

## EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016

Held at: Judgemeanow Community College, Panoramic Cafe, Marydene Drive,  
Evington, Leicester, LE5 6HP

### ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Bajaj (Chair)

Councillor Govind

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
23.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES &amp; DECLARATIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Bajaj, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Hunter, Helen Pettman – Evington Echo and Sam Larke – Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) project.</p>
24.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>Anita Clarke, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) gave an update from Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) and informed the meeting that Sam Larke, a representative from the LAT project had requested a slot on the next Evington Ward Community Meeting agenda.</p>
25.	<b>WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK</b>	<p>Evington Ward Councillors gave feedback on issues they had been dealing with in the ward, since the last meeting. The following was discussed;</p> <p><u>Councillor Bajaj:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new bench had now been installed outside of the Evington Library.</li><li>• The footpath on Grocot Road had now been refurbished.</li><li>• It was noted that there would be a film/ video launch about British values on 16 March at the City Hall.</li><li>• A launch would be taking place for Evington Heritage banners on 4 March outside the Cedars pub at 12pm.</li></ul> <p><u>Councillor Govind:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was noted that the Police now had an office in Coleman Neighbourhood Centre (NC).</li><li>• A job fair would be taking place on 9 March from 10am-4pm at Coleman NC.</li><li>• There would be an open Police meeting taking</li></ul>

		<p>place on 15 March for members of the public to be given information and ask questions in relation to Police matters. The venue was to be confirmed and Councillor Govind would inform anyone who provided contact details of the venue when it was confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the CEO, Anita Clarke announced that football coaching events would be taking place at Coleman NC on Tuesday evenings for 12-19 years olds in response to ASB around that area.</li> </ul>
<b>26.</b>	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	There was no local policing update as officers were not present at the meeting.
<b>27.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE</b>	<p>Community Safety Officer, Shobhana Patel informed the meeting of the developments taking place in the Rowlatts Hill area/ Coleman NC estate area in regards to the ASB issues. The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile CCTV had temporarily been installed around the back of Coleman NC near the ball court.</li> <li>• Several alley ways had been closed.</li> <li>• Leaflets had been delivered to residents with information and methods to report criminal activity.</li> <li>• The Community Safety Team were continuing to work with the Councillors and the Partnership Team to address the ASB issues in these area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents/ Councillors concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident suggested that youth provisions and activities were required in the area as well as an outreach worker.</li> <li>• It was noted that the Councillors were working towards improvements for youth in that area.</li> <li>• A representative from the new allotment project called 'Grow and Thrive' at Rowlatts Hill allotments reported that a new gardening polytunnel would be installed on 26 February and 4 March, commencing at 10am on both dates and requested young people to get involved.</li> <li>• A resident of Booth Close had concerns that the CCTV camera in that area was not working. Shobhana would look into this.</li> </ul>
<b>28.</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	There was no Highways Officer present and no report

	<b>UPDATE</b>	<p>had been provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Govind informed the meeting of a patch walk which would take place on several streets in the ward. Some areas to be included would be Greenacre Drive and Goodwood Road to address a resident's previous concerns where the double yellow lines had not been repainted.</li> <li>• Residents of a home off Coleman Road and Waterfield Close discussed parking issues outside their house and driveway, which was noted as being blocked by hospital users. Councillor Govind was aware of this issue and was looking into this.</li> </ul>
29.	<b>CITY WARDEN</b>	Anita Clarke, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) distributed printed material on works the City Warden had been involved in, within the Evington Ward.
30.	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>There was no Housing Officer present at the meeting. Following the community meeting a housing update was provided. The update is attached at the end of the action notes.</p> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident with previous concerns that the shrubs had been ripped up at the back of Goodwood Road requested an update. The CEO agreed to look into this.</li> <li>• A resident requested a follow up regarding rain flooding in several flats on Ethel Road. The CEO was to take the residents details and agreed to look into this.</li> </ul>
31.	<b>FEEDBACK FROM SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICANTS</b>	Jamal Abdulla, Chairman for the Coleman Evington Tenants and Residents Association reported that the Association would be holding an event on 20 February from 10am-4pm at Coleman NC.
32.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>Anita Clarke, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) presented an update on the Ward Community Budget. The following items were considered at the meeting:</p> <p>5126: Leicester City FC Community Trust requested £1,500 to support the extension and expansion of the Premier League (PL) Kicks project to support anti-social behaviour issues in 3 wards – grant of £1,500 approved in full.</p> <p>1579: Christina Herbert requested £350 to hold</p>

		<p>Winter Wonderland at Coleman NC – grant of £350 approved in full.</p> <p>1586: S. Sidat requested £2,000 for M. Hamidiya to provide supplementary Islamic education to local children – application not supported.</p> <p>1587: Mr Des Foster applied for £150 towards a Christmas Lunch – grant of £150 approved in full.</p> <p>1599: Evington Ward Councillors requested £500 to replace the bench outside Evington library – grant of £500 approved in full.</p> <p>1624: Friends of Evington applied for £428.70 to support the sitting and standing keep fit group/ classes – grant of £428.70 approved in full</p> <p>1627: Leicester City Council applied for £1,758 for improvement works to Evington Park – grant of £1,758 approved in full.</p> <p>1642: Friends of Evington requested £1,850 to upgrade the community kitchen in Evington Park house – application not supported.</p> <p>1643: Friends of Evington applied for £500 to start up a willow weaving project – grant of £500 approved in full.</p> <p>1644: Evington in Bloom requested £480 to purchase materials for the summer and autumn Evington in bloom displays – grant of £480 approved in full.</p> <p>1652: Jeetesh Chauhan requested £1,000 for the purchase of a defibrillator – grant of £1,000 approved in full.</p> <p>1653: 7events – Jeetesh Chauhan requested £1,000 to hold a health &amp; wellbeing festival – application not supported.</p> <p>5148: Evington in Bloom applied for £300 to hold consultation meetings for expanding Evington in Bloom – application not supported.</p> <p>5149: Greater Noakhali Shomiti UK applied for £1,000 to celebrate Bangladeshi Independence Day – application not supported.</p>
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<p><b>33.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Bajaj requested the CEO to contact Housing, Highways and Police Officers in regards to their absence at the meeting and no updates provided.</li> <li>• It was noted that applicant Jeetesh Chauhan/ 7 events were planning to hold a free health and wellbeing event at Evington Leisure Centre in April with several organisations in attendance.</li> <li>• Councillor Bajaj and several residents requested that applicants attend and be given a few minutes to inform the meeting about their application request and the activity they would be applying for.</li> <li>• A resident requested that issues such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Domestic Violence and ASB to be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>

34.	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 8.32pm.
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## **2016-02-11 Evington Ward Meeting - Housing Update**

Listed below is a summary of all the improvement projects we have funded in the Ward this year.

### **Environmental & Communal Sums Budget 2015-16:**

Completed Projects:

- i) Supply & fit high palisaded hit and miss fencing & gate – Harrowden Rise
- ii) Supply & fit hit and miss fencing 17-21 Rowlatts Hill Road
- iii) Internal communal painting – 20 blocks of flats - Rowlatts Hill Road area (various blocks on Allinson Close, Ambassador Road, Champion Close) :
- iv) Further grounds maintenance shrub removal & turfing on Rowlatts Hill estate:  
12-18 Steele Close;  
2-10 Steele Close  
30-40 Champion Close
- v) Spring Bulb planting Ethel Road (they are now flowering)

Still to complete by end of March:

- i) Renovation of final courtyard (phase 4) of Ethel Road flats

### **Grounds Maintenance Budget 2015-16:**

Completed projects:

- i) Removal of shrubs and re-turfing around Harrowden and Sandford Courts

Currently underway:

- i) Removal of shrubs and turfing of various locations around Rowlatts Hill estate. So far locations on Rockingham Close have been completed with many more due by the end of March, including at the rear of 209 Goodwood Road.

## **Growth Bid 2015-16:**

### Completed projects:

- i) Blocking up internal bin store doors in 8 blocks of flats on Rowlatts Hill Road to improve security to the blocks.
- ii) Internal communal painting to blocks of flats on Rowlatts Hill estate (various blocks on Rockingham Close, Botley Walk, Radstone Walk, Rowlatts Hill Road, Illingworth Road)
- iii) Installing external gates to bin stores on Ambassador Road