

**MEDINA HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING GROUP**

**10:00AM 15 DECEMBER 2009  
PARK COURT, COWES**

**MINUTES**

<b>Present:</b>	Alison Bache	(AB)	Sandra Singleton - MINUTES	(SS)
	Dave Bull	(DB)	Emma Stout	(ES)
	Geoff Scott	(GS)	Zoe Wilmot-Amies	(ZW)
<b>Guests:</b>	VHA - Isabel Cates	(IC)	VHA - Linda Purkis	(LP)
	T.C.C. - Alan Crawford	(AC)	PC Steve Oatley	(SO)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr George Brown	(GB)	PCSO Derek Howard	(DH)
	PC Dave Cooper	(DC)	Play Rng - Carly Keenen	(CK)
	Srgt Julie Cox	(JCx)	ENO - Gill Mulcahy	(GM)
	SWHA - Julia Curtis	(JCu)	Sarah Teague - Family Learning	(ST)
	ENO - Jacqui Darby	(JD)	Cllr Margaret Webster	(MWb)
	Cllr Edward Giles	(EG)	Maria Wilkinson	(MWk)

**1. & 2. Introductions, Welcome & Apologies**

DB opened the meeting by thanking all for attending and welcoming new attendees.

Apologies were received.

Introductions were made by all attendees.

**3. Minutes & Matters Arising**

The minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the matters arising would be addressed through the Agenda items:-

The minutes were then passed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Quarterly Neighbourhood Report**

The group viewed a part completed Report. DB advised that by the next meeting he was confident that all I.T. data issues would have been resolved.

All comments were recorded and can be viewed separately under the Quarterly Neighbourhood Report for Cowes & East Cowes. Comments and updates are shown in blue on the report.

**Agenda Items 7 and 8** were also covered in the relevant sections of the Quarterly Neighbourhood Report.

SS advised the group that the Quarterly Neighbourhood Report would form the Agenda for the meetings in 2010 and that no separate Agenda would be sent.

## 5. **Audit Scoring - Update**

DB handed around copies of the new and approved Audit Scoring sheets and explained how the percentage results would be achieved through the collation and marking of Walkabout information. DB also explained the traffic light system that will be adopted. DB continued that any area which fell into the Red section would be escalated to form part of the intended Action Plan for that Neighbourhood in 2011.

When questioned, LP explained to the group that VHA held a smaller amount of stock which was inspected every week. There was an expected standard level that is imposed by VHA on its' tenants, so an audit scoring system was not necessary.

## 6. & 9. **Partnership Sharing – Current Issues & Future Initiatives**

SO advised the group that a recent street mapping exercise had been completed in Gurnard. There had been 10 beat surgeries held over the year and only 2 residents had attended, so a survey was needed to ascertain residents' areas of concern. This quite quiet and low crime rate area had produced the top 3 action points of parking, speeding and dog fouling.

SO continued that a street mapping exercise had also happened in Wroxall Close and the top issue of concern was the dangerous pathway between Venner Avenue and The Horseshoe Pub being uneven and not well-lit. SO had passed this onto JD who was already in contact with the Council. An overgrown lamp post had already been brought to the Council's attention.

**Action point:** *ES commented that she would be contacting JCx to complete a joint street mapping exercise in Whippingham.*

SO told the group that a name and shame culture in Love Lane had led to the successful identification and discovery of a drug supplier.

Discussion followed between SO and ES on the personal vendetta being carried out against one tenant whose garage in Horseshoe Close is continual vandalised. MHA does not have any current plans or agreement to put up any extra lighting or CCTV in that area. SO confirmed that the tenant has his own CCTV camera up at his property and that the gentleman in question is known for his antagonistic behaviour which makes him a target. The police have spoken with the tenant to try to raise his awareness of his actions.

The Northwood Village website has had a drug warning posting on it and JCx had attended the Parish meeting to warn about posting this type of detrimental information. JCx advised the Parish meeting that any potential new tenants can be deterred from wanting to move into the area. SO also commented that the site had been closed down a short while ago due to contentious material being shown on it. The site was now being closely monitored by the Police.

## 10. **Any Other Business**

DB told the group that a wash up meeting to present back the findings from the Mini Neighbourhood Events, was scheduled for 21 January 2010. It would be held in the Boardroom at Lugely House between 14:00 p.m. to 15:00 p.m. Any Partners that had attended the events had already been sent system generated invitations. DB would be able to present these findings back to the group at the April meeting.

The TSA, which was now the Housing Associations' Regulatory body, had issued out a brochure containing a new directive to introduce National Service Standards.

DB shared his concern that this may cause some re-assessment work to be completed against MHA's existing Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs). However DB added that the NAPs did take consultation down to street level, whereas the TSA operated at a higher more general area level.

LP advised the group that VHA would shortly be purchasing some of the Whippingham Development properties and LP would like to share any of MHAs' concerns and experiences of ASB issues. ES commented that Sure Start will be setting up shortly in Osborne Middle School and that the school was hoping to develop into the main Community Centre.

**Action point:** *ES and IC to contact each other and liaise directly over the Whippingham properties.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:50 a.m.

**Next Meeting(s)**

T.B.A. April	Park Court, Communal Lounge, Cowes.	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
28 April	Coburg Court, Sun Lounge, East Cowes	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon