mids Police • Lynne Bridgman, Place Manager • Gary Spoon WMD Rep for Melanie Checkley 	
1	Item	Action
1.1	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam welcomed all in attendance; apologies were received as above. A round the table introduction took place. 	
2	Item	
2.1	Minutes of Previous Meeting 28 September 2016 & Matters Arising	
2.2	Previous Minutes were agreed as true copy	
2.3	2.3 & 2.4 Nadeen informed the group that the fly tipping that was raised by Carl was investigated by Lynne's team; there were no evidence found. Lynne is happy to arrange a further site visit with Carl if required.	

2.4	Carl insisted that the issue is still outstanding. He expressed his disappointment as he felt that the issue has been ongoing for several months	
2.5	Nadeen asked him to email the office with a suitable time to meet on site	
2.6	Pam interjected and suggested that the next walkabout could be organised around the area of concern, it was agreed; ie., 9 November @ junction of Primrose Gardens	
2.7	3.4 Arron queried the rebranding of WMD	
2.8	Ron clarified	
2.9	3.6 Arron raised issue around Void Property; still unoccupied from 4 May; he added that this is a 3 bedroom property which is still sitting empty without action and this was unreasonable. Arron propose to raise this at CHLB	
2.10	Cllr Seabright queried whether the items that were raised under the estate walkabout whether they had been dealt with	
2.11	Ron confirmed that 90% were completed	
3	West Midlands Police (WMP) Wilmott Dixon (WMD)	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMD - Melanie Checkley - Apologies received • WMP - Marj Levy - Apologies 	
4	Item	
4.	Community Improvement Budgets	
4.1	Nadeen distributed a budget report to the group; their budget allocation ie. <u>£23,134.83</u> and the remaining budget of <u>£20,389.95</u> .	
4.2	Nadeen updated the group on 2 new quotes received as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dellow Close – installation of 1.2 metal trip rail : <u>£783.54</u> • Selcombe Way reinstate footpath : <u>£1,761.34</u> 	Nadeen
4.3	Group approved the quotes / work to be commissioned	
4.4	Nadeen explained that she has emailed the contract support officer to express concerns for the delay in receiving quotes	
4.5	Cllr Griffiths suggested that Nadeen send the email to Rob	Nadeen

4.6	James Arron reported on the meeting of 18 October; discussing the environmental budget. He felt that the meeting was long lengthy and wasteful. He did not agree with not being able to use HLB money for aesthetic purpose ie painting.	
4.7	Ron informed that the budget could accommodate doing floors but could not paint floors	
4.8	Cllr Griffiths that there are separate budgets to address certain improvement ie repair and maintenance etc	
4.9	Cllr Seabright asked about the drying area @ Thomson Avenue	
4.10	Cllr Griffiths to raise with Rob James	Cllr Griffiths
5	Item – Performance Update	
5.1	Apologies received from Lynne	
6	Item CHLB Feedback & Social media update	
6.1	Arron reported as follows:	
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHLB did not allow tweeting at the meeting which is a concern • Caps for benefits and the lack of promotion to the wider community was discussed • Rob James gave a good update on the housing situation • Carol Dawson did not attend the meeting – no update; a concern • Rob James was asked to send updates from his presentation and from Carol Dawson - still outstanding • Cllr Griffiths confirmed that HLB budgets can now be carried forward • Issue of walkabout raised ie 2 people to attend. 4 wards will be protesting about this decision. Performance Monitoring Group is not a decision making body for the entire city 	
7.1	Item Next HLB Walkabout	
7.2	Next Walkabout agreed to take place on 9 November @ junction of Primrose Gardens – mtg @ 10am	
7.3	Ron updated that he has completed the August Walkabout. Assessments have taken place with Gary Chalke and the area is	

	looking a lot better. Planters have been adopted and are being taken care of by residents.	
7.4	Pam confirmed that feedback for September has been returned to Nadeen	
7.5	Pam reported on overhanging bushes/brambles preventing access to scooters and prams. These were reported and actioned	
7.6	Vardon Way & Birdie Close - installation raised planters on paved area to the side of 4 Birdie Close Sheltered Scheme – club View – replanting of brick raised planter bed Side of 46 Hawkesley End – Installation of Gates	All agreed- 3 projects by group
7.7	Cllr Griffiths agreed to take back the issue of tweeting and to raise these issues with Rob James in order to obtain a response to Kings Norton's concerns; including constitutional issues that have already been raised previously; particularly the undemocratic way in which CHLB is operating.	Cllr Griffiths
7.8	The group discussed openness and transparency @ CHLB	
8	Item - Any Other Business	
8.1	Carol Dawson , review was discussed and disappointment expressed i.e., the group felt that this was a very important issue to be presented @ CHLB.	
8.2	The group discussed the constitution and the poor leadership of CHLB ie., the lack of transparency and control by one person	
8.3	Ron queried how many HLBs were not represented @ CHLB	
8.4	Arron confirmed 4	
8.5	Ron asked whether they could be contacted	
8.6	Carl discussed the fact that discussions have been taking place about CHLB for approximately 2 years but no improvements	
8.7	Cllr Griffiths suggested that the constitution should be revisited in order to decide on a way forward	
8.8	Arron agreed to draft a letter about social media and the lack of transparency with signature from the group and pass on to Cllr Griffiths for action	Arron
8.9	Meeting closed @ 7.30pm	

9	Date of next meeting	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 November 2016• Melrose Close Sheltered Scheme,• 6.00-7.30	