

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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Crime & Community Safety Minutes held at Blakenall Village Centre On 7th February 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance

Jean Moore	Patch Representative 2
Vicky Hodson	Patch Representative 1
Joshua Dunn	Youth Council
Albert Hodgkins	Patch Representative 5
Ray Pritchard	Patch Representative 10
Mick Taylor	Patch Representative 4
Pauline Heffernan	RHCS
Sue Rawlings	RHCS
Doug Gill	Patch Representative 21/Theme Chair
Cllr. Bill Tweddle	WMBC
Les Beeley	Neighbourhood Wardens Coordinator
Charlie Robertson	Patch Representative 14
Ray Walters	Patch Representative 22
Cllr. Ian Robertson	WMBC
Roy Jones	Patch Representative 13
John Jones	Patch Representative 3

Officers

Insp. Mandy McPhee	Theme Manager
James Kelly	Programme Manager – Interim
Diane Jones	Theme Administrator

Partners

Julia Olijnyk	Addaction
PS Craig Smith	WM Police

1. Apologies

Mervyn Stonard, Alan Venables, Victoria Westwood, PC Simon Forscutt

Agenda Item		ACTION
2.	Introduction DG thanked everyone for attending and congratulated RJ on becoming Vice Chair of the theme. He asked everyone to introduce themselves round the table.	
3.	Declarations None.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	

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	The minutes were accepted as a true record. Albert Hodgkins proposed and Les Beeley seconded.	
5.	Matters Arising None.	
6.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>The report was accepted as it had already been sent out with the papers. CS added that there had been a meeting with the security manager at Thomas and Smith House and better understanding of evidence gathering and when to call the police and when not to had been achieved. The Wardens now have fobs for entry to both blocks of flats and they and the PCSO patrol regularly. Arrests had been made for drug possession and stolen property.</p> <p>VH mentioned that it had gone quieter now that there was more police activity in the area. Mick Morris had given a talk to residents from the area which had been received very well and residents now felt more confident.</p> <p>RJ asked how the PCSO's were settling in and CS told the meeting that they settled in well and were at present doing a lot of work at Thomas and Smith Houses and also in Mallory Crescent.</p> <p>An article would be going in the Chatter about the PCSO's and they would also be contacting Board Members to arrange visits to see them and explain more about their work.</p> <p>LB and the PCSO's will be having a meeting early next week to work out plan for wardens and PCSO's jointly working in conjunction with each other.</p>	
7.	<p>Wardens Report</p> <p>As the report had been sent out with papers, LB asked if there were any questions from the report. There were none. He said that large quantities of needles had been discovered in Field Close and the wardens were working with the various agencies to get them cleared and disposed of as soon as possible.</p> <p>JO passed on the information that staff from Addaction had visited pharmacies to update them and inform them on how to return needles. This work was still ongoing.</p>	
8.	<p>Domestic Violence</p> <p>Sheri Rogers was unable to attend at the last minute so this item will be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	

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<p>9.</p>	<p>CCTV The contract has now been sent and the cameras should be in place by the end of February. The cameras will be placed in the most appropriate areas needed, this will be decided by a steering group.</p> <p>JJ asked if camera evidence could be used in courts. CS replied that camera evidence is legal and images and real time recording are permissible in court.</p> <p>AH asked about the range which is approximately 150 yards.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business DG introduced Pauline and Sue, RHCS evaluators for the Evaluation of Crime Impact Phase II. They handed out a brief report of their progress so far, which is still in the early stages.</p> <p>They presented a questionnaire to the meeting which is going to be placed in various locations in the footprint so that they can get a broader view on crime from residents' views. They would like to meet with as many Board Members as possible to explain what the evaluation is about and to ask the members' opinions on crime. They are also doing research in other NDC areas to see if the crime problems are the same and what is being done about them.</p> <p>The Board Members present were asked if they minded if their contact details could be made available to RHCS, there were no objections.</p> <p>DG had sent a letter of thanks to Tracey and she had replied with her thanks.</p> <p>Domestic Violence. A variation to be put forward to extend project for a further 2 years at no extra cost. This was agreed by the group. MMcP to take variation report to March Approvals meeting.</p>	<p>MMcP to action</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Dates of Future Meetings Thursday 5th April 2007 Wednesday 13th June 2007 Wednesday 8th August 2007 Wednesday 10th October 2007 Wednesday 12th December 2007</p>	