

# Abbey Community Meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, 23 February 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Tudor Community Centre.  
Bewcastle Grove, Leicester LE4  
2JW.

## Ward Councillors

Councillor Annette Byrne  
Councillor Manjit Kaur Saini  
Councillor Vijay Singh Riyait

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## **INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

### **Conduct Guidance**

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum and no side discussions

If anyone does not comply with the guidance, they may be asked to leave the meeting.

### **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

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#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

The Chair will introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **3. ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

[Appendix A](#)

The Action Log of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, is attached and Members will be asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

#### **4. WARD COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK**

Councillors will provide an update on ward related matters.

**5. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

An update on the local plan will be provided.

**6. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

A Police Officer will be at the meeting to provide an update on local policing issues in the Ward.

**7. CITY WARDEN UPDATE**

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Ward.

**8. HOUSING UPDATE**

A local Housing Officer will provide an update on housing issues in the Ward.

**9. HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

Highways officers will give an update on highways matters in the Ward.

**10. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET**

**Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications.**

An update will be given on the Ward Community Budget. A summary of grant applications submitted for consideration since the last meeting is attached.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**For further information, please contact**

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# Appendix A

## ABBHEY COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

Held at: Tudor Community Centre. Bewcastle Grove, Leicester LE4 2JW.

### ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Byrne (Chair)

Councillor Kaur Saini

Councillor Riyait

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
30.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Cllr Byrne as Chair led on introductions.
31.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	There were no apologies for absence.
32.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	The Action Log of the meeting of the Abbey Ward Meeting 25 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.
33.	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>An Officer from the local policing unit was in attendance and provided an update.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current issues ranged from theft from motors, theft of push bikes and theft of number plates and that theft related offences had doubled from the previous year</li><li>• There had been a number of arrests in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)</li><li>• There had been a rise in violence in June but there had been no specific reasons behind this</li><li>• Drug offence warrants had been undertaken and three people had been charged</li></ul> <p>The officer welcomed residents to raise any concerns they would like to on a one to one basis following the meeting.</p>
34.	<b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b>	<p>Kelly James, the local City Warden was in attendance and provided an update. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reports of dog fouling issues were being addressed with regular patrols and additional signage</li><li>• Reports of untidy gardens were being investigated</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly tipping was a major concern on the ward and residents were requested to provide evidence using the LoveLeicester app.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the discussions with residents, it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins provided for dog fouling were always full and needed regular emptying</li> <li>• Residents shared their concerns with littering issues on Abbey Rise.</li> </ul> <p>The City Warden noted the information provided and confirmed that the Cleansing Team would be notified.</p>
35.	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>Marie Murray the District Housing Manager was in attendance and provided an update. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were current staff shortages at Mowmacre Housing Office</li> <li>• Works had been undertaken to extend parking spaces</li> <li>• Additional works were underway to locate areas where electrical charging points could potentially be installed depending on funding</li> <li>• Maisonettes on Thurcaston Road would have the stairwells painted during this financial year</li> <li>• There were 40 voids in the Abbey Ward</li> </ul> <p>The District Housing Manager confirmed that council tenants had the option to swap homes through the House Swap Scheme.</p>
36.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</b>	<p>Robert Bateman the Highways Officer was in attendance and provided an update. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions raised at the previous meeting had been covered</li> <li>• 20mph schemes would be considered for parts of the ward as aprt of future plans</li> <li>• Any speed enforcement issues could be taken back to the Highways Team</li> </ul> <p>As part of the discussions with the residents it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents requested that the Highways Team provided additional information for any proposals of cycle lanes and walkways on Beaumont Leys Lane</li> <li>• Ward Members also noted that they be informed on any future proposals</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking issues were reported on Hazlebank Close and Brancaster Close</li> <li>• Request for resurfacing of Marwood Road were suggested as the current surface had deteriorated.</li> </ul>
<b>37.</b>	<b>FEEDBACK FROM WARD FUNDING APPLICANTS</b>	<p>Representatives from the local parent and toddler group were in attendance and provided feedback on projects carried out supported by the Ward Funding. It was noted that the group had been active on the ward and providing their services for 29 years and the ward funding that supported their projects was invaluable.</p> <p>The bus trip that had recently been supported was a success and very beneficial for parents and children. A future Christmas event had been planned for local children and the elderly.</p>
<b>38.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET</b>	<p>Since April 2022 Abbey Ward Councillors had supported 14 local projects or activities, totalling £10,874.00, with a further two joint applications to be considered after 30<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>The remaining balance was £8,047.00, which is to be spent in full during this financial year as there would be no option to carry over 10% into the following year as this year was an election year.</p>
<b>39.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	There being no other items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 6:27pm

