

BELGRAVE COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018

Held at:
Main Hall, Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre,
Rothley Street, Leicester, LE4 6LF

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Thomas (Chair)
Councillor Chohan
Councillor Sood

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
12.	INTRODUCTIONS	The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and invited Councillors and officers to introduce themselves. No declarations of interest were made.
13.	MINUTE SILENCE - MR RAMNIKBHAI JOGIA	All present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for Mr Ramnikbhai Jogia, a jeweller in Belgrave who had been murdered.
14.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	None received
15.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Agreed as correct
16.	WELCOME - REOPENING OF THE REFURBISHED BELGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	The Chair welcomed all present to the newly refurbished Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, congratulating all concerned on the Centre's appearance.
17.	COSSINGTON STREET SWIMMING & SPORTS HALL RE-LAUNCH	All to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers from the Centre did not attend the meeting, so this item was not discussed.• Councillor have received complaints that the swimming lanes at the Centre were not suitable for all to use, as people swam at different rates, but the lack of a "slow lane" meant that other swimmers were being held up.

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		This item to be included in the agenda of the next meeting.
18.	COMMUNITY REASSURANCE / SAFETY	<p>All to note the presentation given at the meeting, a copy of which is attached for information.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the perception that the Belgrave Ward has a high level of crime, statistics show that it is quite a safe area. • The Police and Council work together to address matters of concern. For example, shop workers were loaned radios to improve contact between them during a period of thefts from local shops. • Work is done to raise awareness of safety during festivals. For example, reminding people not to leave diva candles burning unattended and making sure that jewellery is not conspicuously displayed. • Ward funding has been used to help improve safety through funding alley gates and locks. • Additional funding to share with the Police recently has been agreed for Neighbourhood Watch schemes. • Two CCTV cameras have been purchased with funding from wards in the east of the city. These are mobile cameras that can be deployed to areas of concern on a temporary basis. • To help people leave lights on when their property is empty, the Council has supplied the Police with timers to be sold to residents at cost price. • Grants are available for some small events that bring the community / neighbours together and improve interaction. <p>Residents invited to contact the Council or the Police if they are interested in developing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in their area.</p>
19.	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING - INTRODUCTION	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Neighbourhood Sergeant for Belgrave South is Sgt Lyndsey Booth. • 17 officers currently are based at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre and another police constable will be starting there shortly.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were extended to the community for the way in which it worked together on the murder of Mr Ramnikbhai Jogia. The information provided enabled the investigation to be fast moving. Four people had now been charged and others were under investigation. • The Police were supporting the Lions initiative to encourage people to put a pot containing details such as health conditions, medications and details of contacts in the fridge. This information could then be used by those attending emergency situations. • Belgrave is a safe area in which to live. However, prevention of crime is important and people need to consider their own safety through measures such as taking care not to have jewellery on display and leaving lights and a radio on when away from properties. Advice on other crime prevention measures is available. • Issues currently being addressed by the Police include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ anti-social behaviour in Latimer; ○ robberies in Rushey Fields, (the victims of these appeared to be young people walking home from school with phones in their hands); ○ the slight increase in burglaries in Rushey Mead; ○ disorder in Martin Street; and ○ ATM distraction thefts. • There had been approximately 20 arrests in the last month, including one for the Rushey Fields robberies. <p>All asked to let the Police know any information relating to disorder in Martin Street by groups of young people.</p> <p>All asked to make others aware of the recent occurrences of ATM distraction thefts and assist others to improve their own security where needed.</p> <p>All encouraged to speak to the Neighbourhood Police team about any concerns, including issues that the team could focus on.</p>

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20.	CITY WARDEN - INTRODUCTION	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Warden for Belgrave Ward is Mo Patel. • A joint enforcement day had been held with various agencies. Action taken included 19 untaxed vehicles being clamped, four Fixed Penalty Notices being issued for littering, a fixed penalty notice being issued for obstructive parking and various parking fines being imposed. • Although there has been a reduction in fly tipping in the city as a whole, there has been an increase in businesses dumping waste in the Ward. Several of these have been fined and work is ongoing to help businesses make appropriate arrangements for the disposal of their waste.
21.	BELGRAVE WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET STATEMENT	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,384 was carried forward from the 2016/17 grant fund, making a total of £19,384 available for Ward grants for the 2017/18 financial year. Of this, £24 is unspent and will be carried forward to the 2018/19 financial year. • The total value of applications received for grants in 2017/18 was over £46,000. • Applications for grant funding need to be for projects that are of benefit to the whole community and are not for religious purposes.
22.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a) <u>Tree Maintenance</u></p> <p>Officers to look in to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who is responsible for maintenance of the tree at 20 Linford Street; • what action, if any, can be taken to reduce the impact of tree roots raising the pavement in Linford Street; and • whether trees in Cossington Park can be trimmed from the top, to reduce their height, in the winter when there are fewer leaves. <p>b) <u>Pest Control</u></p> <p>People experiencing problems with pests such as mice and rats to speak to the City Warden to see what action can be taken.</p>

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		<p>c) <u>Pot Hole near Cossington Street Pedestrian Crossing</u></p> <p>Highways officers asked to investigate what action can be taken to remedy the large pothole near the pedestrian crossing in Cossington Street.</p> <p>d) <u>Activities at Abbey Pumping Station</u></p> <p>All to note that a continuously running programme of activities for children at Abbey Pumping Station will be available during school holidays this year. Leaflets giving details of these are available.</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 7.51 pm</p>		

Leicester City Council - Community Safety & Reassurance

Daxa Pancholi, Head of Community Safety
Ben Smith, Community Coordinator

Presentation

- Overview of City and Belgrave Statistics
- Current Community Safety Work
- Community Safety Messages
- Community Cohesion

**City – Wide Statistics
(1st December – 28th February 2018)**

NE - East Leicester
NW - West Leicester
NS - South Leicester
NC - Central

OFFENCES	NE	NC	NW	NS
BURGLARY DWELLING/RESIDENTIAL	264	84	222	209
BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING	124	92	57	35
ROBBERY	50	52	47	18
THEFT FROM PERSON	23	83	29	15
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	47	19	51	47
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	182	150	263	192
POSSESSION OF WEAPON	27	29	32	16
RACIALLY/RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED CRIME	16	31	17	8
SEXUAL OFFENCE	77	75	93	74
DRUGS OFFENCES	58	62	99	50
MURDER / ATTEMPT MURDER	2	1	1	0

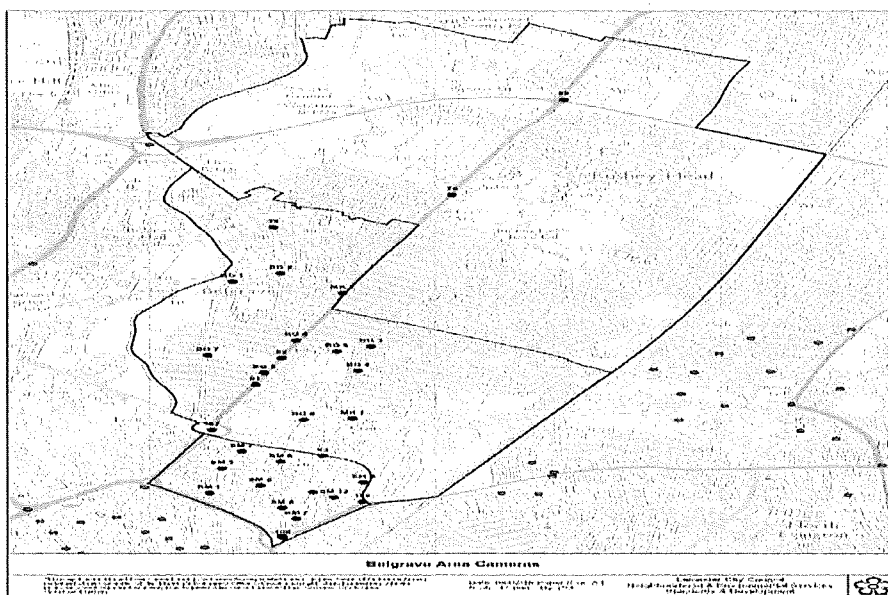
**Belgrave Statistics
(1st Dec 2017 -28th February 2018)**

OFFENCES	LATIMER	BELGRAVE	NE TOTAL
BURGLARY DWELLING/RESIDENTIAL	15	27	264
BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING	20	11	124
ROBBERY	3	10	50
THEFT FROM PERSON	3	5	23
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	0	7	47
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	11	24	182
POSSESSION OF WEAPON	0	1	27
RACIALLY/RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED CRIME	3	0	16
SEXUAL OFFENCE	3	0	77
DRUGS OFFENCES	2	3	58
MURDER / ATTEMPT MURDER	0	0	2

Current Work

- Police and Council - working together
- Working with the businesses
- Celebrate Safely campaigns (inc “cover-up” campaign)
- Police patrols at key times/ locations
- Specific initiatives “Cocooning” projects
- Working with young people at schools
- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Use of CCTV cameras (2 new ones)

CCTV Cameras - Locations



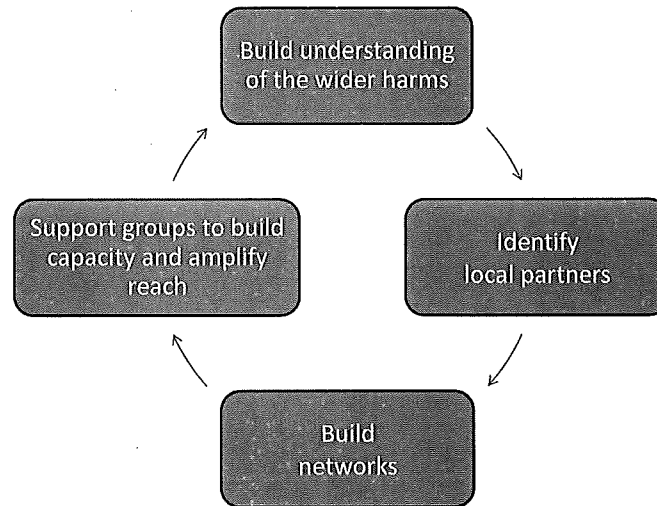
Key Community Safety Messages

- Leave lights on when your house is empty
- Use door and window locks
- Check credentials before letting people in
- Do not leave property in view in your car
- Use cycle locks
- Work with neighbours – set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Building Community Resilience

- Understanding local risks & harms – e.g. Hate Crime & Discrimination
- Identify local partners – e.g. community networks who aim to challenge discrimination
- Build networks – assist in linking together the work of community organisations
- Support capacity building – signpost community organisations towards relevant support

Community Coordinator Role



Support groups to build capacity and amplify reach

- A programme of direct support, both in-kind and financial, to partners is available through an open and competitive bidding process. This programme of work is being delivered under the Home Office 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' (BSBT) strap-line.
- Near Neighbours - builds friendships and encourages dialogue between people of different faiths and backgrounds. It works in a number of key locations across England and has delivered over 1000 local projects bringing different faith and ethnic groups together and reaching over 940,000 people (<https://www.cuf.org.uk/about-us-near-neighbours>).
- The Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme provides protective security measures to places of worship in England and Wales that need increased protection. This has included: churches, mosques, Hindu temples and Sikh gurdwara. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme>

**THANK YOU
ANY QUESTIONS?**