

STONEYGATE COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2019

St. Philips Church Hall Evington Road, Leicester LE2 1QJ

Present: Councillor Master
Councillor Rahman (Chair)
Councillor Thalukdar

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
8.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Councillor Rahman as Chair led on introductions.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Darren Evans (City Warden).</p>	
9.	ACTION LOG	<p>The action log from the last meeting held on 15 August 2019 was noted.</p> <p><u>Action Point 3 – Ward Councillors Feedback</u> Redesign of footpath on Evington Road. Roads around Evington Valley School consideration for 20mph scheme. ACTION: Councillor Master to request an update.</p>	Cllr. Master
10.	WARD COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case work had mostly been around housing issues and landlords. Case work picked up on a patch walk included issues with drug taking. • A patchwalk took place at Cedar Park with the City Mayor, and issues were highlighted with regards to anti-social behaviour. It was hoped the park could be redesigned to make it more family friendly to use. • A women's group was in the process of being set up for those affected by isolation due to language barriers, new to area, and were working with Medway School to find a regular venue. • A recent meeting was held to talk about safety, drug dealing in the area, and highlighted key indicators regarding children being targeted. • Property and legal teams were finalising legal agreements for the proposed development on Conduit Street, relating to the transfer of land and the payment for improvements to Prebend Gardens. Works would commence in the New year, followed by tree planting. • A patchwalk starting on St James Road and Upper Tichborne Street with local residents, city council officers and police had identified issues. CCTV was being considered for St James Road, as drug use mainly in the evening was prevalent. It was 	

also reported that trespassers were using 18-20 St James Road, and non-residents were sitting outside flats at No. 15. Residents had set up a neighbourhood watch scheme, and police were more visible in the area. Residents were encouraged to report issues using phone number 101.

- On Evington Road, street drinkers sat outside No. 67. Bus companies would be contacted to change the style of seats in the bus shelter to perches rather than people sitting there for long periods.
- On St Stephens Road, bollards had been installed to stop vehicles mounting the pavement near to the old bank.
- Investment was being looked into for a shop improvement scheme in the area.
- Highways had been contacted with regards to making Bartholomew Street and Myrtle Road one way to increase parking on both sides. Residents requested methods to slow down cars be looked into.
- There were issues around the suggestion of opening the top of Upper Tichborne Street at St Stephens Road for access. The Police have suggested that it was better to catch people drug dealing in the area.
- The woodland and trees department would be contacted with regards to trees near Medway Community Primary School.
- Fly tipping issues on Skipworth Street had been resolved.
- Gates had been installed to secure 65 Upper Tichborne Street.
- The City Council was looking at options to gain control of Hospital Close housing at Leicester General Hospital. £450m had been committed to the three hospital sites, so the hospital would maintain some function as a hospital.
- It was reported one-way systems were being looked into on Rowsley Street and Sawley Street.
- A residents parking scheme was approved for Herschell Street. The scheme had previously been to Planning Committee as there was an objection from other residents who wanted the scheme extending. A broader scheme would be looked at along Evington Road.
- Residents asked for traffic calming measures along St James Road as the 20mph was not being observed.

Residents stated that drug taking on St James Road took place anywhere from the jitty, footpaths and houses, and rather than increase police activity, some of the owners needed to take responsibility and report

		<p>issues directly to estate agents who were housing drug dealers. It was suggested a leafleting campaign be organised to put pressure on landlords, and report issues to the council and police. It was further suggested that a more direct push from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be made with partners by writing to house / flat owners.</p> <p>Residents asked if the building on Lower Hill Street could be turned into social housing and were informed the building was leased to the DSS and would have to be compulsory purchased, which was not always possible.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>Sergeant Pete Colgate was present. All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police were present on Upper Tichborne Street for the patchwalk. • A problem management plan was in place over the summer period between June and December 2019. Police undertook 4-5 warrants at particular addresses in the area with a positive result. It had disrupted dealers, and substantial recoveries of Class A and B drugs were made. • The number of drug deal reports around Upper Tichborne Street had fallen and the plan had been closed. The plan hadn't solved all problems but had a positive effect on the area. The Police would continue a watching brief. • The Evington Road street drinker problem management plan was ongoing. A lot of work had been undertaken in the summer, looking at options regarding anti-social behaviour for the bus stop, working with off-licences, ensuring shops adhered to licensing objectives. Shop keepers were acting responsibly and were asking persons buying alcohol if they would be sitting on the street to drink. • Crime figures for 1 August to 30 November 2019 were compared with the same period for 2018 as noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burglaries were down 16% ○ Theft of motor vehicles down 21% ○ Theft from motor vehicles up 7%. There were two types of theft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number plates (county lines dealing) – police have a stock of non-removable screws for members of the public; - An increase in the number of catalytic converters being stolen from exhaust systems, some in broad daylight. Residents were asked to be vigilant, and report incidents on 101. • Residents on St James Road could call 101 (999 	

		<p>emergency) or report issues online through the Police website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood link was an email system that allowed Police to pass on good news / crime alerts. People could register at https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/ and was a quick way to pass on information and for residents to feed back. • Residents raised concern with regards to a hate crime that had occurred a couple of weeks before the meeting. The Police would follow up to find out if the person was being pursued. <p>The funeral of Suvekshya Burathoki (known as Fatima) took place on 9th November 2019. Residents stated the police presence had been welcome very good, and Councillors were thanked for stepping in and raising the profile of the fundraising page for funeral costs. Councillors thanked PCSO Sam Trantom and resident Dilip Chohan had brought the community together following the serious incident.</p> <p>Residents noted the increase in Council Tax that had been announced. The Police reported that there would be 400 officers recruited over the next five years. It was further reported that the Stoneygate area had more police than in some other areas in the city.</p>	
12.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Darren Evans, the City Warden, provided a written update as he was unable to attend the meeting, and was recorded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrolling on the area dealing with fly tips had seen a decrease in small fly tips, but still large items were being left, and investigations were very hard to follow up due to lack of evidence. Where items were left outside a property on the highway, persons in the property were being issued with a Community Protection Notice (CPN). • Fly tipping investigations had led to fixed penalty notices being issued for the offences. • Bins on streets projects were being carried out over the whole ward. • Duty of Care will be undertaken again on Evington Road and further actions taken to assist with waste generated from takeaway businesses with CPNs. <p>Residents could contact the City Warden by email at Darren.evans@leicester.gov.uk</p>	
13.	CLIMATE EMERGENCY	<p>The Project Manager for the Climate Emergency Conversation consultation was in attendance and</p>	

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provided information to the meeting. A presentation and briefing note are attached for information.

All to note:

- The impacts of climate change included more frequent and severe heat waves, more frequent intense rainfall, droughts, and sea levels rising.
- Extinction Rebellion had written to every local authority and asked them to declare a climate emergency which the City Council did on 1st February 2019. The County Council had subsequently also declared, and the universities were considering it.
- Leicester had several reasons for declaring an emergency and believed climate change posed a great threat to the wellbeing of present and future residents of the city, and to Leicester's future success and prosperity. Leicester had a lot to gain from acting decisively now, rather than waiting for other cities and other countries to act first, for example, many of the clean technologies would make the city a healthier place to live.
- Leicester City had a lot to be proud of in terms of progress and achievements before the climate emergency declaration. Between 1990 and 2017 the city's carbon footprint had been reduced by 45%. The biggest factor had been the decarbonisation of the electricity grid with a reduction in the use of coal and gas, replaced with renewable energy.
- The Council had also worked with local residents and introduced insulation of council housing and provided the largest municipal heating network in the UK.
- The Council would continue to work with companies on renewable technologies.
- Cycling around the city would also be promoted and infrastructure improved to help achieve growth in cycling.
- It was noted that Leicester City was one of the most polluted cities in the East Midlands. The Air Quality Action Plan included work that would continue in the city centre, schools, travel plans, walking / cycling / parking plans. Residents suggested the promotion of car sharing.
- Council decision reports had a climate implications paragraph for every decision.
- The Council was working with internal groups of officers who were looking at changing contracts and moving away from diesel fleets, and there were some electric vehicles already in use.

The consultation had been launched and was

continue until the 9th February 2020. An event, Leicester's Climate Assembly would be held on 18th January 2020. Officers were looking for a cross section of the population of Leicester to be at the event. The Young People's Climate Assembly would be held on 27th January 2020. Groups could also request a conversation pack where they could conduct their own assembly workshops.

14. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

3 applications over £500 totalling £2,900 would be considered at a budget meeting in February 2020. The balance remaining was £7,600.

All to note:

7 applications supported since last meeting.

Applicant	Amount approved
Stoneygate Councillors – Refreshments for vigil on Bartholomew Street	£85.00
Musallal Al Eid – Security and traffic management for Eid event on Spinney Hill Park	£300.00
Leicester Bangladeshi Association – Food and Sports Festival at Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club	£2500.00
The Friends Hub – Women's Boxercise classes at the Rahaat centre	£500.00
Our Youth, Our Future c/o Darus Salam Trust – Year 11 summer Fun Day	£1000.00
Greater Noakhali Shomiti UK – Day trip to the beach	£750.00
Friendship Club – various events and activities	£1000.00

5 Applications under consideration

Applicant	Amount requested
African Caribbean Centre – Community Children's Christmas Party	£150.00 (£450.00 in total)
The Urban Equestrian Academy – End of year celebratory events	£500.00
Andrea Worboys – Lifewriting sessions	£400.00
Young Adventures – Art provision and development at African Caribbean Centre	£300.00 (£900.00 in total)
Leicester Nirvana FC	£2000.00

		<p style="text-align: right;">(£5000.00 in total)</p> <p>Residents noted bids used to be brought to the meeting and wanted the process reinstating. It was further stated that there should at least be feedback provided by those that had received ward funding monies. Ward Councillors informed those present that the bids were scrutinised rigorously and recognised that some people would not find it comfortable in attending ward meetings to promote bids. They believed a happy medium could be reached and asked for officer recommendations to be provided to a future meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: Officers to provide information on the process of the scrutiny of bid applications to a future meeting.</p>	Community Engagement Officer
15.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings were held at Leicester University four times a year, with input from Castle and Knighton, but none from Stoneygate. • Mosque recycling bins on Evington Road were contaminated with banana skins and were not being emptied. The issue had been raised with City Wardens. <p>There being no other items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 8:03pm.</p>	

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Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation

This briefing note explains what the climate emergency is and how the public can have their say by taking part in the Climate Emergency Conversation.

What is the climate emergency?

Human activity produces greenhouses gases, particularly carbon dioxide. These gases cause climate change, raising the average temperature of the world. This is already causing extreme weather, sea level rise and damage to nature. If we don't take urgent action, these impacts will get much worse in the future.

What are we doing about it?

Leicester City Council has been taking steps to tackle climate change for a number of years and we are on track for the city's carbon emissions to halve by 2025. However, it has become clear that we need to go a lot further than this. We need to redouble our efforts and encourage others across the city to take action too.

For this reason Leicester City Council declared a Climate Emergency on 1st February 2019. Since then over half of other UK councils have now done likewise.

Declaring a climate emergency means we are prepared to play our part. Alongside other cities around the world, we are committed to taking the action needed to prevent climate change becoming much worse.

We are also developing a vision for how Leicester will need to change, alongside new actions and a target for the city to become 'carbon neutral'. This will need coordinated and shared action from us, the public and the UK government.

Join the conversation

Responding to the climate emergency will mean making big changes to the way we all live and work. We want to make sure that everyone in Leicester can have their say on how the council and the wider city should respond and how it will affect them. We are running Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation from 18th November 2019 to 9th February 2020 for you to have your say.

Through the conversation, the council is seeking to gain the views of the widest possible range of people and organisations in the city. This is made possible by the availability of a selection of channels which combine traditional consultation methods with more innovative approaches, as summarised below:

Online questionnaire Available throughout the conversation period (18th November 2019 – 9th February 2020) on the council's [Consultation Hub](#) on our website: Leicester.gov.uk

Community discussions A conversation pack is available throughout the conversation period for any group of people wanting to run their own discussion



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event and to feed back the results. The pack is available by emailing sustainability@leicester.gov.uk

Leicester's Climate Assembly A one-day workshop event on Saturday 18th January 2020 run in partnership with the RSA. The event is designed to find out the views of a cross-section of Leicester's population. It will help people to learn more about the climate emergency and our proposals, and to share their views directly. Anyone interested in applying to take part should email sustainability@leicester.gov.uk.

Young People's Climate Assembly A one-day workshop event on Monday 27th January 2020 for city secondary schools, supported by Leicester's Youth Council. Schools interested in taking part should contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Co-ordinator at the council. Email lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk

Dialogue The council's online moderated forum will open for discussion of a series of climate emergency 'challenges' starting on Monday 16th December. In addition to challenges posted by the council, participants can post their own ideas for comment.

Contact us if you need to discuss or acquire more information on the climate emergency conversation process using the following email addresses:

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Leicester's Climate Emergency Declaration

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER	
1. DECISION TITLE	Declaration of Climate Emergency
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3. DATE OF DECISION	17 February 2019
4. DECISION MAJOR	Mayor, City Mayor, Environment, Public Health and Social Inequality
5. DECISION TAKEN	(1) Declare a Climate Emergency for the city. (2) Address the state of emergency by the Mayor, the Council and the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for a changing climate in the next Sustainability Action Plan for the city. (3) Commission a review and updating of the council's climate change targets, in light of the Climate Emergency.
6. REASON FOR DECISION	The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a report which states that global climate change is occurring and will have an impact on all aspects of life on earth. It is the duty of the Mayor and the Council to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for a changing climate in the next Sustainability Action Plan for the city. It is also the duty of the Mayor and the Council to commission a review and updating of the council's climate change targets, in light of the Climate Emergency.
7. IS KEY DECISION Y/N?	Yes
8. OPTIONS CONSIDERED	None to declare a Climate Emergency
9. RESOLVING FOR CALL IN	17 February 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Members of Executive Committee 10 Members of Council 10 Members of the public 10 Members of the community 10 Members of the media
10. SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAJOR	 City Mayor, Mayor of Leicester

- (1) Declare a Climate Emergency for the city.
- (2) Address this state of emergency by developing a new programme of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for a changing climate in the next Sustainability Action Plan for the city.
- (3) Commission a review and updating of the council's climate change targets, in light of the Climate Emergency.



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Progress and Achievements to date

Leicester's city-wide footprint 45% ↓



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Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation

12 week consultation until 9th February 2020

- Online questionnaire on Consultation Hub
- Conversation pack for Community Discussions
- Dialogue forum – from 16th December
- Presentations at Ward meetings – ongoing
- Leicester's Climate Assembly – 18th January
- Young Peoples' Climate Assembly – 27th January



