

## FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD LOCAL BOARD

**Tuesday 15 July 2008 at 5.30 pm**  
**Walkers Road Tenants Hall, 34 Walkers Road,**  
**Hollinwood OL8 3QL**

**Members Present:**

Gloria Gyves, Muriel Snell; Phillip Holley; Stuart Beard; Anthony Spelman; Aileen Bell  
 Glenys Butterworth; David Tunnacliffe

**FCHO Officers Present:**

Elaine Morgan; Lisa Brown

**Meeting Convened At:**

Gloria Gyves took the Chair and convened the meeting at 5.35pm

**Item 1 – Welcome, Introduction and Apologies:**

Aileen Bell advised that she sent her apologies for the last meeting but they were not recorded.

Gloria Gyves welcomed David Tunnacliffe to the board as an independent member.

**Members Absent:**

None

**Item 2 - Declaration of Interests:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Item 3 - Items of Urgent Business:**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>4. Approval of Minutes and Recommendations from last meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2008 and Matters Arising</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To approve the minutes and recommendations from the last meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2008 and discuss matters arising.
<b>Recommendations</b>	To approve the minutes and recommendations from the last meeting and discuss matters arising.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	<p>Item 5 from the last meeting regarding the pathways on Cattlin Way and Brennan Court. It was advised that there is still no change to the pathways despite promises of works being carried out. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Tony Noblet from Highways would again be asked to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Elaine Morgan responded to a previous question put forward by Cynthia Mangini regarding gating to the properties on Clifton Villas. Elaine Morgan advised that there is currently no funding from FCHO to support this request but other funding streams such as the Community Safety Unit would be looked into.</p> <p>Phil Holley advised that the street sign for Walkers Rd has been ordered and the group were advised that it could take up to 6 weeks.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>The minutes were AGREED as a true and accurate record</b>

**Item 5 – Public Questions:**

<b>Name (Where Known)</b>	Betty Knott, 5 Bland Close
<b>Question</b>	A request was made for the parking situation to be addressed on Bland Close as current resident parking is causing disruption and preventing Refuse from being able to collect bins.
<b>Response</b>	<b>It was agreed that this matter would be addressed with Tony Noblet from Highways.</b>

<b>Name (Where Known)</b>	Betty Knott – 5 Bland Close
<b>Question</b>	It was reported that there is a problem with overgrown bushes on Oldham/Manchester Rd near Bland Close. Residents in the area are required to walk on the main road to bypass the bushes.
<b>Response</b>	<b>Aileen Bell advised that she would chase this issue with Highways.</b>

<b>Name (Where Known)</b>	Betty Knott 5 Bland Close
<b>Question</b>	A request has been made for a street sign to advise that Bland Close is a cul-de-sac. This is due to a continuous stream of cars coming into the close and having to turn around.
<b>Response</b>	<b>Aileen Bell advised that she would also chase this issue up. A further discussion took place regarding plots of land available for re-development in the area. Elaine Morgan and Mike Beaman advised Aileen Bell of some further plots of land around the area that could possibly be used for development. It was agreed that Lisa Brown would provide members of the Board with maps of the area.</b>

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>6. PFI Sheltered Housing Project</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide the Board with an update of Housing 21 activities in Oldham and provide the Board with a summary of the refurbishment programme in respect of Failsworth & Hollinwood.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Board are requested to note the content of this report.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	<p>Stuart Beard advised the group that there had been a number of problems with his move and complained that there had been damp in his temporary property. A further issue was raised regarding heating and electricity charges for moving residents and an issue with the removal companies.</p> <p>Aileen Bell and Glenys Butterworth advised that they had also had a number of complaints regarding individual moves. Mike Beaman advised that he would contact the Councillors to get more information</p> <p>Elaine Morgan enquired if there was a satisfaction survey provided for each tenant at the end of his or her move. Mike Beaman advised that there was an annual satisfaction form but they were currently looking into a better system.</p> <p>A question was raised around compensation and disturbance</p>

	<p>allowances. Mike Beaman advised that there was no compensation in place due to there being no cost to the tenant.</p> <p>Phil Holley enquired if the gating issue around the properties on Medway Close has been resolved. Mike Beaman advised that plans for fencing have been discussed.</p> <p>Elaine Morgan asked if there were regular contract meetings taking place with Bullocks. Mike Beaman advised that meetings do take place he did not however attend them personally.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	<p><b>It was Agreed by the Board that a meeting should take place with H21 tenants and Bullocks but this must be arranged and facilitated by H21 not FCHO.</b></p> <p><b>Mike Beaman agreed to provide further updates at future meetings if required.</b></p>

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>7. Estate Budgets</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To inform members about the way in which the localised estate budget spend will work including reporting to Local Boards. It includes details of the allocation and schemes for 2007-8 as well as this year's budget.
<b>Recommendations</b>	It is recommended that members note the contents of this report and provide any comments where necessary and relevant.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	A discussion took place around quotes for work and it was felt that quotes would always be made higher if the companies are aware the works are to be carried out by the council.
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>It was Agreed that an exercise would be undertaken to get quotes for certain jobs without advising they are for FCHO if possible.</b>

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>8. Feedback from Informal Walkabout</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To update members on the Formal and Informal Walkabout.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Board is recommended to note the contents of this report.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	David Tunnacliffe asked Lisa Brown to chase the issue of 'no balls' signage on Jenny Street as stated in the Informal Reports for Hollinwood.
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Lisa Brown to chase signage issue with Martyn Clarke</b>

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>9. Feedback from Combating Crime and Beatsweep</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Verbal update by Elaine Morgan
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Board are asked to note the contents of the report.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	<p>Elaine Morgan advised members of the background to the "Combating Crime" and "Beatsweep" events. Elaine Morgan advised the group that both events had been a great success and it was hoped that the "combating crime" event would take place in other areas around the borough. A true reflection of the events will be in the hopeful reduction of reported youth crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.</p> <p>Tony Spelman advised the group that he is currently involved in an intergenerational project with Help The Aged and Failsforth school.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>It was agreed that further updates would be provided at future meetings.</b>

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>10. Standing Items (a) Items for Future Meetings and Forward Planning</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Board members are invited to suggest possible items for future meetings.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Board is recommended to note and discuss the contents of the forward planning timetable and suggest possible items for future meetings.
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	<p>A request was made for Street Scene and a member from caretaking to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>Tony Noblet to be invited to the next meeting. If Tony is unable to attend the group have requested a deputy.</p> <p>A request was made for Jayne Winterbottom to attend the meeting for an update in October.</p> <p>Aileen Bell enquired if we should invite a Traffic Warden or a member of the Police to discuss parking issues around the area.</p> <p>More information was requested regarding the local KIN meetings run by the police. Lisa Brown agreed to provide information if possible.</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>11. Any other business (a) Chair's Business</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	<p>Gloria Gyves asked Glenys Butterworth if a decision has been made regarding the hanging baskets on Propps Hall Drive. Glenys Butterworth advised that she was now looking towards having them installed in time for winter planting.</p> <p>Aileen Bell enquired about the Housing Officer replacement in Failsworth. Elaine Morgan advised that there would be a part time replacement employed. Elaine Morgan advised that the position would be part time as rents are due to be centralised and the new officer would not need to deal with them</p>
<b>Resolution</b>	

<b>Item Number/Title</b>	<b>11. Any other business (b) Feedback from Main Board</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<b>Relevant Debate</b>	Gloria Gyves informed members of the FCHO AGM on the 10 <sup>th</sup> September and also advised that there will be a customer conference for the Options Appraisal process on the 8 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Resolution</b>	

**Item 13 - Next Meeting Date:**

Tuesday 16 September 2008 at 5.30pm

Venue: Ridgefield Street Community Centre, Ridgefield Street, Failsworth.

**Meeting Closed At:**

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.00pm

**Apologies to:** Corporate Support Team

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