

# NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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## Minutes of Crime & Community Safety held at Blakenall Village Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006 at 7.00pm

### In Attendance

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Doug Gill         | Patch Representative 21/Theme Chair |
| Mick Taylor       | Patch Representative 4              |
| Ray Pritchard     | Patch Representative 10             |
| Jean Moore        | Patch Representative 2              |
| Charlie Robertson | Patch Representative 14             |
| Margaret Rowley   | Patch Representative 20             |
| Roy Jones         | Patch Representative 13             |
| Tom Perrett       | Chair – ND : NH                     |
| Ray Walters       | Patch Representative 22             |
| Mr Fern           | Resident – Millfield Avenue         |
| Vicky Hodson      | Patch Representative 1              |

### Officers

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| Insp. Mandy McPhee | Crime Theme Manager       |
| Victoria Westwood  | Interim Patch Worker      |
| Paul Capelin       | Interim Programme Manager |
| Diane Jones        | Theme Administrator       |

### Partners

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Abdul Meah               | Strategic Walsall Borough Partnership |
| Diana Thomas             | Walsall Domestic Violence Forum       |
| Chief Supt. Peter Monroe | W M Police                            |
| Tracey Bull              | WM Police Administrator               |
| Craig Smith              | WM Police                             |
| Cllr. Bill Tweddle       | Local Councillor                      |
| Cllr. Les Beeley         | Local Councillor                      |
| Cllr. Ian Robertson      | Local Councillor                      |
| Ch Insp..Sab Johal       | WM Police                             |

### 1. Apologies

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ann Pountain    | Victim Support                        |
| Jayne Read      | Senior Young Persons Liaison Worker   |
| Naz Kausar      | Youth Worker                          |
| Albert Hodgkins | Patch Representative 5                |
| Debbie Marshall | Patch Representative 12               |
| Brian Hall      | Strategic Walsall Borough Partnership |
| Alan Venables   | Patch Representative 17               |

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| Agenda Item |   | ACTION  |
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| 2.          | <p><b>Introductions</b><br/>                     DG welcomed everyone to the meeting asked them to introduce themselves as we had a resident from the area attending</p>  |   |
| 3.          | <p><b>Declaration</b><br/>                     LB declared an interest in Agenda No. 8 item 3.2</p>   |   |
| 4.          | <p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b><br/>                     These were accepted as a true record. Mick Taylor proposed and Charlie Robertson seconded.</p>   |   |
| 5.          | <p><b>Matters Arising</b><br/>                     RW asked about CCTV for Leamore Park. MMcP replied that the present equipment was unsuitable for use in the park. RW pointed out that £1,650 had been donated to ND from Friends of Leamore Park for CCTV, and what had happened to this money.</p> <p>DG asked about the Street Champions scheme and how it was progressing. AM had already recruited 12 people from the ND area and needed another 12 to implement the training programme. Although funding for this has recently been agreed the money had not yet been released. Also, in trailing the system AM had experienced difficulties in accessing services. He will update the theme with his progress at the next meeting.</p>   | <p><b>MMcP to investigate and report back</b></p> <p><b>AM to report back to theme on progress</b></p>        |
| 6.          | <p><b>Domestic Violence</b><br/>                     Domestic Violence has now been transferred from the Health Theme. DT – Operations Manager for DV gave the theme an overall picture of what DV meant and what resources are available to aid victims and the programmes available for offenders.</p> <p>An evaluation had been recently carried out which will be reported to the Health theme when areas of dispute are resolved. TP asked that the evaluation when available should be available to the Crime theme as well.</p> <p>PM told the theme that the Black Country area is one of the highest areas in the country for DV and that he is pleased that DV has now become part of this theme as it is a hidden crime. AM suggested that an article in the Chatter with contact numbers may be of value as Chatter is distributed to every household in the ND area. The theme</p> | <p><b>MMcP to liaise with HS when evaluation completed</b></p> <p><b>MMcP to liaise with Andy Bradley</b></p> |

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|     | accepted this idea.  |   |
| 7.  | <p><b>Wardens Report</b><br/>                 LB had provided a written update on activity. Motorbikes are still a problem on the towpath, especially at weekends. Wardens and Police are doing everything possible to resolve this problem. Children have been swimming in the local canal and the wardens are explaining the dangers to them. CR thanked the wardens for all their help and attendance at community events. VH said anti social behaviour at Smith and Thomas houses was a major problem with BBQ's most nights and drinking till late into the evening in the area around the flats.</p>  | <p><b>Police &amp; Wardens to keep closer eye on Smith &amp; Thomas houses</b></p>  |
| 8.  | <p><b>Police Report</b><br/>                 CS gave this report to the meeting and then answered several questions about it. An action arising from the discussion was that CS and IR will go together to River House to meet with the management committee.</p>  | <p><b>IR &amp; CS to have a meeting to discuss River House</b></p>                  |
| 9.  | <p><b>Theme Report – Update on Performance &amp; Projects<br/>                 Wardens (Les Beeley left the room for this item)</b><br/>                 MMcP introduced her report to the meeting. Following a discussion over the future of the warden service (which is funded until March 2007) questions were asked about the relative powers of accredited wardens and PCSO's. After a general discussion it was decided that no decision could be made until it was clear what Walsall Council intended to do about wardens and what is intended on WMP PCSO's.</p> <p>PM advised the theme that his Police OCU will be getting 10 PCSO's in November and he has yet to decide where to deploy them. However the ND area will definitely have 2 PCSO's attached to the Blakenall Beat Team.</p> <p><b>Block Grants</b><br/>                 It was decided that this would be adjourned until the next meeting.</p> | <p><b>MMcP to come back to theme when she knows more after the SWBP meeting</b></p> |
| 10. | <p><b>AOB</b><br/>                 There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9:10.</p> <p>The next meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006.</p>   |   |