Minutes of Blindwells Tenants & Residents Association (BRTA)- 26/02/2025 at 1830 hrs
Hargreaves Community Hub

Present: A McLaughlan (AM), S Lamont (SL), M Muir (MM), L Mitchell (LM), M Smith (MS)

Apologies: A Mulholland, K Dobson and L. Petrie

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and three new members, K Setchell (KS), G Riding (GR), C Craig (CC) were proposed by M Muir to join the committee and seconded by L Mitchell. All new committee members were happy that their contact details are made available for the rest of the committee

1. Discussion with all regarding existing factoring services provided to Blindwells area- AM intimated that there was a new contact within Ross & Liddell (R&L) and they were just in post so required a short period of time to settle into their new job
2. MM requested that the factors tendering process be made available. CC intimated the standard of grass maintenance was very poor in Persimmon area, those in Bellway areas agreed with this comment
3. MS had a meeting with Hargreaves Surveyor and walked around the available sites at Bellways. The following was discussed:
    i. Emptying of refuse bins- Hargreaves; MS suggested that this to be fortnightly year-round due to the large number of pet owners in the development using them
    ii. There are no litter bins in the Persimmon areas, and only one at the trim trail near Hoprig Avenue adjacent to the railway line
    iii. School opening date is planned for August 2025
    iv. Drains are meant to be cleaned quarterly- this is not happening at the moment
    v. Salt bins- some are full of water, and debris, or plant foliage
    vi. Waterworks on Prince's Way for the school water supply and future developments should be finished for the school opening date mentioned above
    vii. Post Box was stated by Hargreaves to be installed soon at the crossing on Prince's Way opposite side to the litter bin location
    viii. Park between Bellway & Persimmon homes was stated to be temporary, with a move to it being relocated to the compound used presently by Persimmon
    ix. Town Centre proposals are being put before the planning committee April/May 2025
    x. A store is still proposed to the rear of the Hargreaves Community Hub- approximately 5000 ft^2 – Stores looking to locate here will sign up prior to any building taking place so they are tied in to this location
    xi. The Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) is to be cleared of litter and any other items blown in by the wind
    xii. Places for People are now on site on Plot 4A
    xiii. Avant Homes have commenced works on Plot 5
    xiv. Plot 6 is under offer to Bellway- start later this year
    xv. Walkway to the rear of Greendykes Way (cinder path behind the Heras fencing) and towards the A1 will be made available when there is no longer any building work being done in Persimmon & Phase 2 Bellway
4. There was a need for two committee members to join the Area Partnership- MM and SL were proposed by LM and seconded by MS. They will attend the Area Partnership meetings and report back to the BRTA

5. MM and SL discussed the imminent Bus service Route 26 change adding that the lack of proper transport is not safe for everyone locally, and felt communicating with Councillors, and MSP Paul McLennan to air our concerns would be of benefit- MS & AL to meet MSP via Teams in March
6. The speed of traffic in the development at certain times is excessive- managers are to be contacted via e-mail requesting the indicated speed limits are followed- this is to be passed onto all contractors, sub-contractors, and employees
7. Future events:
    i. Open night tenants & residents at the Community Hub- afternoon and evening slots suggested, with a view of showing existing and future developments via sets of plans
    ii. All developers building in Blindwells should be represented
8. AM voiced that there is a massive amount of work needed to be undertaken by the committee and that this should be shared equally - all agreed.

Meeting closed at approximately 2030 hrs.
Date of next meeting 25/3/2025