

## NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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### Crime & Community Safety Meeting Minutes held at Blakenall Village Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

#### In Attendance

Alan Venables	Patch Representative 17
Vicky Hodson	Patch Representative 1
Jean Moore	Patch Representative 2
Charlie Robertson	Patch Representative 14
Mick Taylor	Patch Representative 4
John Jones	Patch Representative 3
Ray Walters	Patch Representative 22
Roy Jones	Patch Representative 13
Doug Gill	Patch Representative 21/Chair
Stan Lyons	Patch Representative 16
Bill Tweddle	WMBC
Abdul Meah	WBSP
Pauline Heffernan	RHCS
Sue Rawlings	RHCS

#### Officers

Insp. Mandy McPhee	Theme Manager
James Kelly	Interim Programme Manager

#### Partners

PC Simon Forscutt	School Links Police Officer
Insp. Gwyn Bevan	Insp. Community Safety Partnership
Kim Ody	Beat Team F.I.O.

#### 1. Apologies

Ann Pountain	Victim Support
Ian Robertson	Walsall MBC
Julia Olijnyk	Addaction
Albert Hodgkins	Patch Representative 5
Sgt. Craig Smith	WM Police
Cllr. Les Beeley	Wardens

Agenda Item		ACTION
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2.	<p><b>Introduction</b>                  DG welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>                  None were declared.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>                  The minutes were taken as read and accepted as a true record.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>                  There were no matters arising.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Early Impact on Crime Phase II</b>                  Sue Rawlings and Pauline Heffernan introduced their evaluation report. Following their appointment in January 2006 they had carried out desk research, held meeting with members of the theme group and 15 patch representatives and 12 key focal groups. Board observers, local councillors and 100 people involved in focus groups. 100 responses to a community questionnaire had been received.</p> <p>Their study covered how the project had worked to bring ND : NH in line with national crime averages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether as a result displacement to other areas had occurred.</li> <li>• police training.</li> <li>• neighbourhood policing.</li> <li>• Project management and delivery.</li> </ul> <p>Headline results included a fall in crime from a baseline of 155.8 crimes per 1000 population to 119, only 4% higher than the national average. However, burglary has gone down to 24% below the national average, which began at 48.7 above. Fear of Crime continues to persist and has not fallen as dramatically as it should have done, and is still 7% above the national average.</p> <p>There is some evidence of displacement, particularly of violent crime and criminal damage and drugs in Harden, but other categories of crime have not gone up.</p> <p>Training for Police Officers needs strengthening. Project Management and Delivery should be developed by more</p>	

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	<p>business planning and more information on what works now to be gained from monitoring delivery.</p> <p>The Value for Money of the project is evident, with the reductions in crime resulting in less expenditure by agencies as increased community satisfaction through the Ipsos Mori survey. The Fear of Crime figures are still cause for concern.</p> <p>In discussion John Jones mentioned that a contributing factor to ongoing Fear of Crime was the difficulty of getting through by phone to the police; Councillor Tweddle asked about staffing the Beat Team on public holidays as Vicky Hodson asked for more liaison between police and patch representatives. Kim Ody responded by asking people to use the 0845 number for non-urgent communications and 999 for emergencies and Many McPhee said that the evaluation recommendations would be taken on board, and she will aim to improve the service over the next few months.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Wardens Report</b>                  The report was received and noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Police Report Feb-March 2007</b>                  The report was received and noted. In addition PS Smith mentioned the Alcohol Banning Order, implementation of which has been delayed whilst legal issues are sorted out. He also drew attention to a good joint outcome with Community Wardens who had advised the police of a knife incident at the garages near the BiC, which had led to an arrest. Finally good cooperation from the community had led to arrest for drug offences, and he hoped the Police Press Officer would highlight this. Members commented that ChTatter could be used more, and also that Community Notice Boards will help display information.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Domestic Violence</b>                  Mandy McPhee gave a verbal update and explained that the Approvals Sub-Committee had agreed the new finance proposal, previously discussed at theme to reduce overall New Deal funding by £1100,000 because this amount could be met more appropriately from Community Safety Funding for the whole community. She would work with the Domestic Violence Team to develop a proposal their New Deal Funding could be</p>	

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	used for the further years of contribution to the Project	
10.	<p><b>Rapid Deployment Mobile CCTV</b></p> <p>Mandy McPhee gave a verbal update on implementation and said that members would see bracket bays put on lampposts for the 4 cameras, (3 New Deal, 1 Council). The cameras were being installed at the first locations on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April and will then be tested. Once the police are satisfied with their performance they will be used to monitor hot spots. Kim Ody asked theme members to encourage reporting of areas causing concern so there is a justification for the camera to be set-up to cover them.</p> <p>Councillor Tweddle enquired the whereabouts and health of 'Metal Mickey' and Mandy explained that the CCTV team are testing out the camera and obtaining a remote control box. It will then be deployed on a standard CCTV column in the refurbished Leamore Park.</p> <p>John Jones spoke of the need for a rapid response to CCTV evidence if the community is to be reassured on crime.</p>	
11.	<p><b>New Project: Walking Cowboy</b></p> <p>PC Simon Forscutt explained this project which he had seen in operation in Great Barr previously. It is an interactive theatre project to promote road safety for children aged 4 – 11 and would take place in all the primary schools in the footprint. It also, covers alternative methods of travel and other environmental messages. The cost would be £3,200. Members endorsed the project and felt that at 0.53p per person it was good value for money. It will go for internal appraisal.</p>	
12.	<p><b>New Project: Visible Pole Foot Patrol</b></p> <p>Mandy McPhee spoke about this project which aims to tackle the Fear of Crime by funding 2 police officers to patrol on foot 4 days over and above mainstream policing activity at a cost of £14,000 per quarter. Members asked detailed questions to ensure there was true additionality and it was agreed to send the project for appraisal.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Councillor Tweddle raised a question regarding the vandalised bus shelter near the BiC. This had been put in by New Deal at a cost of £8,500 and repair was estimated at £5,500. He</p>	

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	<p>questioned whether it should be moved, and this view was endorsed by John Jones. The Chair said he would pass this matter to the Housing and Environment theme with the views of the Crime theme.</p> <p>The problem, of children on bikes in Bloxwich High Street was raised, particularly when they had no lights at night. Kim Ody noted the issue. The Chair asked for better reflective armbands to be made available and Kim said she would investigate this.</p> <p>Inspector Bevan gave an update on the Community Safety Partnership and distributed copies of the 6 monthly Community Safety Bulletin. He pointed out recent successes in combating crime locally and across Walsall. He said he would aim to attend future meetings.</p> <p>Abdul Meah said updates are now electronically available, and the next one will be in June/July.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings.</b></p> <p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007</p>	