

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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Crime & Community Safety Meeting Minutes held at Blakenall Village Centre On 6th December 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mervyn Stonard	Patch Representative 7
Alan Venables	Patch Representative 17
Margaret Rowley	Patch Representative 20
Jean Moore	Patch Representative 2
Mick Taylor	Patch Representative 4
Charlie Robertson	Patch Representative 14
Cliff Webb	Patch Representative 18
Stan Lyons	Patch Representative 16
John Jones	Patch Representative 3
Vicky Hodson	Patch Representative 1
Ray Walters	Patch Representative 22
Debbie Marshall	Patch Representative 12
Roy Jones	Patch Representative 13

Officers

Paul Capelin	Programme Manager – Interim
Insp. Mandy McPhee	Crime Theme Manager
Jayne Reed	Senior Youth Worker
Claire Bissell	Administrator

Partners

Sgt. Craig Smith	Police Team
Denis Latham	Gypsy and Travellers Forum
Les Beeley	Warden Coordinator
Sheri Rogers	Walsall Domestic Violence
Kim Ody	WM Police
Claire Horsley	SWBP
Abdul Meah	WHRA

1. Apologies

Doug Gill
Albert Hodgkins
Cllr. B Tweddle
Cllr Ian Robertson
Ray Pritchard

Agenda Item		ACTION
2.	Declarations of Interest Les Beeley declared an interest for agenda item 8.	

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3.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Were accepted as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising Regarding point 6 LB reported that he had not been in contact with JJ regarding this. CS had contacted someone and LB had contacted the cemetery regarding the perimeter fencing.</p> <p>CR asked MM to report on AlertBox, MM reported that she was dealing with this and that it required more work.</p>	
5.	<p>Wardens Report LB delivered a detailed report, the main issues were as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-Social Behaviour during October - mainly during Halloween week. - Needles found in Foster Street and Green near Chapel Street. - Bridgewater is checked everyday to ensure it is secure. <p>With regards to needles, TP asked if there had been a reduction in drug users or if they were just shifting to other locations. LB said it may be due to the bad weather that less needles were been found.</p> <p>The issue was also raised that many needles found were unused because the needles come in large packs. It was suggested that this issue be discussed with needles exchanges, and also that drug users be given the chance to return dirty needles.</p>	
6.	<p>Police Report CS delivered a report from the police.</p> <p>In addition he reported that they had received positive feedback from Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>SL asked what was happening with the alcoholic drinks ban in Bloxwich. CS reported that there had been a hold up due to establishments having outdoor areas for drinking.</p> <p>JM asked if they knew anything about a firing of a gun in Millfields 6 weeks ago, CS said he did not and would look into this.</p>	
7.	<p>Domestic Violence Sherri Rogers delivered a verbal report.</p> <p>On 17th November they had a Target Action Planning Meeting to ensure stretch targets are met for domestic violence.</p>	

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	<p>There was increased attendance at the women's group in Blakenall.</p> <p>A drop in surgery is planned for the YPIC development along with training for young people.</p> <p>Information stickers have been distributed around pubs.</p> <p>Referrals from police have been low. Referrals have been received from social services.</p> <p>A balloon launch took place on 25th November for International Day Against Violence to Women.</p> <p>On Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, there is a car that provides support for victims.</p> <p>A pantomime was held at the town hall for victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>CW asked if they provided support for men. SR confirmed that they did.</p> <p>TP raised the issue that they received a lot of funding from New Deal and it was not all spent in the New Deal footprint area ie there was spillage. SR pointed out that the larger proportion of activity did take place within the New Deal area and that she was also seeking funding from elsewhere.</p>	
8.	<p>Wardens Post March 2007</p> <p>A decision regarding the wardens borough wide was anticipated from WHRA for the 15th December.</p> <p>It was suggested that they wait for a borough decision before making any decisions about the wardens.</p> <p>Other options suggested were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To take suggestion to mainstream to cabinet (suggested by CR)- For wardens to become employees of New Deal (suggested by CR) <p>The group decided to await the decision on 15th December before they progress with this issue.</p>	

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9.	Rapid Deployment CCTV System MMcP delivered a report on the proposed project. The group were informed of the technicalities and how the project would work. JM asked if this had been seen in operation, CH confirmed that it had, and that it had been effective. VH asked if more camera could be managed. MMcP reported that this would be possible once the systems are in place but does not believe they will be required. CR pointed out the cameras could be used to protect spend in project for Leamore Park, TP said this would be an operational decision. CR proposed the project be taken to approvals, seconded by AV. The group voted in favour.	
10.	Block Grant Discussion MM delivered information regarding this for the group for discussion. MMcP pointed out that they could not justify spending money on preventing burglary to the appraiser as this figure had gone down, whereas vehicle crime has increased. Therefore from an appraisers point of view it would be more appropriate to spend the money in this area. The main issues highlighted were the importance of vehicles in comparison to peoples homes, and the issue of personal responsibility with regards to vehicles. After lengthy discussion surrounding this topic it was decided that a decision would be made at the next theme meeting on 10th January 2007.	
11.	Performance Monitoring Review As it was late PC said he would write to the theme group to inform them of this.	
13.	Dates of Next Meetings Wednesday 10th January 2007 Wednesday 7 th February 2007 Wednesday 11 th April 2007 Wednesday 13 th June 2007 Wednesday 8 th August 2007	

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