

TROON COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2017

Held at: Northfields Neighbourhood Centre, Brighton Road, Leicester LE5 0HD

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Singh (Chair)
Councillor Cank

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
21.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Cank assumed the Chair until Councillor Singh's arrival and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
22.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Jethro Swift, City Warden and Robert Bateman, Highways.
23.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The action log of 13 February 2017 had been previously circulated and was confirmed as an accurate record.
24.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - UPDATE	<p>The Community Engagement Officer gave an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services project.</p> <p>6.39pm Councillor Singh joined the meeting.</p> <p>Residents discussed the impact of potential closures of centres and effect on services.</p> <p>Councillor Singh clarified that the Better Use of Council Buildings and Transforming Neighbourhood Services were two separate reviews taking place.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Rushey Mead library would be relocated into the Rushey Mead Recreation Centre.</p>
25.	COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK	<p>Councillor Cank reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bollards would be installed at Northfields Primary School this week.• Housing issues remained a concern in the ward as there was low housing stock. People were being encouraged to consider bidding for suitable houses across the city and not just in a specific area they wanted. <p>Councillor Singh reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trevino Drive/Huggetts Close – road widening

		<p>had seen a significant improvement to the issues previously reported there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police and Crime Commissioner had recently presented his 3 year plan to the Overview Select Committee, and there were assurances that neighbourhood policing would continue to be a priority.
26.	NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Marlene Blake, Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader was introduced to the meeting and gave a brief update on neighbourhood housing which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Griffiths the new District Manager, for Housing in the East area had started in post last week. • Environmental budgets – housing officers were currently collating ideas for any underspend expenditure and suggestions were welcomed. Councillors agreed to inform Marlene of priority areas for consideration in Troon ward. • Void properties – there were 13 in the area, the oldest 2 had been void since Dec 2016, the remainder were from this week. Turn-around of properties was taking on average 21 days. • Under-occupied properties – consideration was being given to promoting/marketing housing swaps. • Enquiries were being made on any nomination rights for first lets on new housing developments in the area. Letting rights might resolve some of the low housing stock issues in the ward. <p>ACTION: Councillor Singh asked that details of housing repair figures be provided to the next meeting.</p>
27.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>A written update was circulated to those present.</p>
28.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>A Highways officer was not available for the meeting however it was noted that Hastings Road was currently closed for a week of road works.</p> <p>Councillor Cank reported that she had spoken with the Head of Highways regarding parking issues on the Cromwell Estate. It was hoped a pilot scheme currently on trial in Braemar Drive would be extended to the Cromwell Estate if successful.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillors requested a highways update to</p>

		be provided to the next meeting.
29.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>Representatives from Leicestershire Police gave a brief summary of issues across the ward which included the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime statistics were available from Leicestershire police website • There were 2 problem solving plans in the area to tackle ASB and flytipping issues. • Beat Surgeries continued to take place in Emerald Centre and shortly at Danbury Gardens. • Huggett Close football complaints – police were working with residents to find solutions. • Barkby Thorpe Road area – series of theft from cars had taken place, extra surveillance had taken place leading to arrests. <p>Residents expressed concerns about parking obstructions and lorries around the Swinton Road area.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor Singh to raise issue of lorries with Highways to investigate. Police agreed to look into the parking obstruction issues.</p>
30.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>It was noted that: For the financial year end 2016/17 the opening balance was £18,850. Spends: Quarter 1 = £2,575 Quarter 2 = £5,347 Quarter 3 = £10,499</p> <p>The total spend 2016/17 was £18,421 and the carried forward to next year's budget was £429.</p> <p>It was reported that Councillors had committed £10,000 (Q3) towards the cost of installing a Ball Park in the Troon Ward.</p>
31.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p><u>AOB 1</u> Concerns were expressed about the low attendance at this meeting. It was suggested the council should invest in a number of public noticeboards around the ward where publicity for meetings could be posted.</p> <p>Councillor Singh responded that several Troon ward meetings had been well attended when held at the Emerald Centre. Publicity had gone out however noticeboards were not the solution as that would involve planning consents and there would be the</p>

		<p>issue of cost and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to take back the point made about lack of publicity for ward meetings generally.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.</p>
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