

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2019

Held at: Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Leicester, LE4 1DS

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dempster

Councillor Rae Bhatia

Councillor Westley

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Dempster as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.</p> <p>An apology was received from City Warden Charlotte Glover.</p> <p>With regard to highways issues in Action Log Item 2, Councillor Westley declared that he lived on Beauville Drive.</p>
2.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held 13 February 2019 was agreed as correct.</p> <p>Highways issues in Ward Councillors' Feedback</p> <p>Robert Bateman of Highways referred to the issue of factory workers parking on Croft Road, explaining that as there were no double yellow lines it could not be enforced. Writing to the factories was suggested as an option.</p> <p>Councillor Rae Bhatia recalled that it was agreed to mark the corners of Croft Road with double yellow lines. Action: Robert Bateman to enquire.</p> <p>Councillor Rae Bhatia also enquired as to the status of private drives that needed to be 'H' marked. Action: Robert Bateman to enquire.</p> <p>Mr Bateman reported that trees had been planted to replace those removed in the works on Anstey Lane, and more were to be planted once the works were complete.</p> <p>With regard to reports that speed bumps on Ashton Green Road were causing damage to vehicles, Mr Bateman stated that they were within government requirements, but they would be looked at. Action: Robert Bateman to investigate.</p>

		<p>Issues from the previous meeting surrounding two lanes being formed in a single lane area of Glenfrith Way were raised. Action: Robert Bateman to investigate options.</p> <p>The bike sharing scheme had been put out to tender and would be going ahead soon.</p> <p>Concern was raised about a taxi firm blocking Littlewood Close. Action: Officers to engage with the taxi firm.</p> <p>Mr Bateman reported that a 20mph zone on Stokes Drive was in the programme but would not happen immediately.</p> <p>Issues surrounding school-run traffic particularly on Beauville Drive inconveniencing residents and potentially impeding emergency services were raised. The police reported that some tickets had been issued and some cars seized, but this issue was not a police priority due to gang issues in the area. Highways officers were working with schools and Sustrans to try and encourage parents to walk their children to school instead of driving. Action: Robert Bateman to arrange a meeting to discuss options.</p> <p>Councillor Dempster stated that schools expanding numbers without increasing parking was unacceptable. Action: Councillors to raise issue with the City Mayor and Executive Member for Housing and Education.</p>
3.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Councillor Westley raised the problem of overgrown trees in the Ward. Action: A representative from Trees and Woodlands to be invited to the next Ward meeting.</p> <p>A representative from the E2 centre requested that responses to questions that he had emailed be answered. Action: Councillors to respond to the questions directly to the E2 representative.</p> <p>Local events would continue and patch walks, once finalised, would be going ahead.</p>
4.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PC Adam Woolman gave an update on local policing issues across the Ward and crime statistics were noted. Points made during the update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglaries were down to 15 over the three-month period April-June compared with 28 in the same period the previous year.

- Hate crime was down to 10 incidences in this period compared with 23 in the same period the previous year.
- More weapons on the street were being encountered with four having been found this month. Government funding had been granted to help tackle knife crime. Two arrests had been made the previous Saturday and one hunting knife found discarded.
- Anti-social behaviour was down on the same period the previous year. Most anti-social behaviour related to motorbikes. Some motorbikes had been seized and some people had gone to court, however it was often difficult to identify and arrest those connected with such behaviour.
- There had been a spike in car crime. Police were investigating the theft of catalytic converters from cars. Ward funding money was being used to offer drivers caps to attach to the screws attaching the number plates to prevent them being stolen.
- A problem-solving plan was being implemented to tackle drugs in the Ward. Many drug warrants had been issued. Residents were encouraged to call the police with information on drug dealing in the area as it increased the chances of obtaining a warrant.
- Police had undermined most of the organised crime groups dealing drugs. New gangs were replacing them, but these too were being targeted by the police.
- Police had been working with the E2 centre to tackle knife crime and with Leicester City Council and the Housing Association to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- Staffing: One constable would temporarily be away from the Ward on a diversion scheme. Two new beat officers and one new Community Support Officer would be starting on the Ward.

Councillor Rae Bhatia reported that he had suggested a joint review to a Police and Crime Commission panel as to how funding can be obtained for mobile camera systems to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Concern was raised about areas left vulnerable on match days due to police concentration around the stadium. It was suggested that the Chief Constable should be written to, or the Police and Crime

		<p>Commissioner communicated with as to how this could be addressed. Councillor Rae Bhatia suggested that building a good relationship with Leicester City Football Club would encourage them to help tackle the issue.</p> <p>In response to a query about crime hotspots, PC Woolman identified Temple Walk for drugs and motorbike-based anti-social behaviour and Home Farm for littering, robbery, drugs and knife crime. He reported that police have worked with schools to try and prevent young people from becoming involved with gangs. Marie Murray of Housing reported that community schemes such as football had helped young people avoid gangs.</p> <p>It was noted that it had been raised on the Police and Crime Commission panel for the panel to make a representation to the Crown Prosecution Service to discuss measures to avoid witnesses feeling scared to report crime for fear of reprisal.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>HOUSING UPDATE</p>	<p>District Manager for Housing, Marie Murray, gave an update on housing issues in the Ward which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenancy visits were continuing, but calls were triaged. • £58,000 had been allocated to Beaumont Leys this financial year for projects now in progress, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removal of shrubs and replacing slabs on Wymar Close. ○ Creation of a footpath and installation of a fence to separate cars from the footpath on Collett Road. ○ Internal painting on Calder Road, Grassington Close and Scalpay Close. ○ Cleaning on Lime Grove Close and Cross hedge Close. ○ Footway alteration on Barnett Janner house. • Projects for next financial year were being looked at and officers would be working closely with councillors due to the regeneration project. • There were 46 void properties in Beaumont Leys that week including long-term voids and special projects. • There was an average 81-day turnaround time for void properties, however properties that needed asbestos treatment could cause delays. • There had been 33 cases of anti-social

		<p>behaviour in the last three months. The highest number of these were to do with conflict with neighbours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been three evictions in the past three months. One eviction was due to excessive hoarding (it was acknowledged that this was the first eviction of this kind for LCC, officers had worked with this family for eight years to try and resolve the issue, but it was now a fire risk). The other two evictions were due to rent arrears. <p>Councillor Westley announced that he was setting up a scrutiny meeting to look at the issue of empty properties and that a task group was being set up to look at ways to speed up the repair service.</p> <p>In response to a query about mediation of disputes between residents, Marie Murray stated that housing officers were not trained mediators, but they could look to other agencies to help with mediation, particularly if mental health issues were apparent. Councillor Rae Bhatia added that the council were beginning to look into bringing in trained mediators who were also trained in languages and cultural issues.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that Housing officers worked with the police on anti-social behaviour, and that in some cases people had to be moved out of fear of reprisals. PC Woolman encouraged people to photograph or video anti-social behaviour, if safe to do so, as this helps the police.</p> <p>It was suggested that Beaumont Leys could be a pilot scheme for a restorative justice approach. Action: Councillors to write to Executive Member for Housing and Education.</p> <p>It was requested that a representative from the Housing Association be invited to the next meeting. Action: Community Engagement Officer to invite a representative from the Housing Association.</p>
6.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Apologies for absence were received from City Warden Charlotte Glover. A written report was circulated (attached).</p> <p>Information was requested on how long the City Warden spends working in each of the Wards she is responsible for. It was also requested that in the case of future absences for meetings that a deputy attend the meeting so that issues could be raised. Action: Community Engagement Officer to liaise with City</p>

		Warden.
7.	LEICESTER ADULT SKILLS AND LEARNING SERVICE	<p>Salado Ahmed and Kathryn Birks of Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service (LASALS) gave an update from their presentation at the last Ward meeting. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work had commenced on the Bishopdale Adult Learning Hub. • Courses offered included English, Maths, Cooking, Sewing and Computer Skills. • LASALS had been working closely with the foodbank at Christ the King Church. • Barriers to people participating, such as childcare, travel and financial issues had been identified and officers were investigating ways to mitigate them. • It was hoped that the hub would open in October and an open day would be held, although this was subject to building works. <p>A questionnaire was circulated, and feedback was requested.</p> <p>A request for future updates was made. Action: LASALS officers to keep Councillors and residents updated on developments.</p>
8.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>Councillor Rae Bhatia declared an interest in that he lived in Bradgate Heights and as such would not be involved in any funding application from that area.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer gave an update on the Ward Community Budget and informed those present that 11 applications had been supported since the beginning of the municipal year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaumont Leys Policing team- Emergency Service Day 2019. £500 • Saturdads- Summer Trip. £400 • Bradgate Heights Community Fete. £450 • Chizor Onwuegbute- Sea Side Trip. £500 • Beaumont Leys Library- Specialist Arts and Crafts session. £318 • ICAP- Irish Cultural Activity Programme. £800 • Guinean Community- Eid Celebration. £75 • Beaumont Leys Muslims- Eid Community Fun Day. £1000 • Essential Rejuvenation- Summer Scheme. £650 • The Cooke E-Learning Foundation/E2- £1000 • Yonnell Fashion Show- £500 <p>The deadline for the next round of funding was 30</p>

		<p>September 2019.</p> <p>Those present were informed that all applications needed to be made online and that those without internet access could use Council Libraries where Neighbourhood Service Assistants would be on hand to help. The phone number for funding enquiries was 0116 454 1940.</p> <p>It was requested that a rational was given for why certain projects were not funded or only partly funded. Action: Community Engagement Officer to add comments in future meetings.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Ideas on how to increase engagement in Ward Community Meetings were encouraged.</p> <p>Barriers to better engagement were identified including childcare issues, distance of the venue from the estates and the concern that people felt unsafe leaving their houses in the evenings.</p> <p>Ideas to improve engagement included more patch walks, better advertising, use of social media both for advertising and interactive streaming, moving the venue to a more convenient location for residents and avoiding holding meetings during school holidays.</p> <p>Action: Councillors and Community Engagement Officer to consider options.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:00pm</p>

Minute Item 6



ADVICE FOR RESIDENTS

Householders are legally responsible for all household waste produced on their property. Most household waste can be disposed of in your bags or wheeled bin.

If you need to dispose of large items such as sofas, fridges there are several ways to do this legally .

- ❖ **Take large items to your council run tip . Find out about opening times on line.**
- ❖ **Consider hiring a skip .They can be value for money and you don't need a permit if its on your own property.**
- ❖ **Leicester city council can dispose of your large waste items as part of the bulky waste collection service .**
- ❖ **You can subscribe to a garden waste collection for an annual fee.**

Find out more at
www.lesswaste.org.uk

Advice for businesses

- **Under the Environmental Protection Act, every business has a duty of care when it comes to dispose of it's waste. If you are not meeting your legal responsibilities it could result in a fine or imprisonment.**

Here are a few tips

- **It is a legal requirement for businesses to use a licensed waste carrier to remove their waste –check they are registered.**
- **If you run a business from home you will still need to dispose of your waste correctly - you should not use you home waste collection.**
- **Provide a written description of your waste to the company collection your waste**
- **Keep signed copies of transfer notes for 2 years .**
- **Take action if you think your waste is being mishandled by those who remove it you could be fined if your waste is fly tipped.**

Find out more by visiting
www.rightwasterightplace.com

CITY WARDEN SERVICES

UPDATE

The bin issues and bulky waste being left on Barnsdale road has now been resolved and the area was cleared by the managing agents of the flats .



16 fixed penalty notices have been issued for fly posting in the ward .

Community protection warnings have been issued to residents on Lipton and Blackthorn .

Notice was served on the owner of the leys which had a lot of waste in the carpark which has now been cleared.



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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

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

BEAUMONT LEYS



Leicester city council have teamed up with all the neighbouring local authorities in Leicestershire to bring awareness surrounding waste and Fly tipping. Leicestershire councils deal with 12,000 fly tipping incidents per year.
 #ifonly we had enough evidence to prosecute every fly-tipper.

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This is Claire, Mo, David and Sue they each were fined for fly-tipping.

Claire left bags on the floor at a recycling bank .

Mo left his fridge out on the footpath in front of his home .

David dumped his in a quite country lane.

Sue paid some one to take her waste they weren't licensed and fly-tipped her rubbish.