

## NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

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### Minutes of a Housing and Environment Theme meeting held at the Blakenall Village Centre on the 11th April 2007 at 7.00pm

#### In attendance

- Alan Venables - Chair/ Patch 17 Representative
- Roy Jones - Vice Chair/ Patch 13 Representative
- Stan Lyons - Patch 16 Representative
- Charlie Robertson - Patch 14 Representative
- Mick Taylor - Patch 4 Representative
- Cliff Webb - Patch 18 Representative
- Margaret Rowley - Patch 20 Representative
- Vicky Hodson - Patch 1 Representative
- Jean Moore - Patch 2 Representative
- Doug Gill - Patch 21 Representative

#### Officers

- Steve Pooni - Housing and Environment Theme Manager
- James Kelly - Interim Programme Manager
- Claire Bissell - Administrator

#### Partners

- Julia Morris - Groundwork
- Ian Robertson - Walsall MBC

#### 1. Apologies

- Maxine Turley - Walsall MBC
- Steve Lewis - Walsall MBC

Agenda item		Action
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b>  Any matters arising that needed to be answered by the council officers who were not present would be recorded and passed onto the relevant officers and reported back to the group.  The following questions were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What is been done about the disabled access at Woodhall House?</li><li>- When will the uneven granite sets be replaced in Bloxwich Market?</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What has been done about the issue at Dolphin Close raised at the last meeting?</li> <li>- Who is responsible for the maintenance of the bus stop in Blakenall? - the group were informed that Centro had not registered this bus stop but that they were now aware of it and they would become responsible for maintenance. However a formal response from Maxine Turley is required to clarify the situation on this.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Update of Approved Projects</b></p> <p><b><u>Blakenall Phase II, Leamore Centre and Small Shops Parade.</u></b>                  The group were presented with written report. Any questions raised from this report should be recorded and passed onto Maxine Turley for her response.</p> <p>It was reported that the indemnity agreements for the small shops project had now been sent out and they were waiting for them to be returned, after which they would be able to go to tender. If not all the landlords accept the agreements then this will be re-assessed.</p> <p><b><u>Bloxwich Centre Arts Project</u></b>                  It was reported that this project is progressing well and that the art features are likely to be installed in May. There will be another meeting of the group on 12th April 2007.</p> <p><b><u>BLEAP</u></b>                  A written report was presented for this project. Any questions raised from this report should be recorded and passed onto Jo Nugent for her response.</p> <p>The intended works for Abbots Place are still outstanding. DG informed the group that he had spoken to WHG and they confirmed that none of the residents had received eviction notices but Notices of Intent to seek possession. DG informed the group that WHG had said that they may be able to fund some work for Abbots place.</p> <p>SP to speak to Louise Biffin regarding potential funding for Abbots Place.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Homebuy Update</b>                  SP reported that the second phase for the marketing for this has gone out. As a result of this there have been 30 enquiries and 26 application packs have been sent out, the deadline for these to be</p>	

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	<p>returned by is 12/04/07. A report will be presented to the next board meeting.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Living Streets Masterplan</b>                  SP inofrmed the group that Walsall MBC are finalising the Living Streets Master plan which it is hoped will be ready by the end of June 2007.</p> <p>SP informed the group that the council have secured £500,000 from the Regional Housing Board fro this project.</p> <p>CR expressed concern that there had been no community involvement in this project. Sp informed the group that WMBC bringing it to Theme is the commencement of the consultation process similar to how the local centre and small shops projects were developed by the group.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Road Sweeper</b>                  Tim Wakelin was not present at the meeting to discuss the Road sweeper. SP was able to explain that the New Deal road sweeper had been used in Walsall Market as there was a health and safety emergency and the nearest road sweeper had been dispatched to deal with that.</p> <p>SP was unable to answer any of the groups questions regarding the road sweeper and it was decided that a special meeting of the Housing and Environment Theme Group should be called with Tim Wakelin to discuss the road sweeper specifically.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><u>BVC Car Parking</u>                  JK informed the group that the following measures were to be taken to tackle the parking problem at the BVC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisory White Lines</li> <li>- Increased Parking</li> <li>- New computerised WHG van system (which will result in vans not having to come to the BVC).</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>                  Thursday 7th June 2007 at 7.00pm at Blakenall Village Centre</p>	