

WESTERN COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2017

Held at: St Anne's Church Hall, St Anne's Church, Letchworth Road, Leicester

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Unsworth

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
25.	INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	<p>Councillor Barton as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cole and a number of residents including Kenneth Bray, Brenda and Paul Cavers and Rev Burnham.</p>
26.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Chair referred to the Action Log and said that those actions identified had been addressed.</p>
27.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>The meeting was asked to note the Councillors feedback. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting with residents had taken place on Westfield Road / Letchworth Road to look at traffic calming issues and problems relating to Westgates School and Christ the King.• Residents who believed that the lights on their street were not bright enough could contact the council to ask for the level of brightness to be altered.• An official announcement regarding buildings on Western Park was expected in the next week.• Funding was being put towards a radar gun for use in the ward to tackle speeding.• Councillor Barton had met Lord Bach, the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss crime in the neighbourhood. An extra police officer was being allocated to the area. <p>A resident expressed concern that funding from the community meeting budget had paid for railings by the community centre and leisure centre on St Oswalds Road. This was meant to prevent vehicles accessing the green space but the railings were not</p>

		<p>proving to be effective. Action Robert Bateman, Team Leader, Highways and Traffic Design to look into this.</p>
<p>28.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>The meeting was asked to note an update from Police Sergeant Simon Walters. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership event with Severn Trent, to tackle distraction burglaries, had taken place to raise awareness of what people should expect to see if someone from the Severn Trent knocked on their door. In response to a request, PS Walters said that they had contacted Severn Trent about holding this event in the New Parks area. • PCSO Sally Morgan had been working to set up new neighbourhood watch groups. New Parks was an area where people were reluctant to report crimes.. • There were plans to set up a community speedwatch on Letchworth Road. The scheme would need 10-20 volunteers to pledge that they would they use a speed gun as part of this scheme. Councillor Barton explained that many complaints had been received about speeding and there were plans to set up a 20mph zone in the area. <p>Wayne Gale, Station Manager, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) provided an update on the joint Police and Fire Service operation that had taken place. Attendees were asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers were stopped for offences such as speeding, not wearing a seat belt or using a mobile phone and shown into a mobile information centre where a hard hitting video was screened. Officers were present to talk about their experiences of dealing with the aftermath of such offences. • The scheme was designed to be an educational tool, and while some attendees expressed scepticism, the meeting heard that it was proving to be more effective than a speed awareness course. • LFRS also helped with home fire safety checks for vulnerable people. An offer was made for the Neighbourhood Watch to raise awareness of these in their newsletter. Wayne offered to help with the wording as not everyone met their criteria. • If anyone needed to use a community defibrillator, they should call the telephone number given where

		<p>the defibrillator was kept. The caller would be given instructions as to what to do.. Attendees were urged to learn how to use a defibrillator if they had the opportunity to attend a relevant course.</p>
29.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Members of the community were asked to note an update from Matthew Davinson, the City Warden.</p> <p>Concerns were raised relating to dog fouling, particularly on Letchworth Road / Glenfield Road and Eastfield Road. It was reported that someone was allowing their dog to foul in the pavilion and that other people were picking up dog mess and then throwing it into a hedge. The City Warden explained an enforcement day had been held recently and there was now a £100 fine for dog fouling. Dog fouling and other environmental issues could be reported through the Love Leicester app.</p>
30.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Robert Bateman, Team Leader, Highways and Traffic Design. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were some variable message signs on Glenfield Road; these were temporary and intended to change driving behaviour. Feedback on these was welcomed. • There were plans to erect from 20mph signs on Letchworth Road; ideas for their location were welcomed. • New College had a car park by the football area which parents could use when taking to children to the nearby primary school. A resident stated that the parents would not walk from that car park to Christ the King because they would feel it was too far away. There was a hard standing area, also owned by New College which was much nearer to the school and was not being used. Action: Robert Bateman to investigate. • Robert had met with residents about plans for the Letchworth Road junction. There would be consultation before action was taken. <p>Requests were made by attendees for parking enforcement at Dovelands Primary School and for flashing speed signs on Scudamore Road. Action: Robert Bateman to investigate.</p>
31.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update on housing issues in the New Parks area. Projects that had been approved for the financial year included:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The formation of a new parking area on Blissett Road • Landscaping and tarmacking on Withens Close • Landscaping on Norfolk Way • Landscaping to the rear of Tatlow House.
32.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	Punum Patel, the Community Engagement Officer provided an update on the community meeting budget; details of the budget are attached at the back of the action log. Attendees were asked to note that there was a new system for applying for funding and applications would need to be submitted on-line. If someone needed help with the process, they could contact the helpline on 0116 454 1940.
33.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	A concern was raised relating to fly tipping and drug taking at the old Blue Moon, a now empty and boarded up old public house. It was pointed out that this was not in the Western Ward but the City Warden was asked to forward the complaint as appropriate..
34.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Ward
Budget Allocation 2016/2017: £18,050.00
Total Awarded to Date: £17,965.00
Total Balance Remaining
31.3.17: £85.00

Reference	Date	Application Type	Other Wards Applied to	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Agreed by Cllrs
AF182630	09/11/2016	Joint	Abbey Beaumont Leys	Soft Touch Arts Ltd	UpSTart	To support the engagement of vulnerable young people onto an arts related confidence and experience building programme.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
AF198147	10/01/2017	Joint	Beaumont Leys, Fosse	Leicester Wheels for All	Well being through cycling	Well being and cycling programme for vulnerable and disadvantaged people with different needs.	£500.00	£500.00
AF201489	20/01/2017			Brian Hookway	Soccer School	Sports activities over the half term holidays 2017.	£1,500.00	£500.00
AF203292	25/01/2017	Joint	Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Fosse	Friends of Western Park	Western Park Family Festival	Family Festival with live music, food and activities on 8th July 2017.	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
AF204836	30/01/2017	Joint	Fosse, Westcotes	Westival Leicester	Westival	One day street festival held on Braunstone Gate with stalls, food, music and entertainment.	£900.00	£0.00
AF204936	31/01/2017	Joint	Belgrave	Humberstone Heights Golf Course	Schools Golf League	Schools Golf League for 12 schools, comprising of 2 teams from each school, held at Humberstone Heights Golf Club.	£170.00	£170.00

