

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2022

Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, LE4 1DS.

Present:

Councillor Westley (Chair)

Councillor Rae Bhatia

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS	Councillor Westley as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and led on introductions. Apologies were received from Councillor Dempster. Councillor Westley declared that he was a member of the Police and Crime Panel.
2.	ACTION LOG	The Action Log of the previous meeting held 21 July 2021 was confirmed as a correct record.
3.	COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK	Beaumont Leys Ward Councillors gave the following update; Councillor Rae Bhatia: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Councillors were planning to recommence patch walks to get out in the community and connect with residents.• The bus stop on Tilling Road, had been moved forward for a safer pick up and drop off for bus users.• All bus stops around the ward were being replaced.• Beaumont Park Football Club – Councillor Bhatia updated the meeting, that he had asked a question at the Council meeting on 7th July to ask for support with the issues. In response to the question asked, The Deputy City Mayor Councillor Clarke responded that the issues that were raised and noted that it had been raised with Highways. They visited the location on 4th June but there were no cars which required a penalty notice at the time. He felt that there were unlikely to be any issues until the new academic year and it could be considered in more detail at that point, in consultation with Councillor Rae Bhatia.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement requests for a zebra crossing on Beaumont and Krefeld Way. • A Duck crossing at Thurcaston park had been confirmed to be actioned in early August. • Speeding dirt bikes on Castle Hill Country Park were still a continued problem and residents were encouraged to report ASB related to the bikes to 101. • The new bus lane on Groby Road had opened on Wednesday 20th July, extending the 30mph zone for the length of the bus lane. <p>Councillor Westley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester was running out of land to meet housing build targets and keep green spaces. • Support had been asked for from the County to taking commitments to build more social housing. • Leicester currently had a 1,500 social housing manifest and more was needed. <p>There had been an update at the last Housing Scrutiny, which considered the case for the introduction of Discretionary Licensing within Leicester, to encourage private landlords to join a scheme to support suitable rental accommodation throughout the city. The scheme would be monitored by the Council and give them the power to introduce, in a given area, licensing for all tenures in the Private Rented Sector. Pilots had been suggested for Fosse, Woodgate, Stoneygate and Castle ward.</p>
4.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Insp Michelle Zakoscielny and Sgt Wayne Chapman were present and gave an update on Police issues in the ward. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall update was given on staffing at Beaumont Leys Station. Pete Foal had recently retired, Adam Woolman had now left. The current beat was made up of 4 constables and 6 PCSO'S. • There had been issues of antisocial behaviour at Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre. The six main perpetrators had been spoken to. • Motorbikes were an ongoing issue across the county. Officers were limited in resources but were receiving intelligence. Drone's had been used in the previous weeks which had identified a bike of interest in a garden. • Over the last three months there had been 657 crimes versus 662 the same three month period in 2021. • Motor vehicle crime had decreased.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been four knife crimes, but only two incidents had a knife identified. However as a knife had been reported initially it had to be recorded as such. There were seven knife crimes reported in the previous year. One person had been charged with robbery and being in possession of a knife. <p>Councillor's raised concerns about the level of knife crime and asked the officers if it was possible to get a quarterly report on the crime statistics for the Ward. Officers advised the data was available on the Leicestershire Police website and crime in the area could be searched via postcode.</p>
5.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Rupert Bedder – Highways Network Asset Manager was present at the meeting and provided an update on actions from the previous meeting and a general Highways update of works taking place. The following was noted.</p> <p>Update on actions from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pothole repairs had been completed on Cornwallis Avenue. Highways inspectors had been completing checks on estate roads every 6 months. <p>Highways update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing issues on Ashton Green Road, worst elements were between Greengate Lane and Deacon Road. The budget had already been committed for the forthcoming year. Development had been held back, to combine works for minimum disruption. • Meetings had been held every six months with the City Mayor to improve the ongoing issues at Beaumont Football Club. Officers had been out previously and would attend again once the new football season had commenced. • LEW (Local Environment Works) had been completed on the junction with Bennion Road with Knights Road for traffic calming measures. • Road humps were to be added on Strasbourg Drive, near to Buswells Lodge Primary School in October Half Term. • Calver Hey Road area had implemented a 20mph zone between Heacham Drive and Anstey Lane. • Santander Electric Bike docking station was now at Glenfield Hospital.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph zone came into place at Glebelands School on 21st February 2022. • Replacement bus shelters were to be fitted in the Ward from August. <p>Residents and Councillors concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One way traffic experiment on Lomond Crescent, had not been adhered to and traffic had been driving on the wrong side of the road and not taking notice of the signage. The highways officer advised that temporary barriers could be put into place whilst the consultation was still ongoing. • The speedbumps on Ashton Green Road were damaging suspension. • Temporary bike lanes on Beaumont Leys Lane had narrowed the road and weren't being used. • Residents reported parking issues at Beaumont Lodge Car Park, Astill Lodge Road. Mr Bedder advised he would find out the correct contact as this wasn't a Highways matter.
6.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Mandy Smith, District Housing Manager gave an update on housing matters across the ward which included the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the start of the pandemic housing officers had been working from home. They had recently gone back into the office and will be available to speak to in Beaumont Leys Library on Tuesday's and Thursday's. • It had been currently taking 108 days to turn around properties. • The repairs team had been facing issues to complete in a timely manner due to struggling to recruit new staff. • This year had seen 29 cases of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Ward. ASB monitoring was to be moved to a separate team with recruiting due to begin at the end of August. This would allow housing officers more time for welfare support with tenants. • CRASBU team worked together to monitor ASB with Beaumont Leys and Mansfield House Police Stations. • From 2nd August housing repairs could be reported and tracked online at https://housingportal.leicester.gov.uk/ords/houlive_selfserv/f?p=13000:101:

7.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Kelly James, City Warden informed the meeting that she would be taking over from Charlotte Glover and would be looking after Beaumont Leys Ward. (please see her contact details attached.)</p> <p>An update on issues in the ward was given. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose dogs had been sighted on Amadis Road. Residents were urged to contact the dog wardens if sighted. • Fly tipping issues – due to lack of evidence the City Wardens had been unable to take further action. • Residents were encouraged to use the Love Leicester App. https://love.leicester.gov.uk/reports/home
8.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>The Ward Community Engagement Officer provided an update on the Ward Community Budget.</p> <p>It was noted that since the last meeting the following applications had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heathley Park Residents Association. £200.00 towards annual summer event. • Pieces of Heaven. £490.00 towards memorial garden. • Little Tykes Playgroup. £500.00 towards room hire at Tudor Centre. • Money had been set aside for table tennis equipment on Upper Temple Walk. <p>The remaining balance in the community budget was noted as being £9000.</p> <p>Councillors noted that the 2020 budget had been used for tangible assets to support the community. This included three defibrillator's at Heathley Park, Heatherbrook Primary School and Barley Croft Primary School. Free training was available for residents in the area and there was funding for three more, with support from Sport England. They were registered on the NHS App and ambulance crews were able to give residents the code for them, if they were required to be used.</p>
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>A resident updated the meeting that the community space inside Tesco, Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre had reopened.</p>

		<p>It was also noted that there were two defibrillator's in the shopping centre, one located inside Tesco and one in the Mall.</p> <p>There had been a lot of abandoned shopping trolleys within the Ward and residents were urged to report them via the trolley wise website or app.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 08:03pm.</p>
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Minute Item 7



Meet your new City Warden,
Kelly James

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These are the main issues that the
City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes
 - Work within schools

Enforcement work on the following
issues:

- Littering
- Dog Control – Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dog exclusion zones
 - Bins on the Street (Domestic and Commercial)
- Free Distribution of Printed Material
 - Fly-Posting
 - Small Scale Fly-Tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for Sale on the road
- Repairing Vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents
 - Street Litter Control Notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Untidy Alleys and Gardens

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Fly-Tipping

Fly Tipping is a consistent issue in the area. I am currently carrying out investigations in to this fly tip on Heard Walk. Evidence was obtained so further action will be taken.



Untidy Gardens

I have had several reports of untidy/overgrown gardens. This front garden on Portmore Close is currently under a notice to clear the waste and cut back the overgrowth.



Vehicles for sale/repairs

I have been monitoring Stokes Drive, Benskins Oval & Calder Road after receiving reports of cars sales and repairs being carried out on the public highway. To date I have seen no activity of this but please if you do witness this taking place you can report to us along with a witness statement and any footage that you have of this occurring and this can be looked in to further.





LOVE OUR APP

How does it work?

- 1.Download it - Our free app is available for Android, Windows, Blackberry and iPhones. Simply visit your app store and search for Love Leicester.**
- 2.Spot it - Whether it's graffiti, litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or another environmental problem, you can let us know about it.**
- 3.Report it - Take a picture of the problem and upload it using the app. You can tag the location and include other details so we can fix the issue quickly.**
- 4.Fix it - When you submit your report the details and picture will be sent to the right team who can fix the problem. They'll also be able to post a picture of what they've done.**

If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service via city.warden@leicester.gov.uk

CITY WARDEN SERVICES



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

As a city resident there are plenty of things you can do to help keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy:

- **Bring your bin in after collection day**
- **Book a bulky waste collection if you need to get rid of large items**
- **Use a bin - don't drop litter**
- **Clear up after your dog**
- **Look after your home and garden**
- **Report problems like littering, fly tipping and graffiti**
- **Join in with local community clean-up events**

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