

**On Tuesday, 12 January 2010  
Starting at 6:00 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**\*:\*\*pm – \*:\*\*pm**

**Meet your Councillors and  
local service providers  
dealing with:-**

- **environmental**
- **emergency planning**
- **energy efficiency**
- **general council matters  
and other issues**

**\*:\*\*pm – \*:\*\*pm**

**Get involved in your area and  
planning for the future**

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti MBE  
Councillor Piara Singh Clair  
Councillor Ross Willmott**

\*:\*\*pm – \*:\*\*pm

**Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-**

- 
- 
- 
- 
- 

\*:\*\*pm – \*:\*\*pm

**Get involved in your area and planning for the future. There will be presentations and discussions on:**

- 
- 
- 
-



## **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

### **WHEELCHAIR**

Meetings are held in a variety of community venues. We will only hold meetings in venues where there is suitable access for wheelchairs. If you have any concerns about accessing a venue by wheelchair, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on the details provided.

### **BRAILLE / AUDIO TAPE – CD / TRANSLATION**

If you require this agenda or a particular part of it to be translated or provided on audio tape, the Democratic Services Officer can organise this for you (production times will depend on equipment facility availability). In certain cases, subject to the agreement of the local Councillors, translation facilities can be provided at the meeting.

### **INDUCTION LOOPS – HEARING AT MEETINGS**

We provide a loop system at every meeting for people with hearing aids. If you have a hearing aid, please speak to the Democratic Services Officer at the meeting for further assistance if you think you won't be able to hear what's being discussed. There is also a facility which can help people hear better if you don't have a hearing aid but are hard of hearing, again please speak to the Democratic Services Officer about this.



# INFORMATION FAIR

## PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>	<b>Police Issues</b>
Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.



**The first part of the agenda covers formal items which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Bhatti will be chairing the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting, held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.**

**5. MELLOR PRIMARY SCHOOL - DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

To receive an update on the development plans for Mellor Primary School that



form part of the wider Building Schools for the Future programme. Feedback will also be given on the recent public consultation event.

## **6. WOODBRIDGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Gwenda Brown, Area Manager, Children and Young Peoples Services will outline the facilities available at the new Woodbridge Children's Centre that has recently opened next to Mellor Primary School.

## **7. SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Julie Chapaneri, Extended Services Co-ordinator, Children and Young Peoples Services will give an update on the first two rounds of funding allocated in respect of the extended programme of working with schools and community groups.

## **8. CITY WARDEN PROGRAMME**

Barbara Whitcombe, City Warden Manager, Regeneration and Culture will outline the roll-out of the City Warden programme into Rushey Mead Ward.

Members of the public will be asked at the meeting to identify any high profile 'grot spots' in the area (preferably accompanied with photographs), these will then be added to a priority list for action.

## **9. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

To receive an update on traffic issues in the area, and in particular the outcome of the following petition presented to the Council, at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, by Councillor Clair.

*"We, the residents of Woodbridge Road, Berridge Lane and Lanesborough Road, object to the Thurmaston Bus being routed through our residential area. There was no consultation with the residents before starting the temporary bus route. We, the residents want these buses to stop going through our residential area and to use the main Melton Road."*

## **10. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Representatives from the Local Policing Unit will be in attendance to highlight any issues that are a cause for concern and to seek feedback.

A scheme to create a graffiti wall in Rushey Mead has been co-funded by the community meeting and police.

## 11. RUSHEY MEAD LIBRARY

To receive feedback from the recent successful community day at Rushey Mead Library.

## 12. BUDGET

**Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.**

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer will give an update on the current position regarding the Community Meeting Budget.

The following application for funding was received prior to the meeting and, as the amount requested fell within the amount allowed under the Community Meeting urgency rules, the Ward Councillors supported the application as a matter of urgency to allow work to proceed as soon as possible. The local Joint Action Group (JAG) has also allocated an additional £400 as match-funding towards the total cost of the project.

An update on the progress of the project will be given at the meeting.

### **Ward Community Fund**

- |    |                                    |             |
|----|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) | <b>Graffiti Wall – Rushey Park</b> | <b>£400</b> |
|    | Local Policing Unit                |             |

The following applications have also been received: -

### **Ward Community Fund**

- |    |                              |               |
|----|------------------------------|---------------|
| 2) | <b>Creation of Play Area</b> | <b>£4,000</b> |
|    | Woodbridge Children's Centre |               |

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **Help us to make improvements!**

Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

### **For further information contact**

Mike Keen, Committee Services Section, Resources Department, Leicester City Council, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, LEICESTER LE1 9BG

Phone 0116 (0116) 229 8817

Fax 0116 229 8819

[mike.keen@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:mike.keen@leicester.gov.uk)

[www.leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings)

### **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

#### **WHEELCHAIR**

Meetings are held in a variety of community venues. We will only hold meetings in venues where there is suitable access for wheelchairs. If you have any concerns about accessing a venue by wheelchair, please contact the Committee Services Officer on the above number.

#### **BRAILLE / AUDIO TAPE – CD / TRANSLATION**

If you require this agenda or a particular part of it to be translated or provided on audio tape, the Committee Services Officer can organise this for you (production times will depend on equipment facility availability). In certain cases, subject to the agreement of the local Councillors, translation facilities can be provided at the meeting.

#### **INDUCTION LOOPS – HEARING AT MEETINGS**

We provide a loop system at every meeting for people with hearing aids. If you have a hearing aid, please speak to the Committee Services Officer at the meeting for further assistance if you think you won't be able to hear what's being discussed. There is also a facility which can help people hear better if you don't have a hearing aid but are hard of hearing, again please speak to the Committee Services Officer about this.





This page is left blank intentionally.

# **Your Community, Your Voice**

## **Record of Meeting and Actions**

**6:30 pm, Wednesday, 21 October 2009**

**Held at: Soar Valley College, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester.**

Who was there:

Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti
---------------------------------

## INFORMATION SHARING – ‘CAROUSEL’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and the local Police and to bring enquiries and raise and issues.

<b><u>Table 1</u></b>	<b>Ward Councillors</b>
<b><u>Table 2</u></b>	<b>Leicester LINK</b>
<b><u>Table 3</u></b>	<b>Mellor Primary School Development</b>
<b><u>Table 4</u></b>	<b>Friends of Watermead Park</b>
<b><u>Table 5</u></b>	<b>Local Housing Office</b>
<b><u>Table 6</u></b>	<b>Police</b>

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.



### **34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Clair.

### **35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this time.

### **36. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE (BSF) PROGRAMME**

Carolyn Robson, Head Teacher, Rushey Mead School opened the discussion and welcomed people present to the meeting.

**John Garratt**, Head of Planning and Property, Children and Young People's Services outlined the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) process. John stated that BSF was a massive investment programme across the country and represented the largest investment in education since Victorian times. It was hoped that, as a result of the BSF investment programme, a majority of schools could be modernised and modern methods of teaching could be implemented that would enable a lead to be gained in the world arena.

In Leicester a sum of £275 million had been negotiated from the Government to re-model a number of schools, including some specialist schools. There would not be enough funding to re-build every school in the City but some would and others would have limited work carried out.

As part of this work a new extension to Fullhurst Community College was opened in December and similar schemes underway at Beaumont Leys, Soar Valley and Judge Meadow were due to be opened in June 2009.

The Government had asked the City Council to re-write the business case that had been previously submitted and had questioned whether we were clear on our priorities. A Strategy for Change was currently being worked up and would be ready for consultation soon.

Rushey Mead School would be in the next phase of building work, with an anticipated start date during the winter of 2009/10. There were currently 1350 places at Rushey Mead School and some £9.5 million had been allocated to the project to provide some new buildings, modernise others and enable the removal of existing temporary buildings. A separate bid for £1 million had been submitted to make Rushey Mead School a model greener school in Leicester.

BSF was critical to Leicester as the Council had a 25year Plan in place, within which several priorities related to education and provision of facilities for children. The Plan also included reference to the provision of safer and sustainable communities, as well as wellbeing and health with an ability to access leisure facilities and an ability to learn beyond 16 years of age.

BSF was a partnership between the Government, the City Council and schools. The City Council decided the priorities and the allocation of funds, with the schools involved drawing up a list of their aspirations and expectations.

**Carolyn Robson**, Head Teacher, Rushey Mead School stated that when the school moved forward it needed to move from where it was now. The most recent OfSTED GCSE results had been most encouraging and the school had achieved a rate of improvement that exceeded County and City schools. The school had recently been awarded Higher Leadership School and national Support School status and would now be looking to help other schools.

BSF would give the school a chance to identify what it would like to see for the children and recent consultation had enabled staff, governors and some pupils a chance to design their vision of a new school.

Rushey Mead School had big ambitions and it was to be hoped that further ideas could come forward from the Community Meeting.

### **Questions**

At this point questions were invited from the public present and the appropriate responses are shown.

- i) *“Is the BSF funding Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding, with an outside private company”.*

**John Garratt** stated that the BSF funding was direct from the Government and did not involve outside private companies.

- ii) *“Were there any provisions in the BSF proposals for a Hindu based school.”*

**John Garratt** stated that there were no proposals within the proposals submitted to the Government for other faith schools. The City Council did however have a duty to assist those who proposed to develop a faith school

**Carolyn Robson** stated that any discussions around the provision of a Hindu school would be outside the scope of the Community Meeting.

- iii) *“What proposals were there for Adult Classes at Rushey Mead School.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that Rushey Mead School was not designated a Community College, unlike Soar Valley and Judgemeanow and therefore a comprehensive range of adult classes was not likely. The school did however offer a range of adult activities and within the BSF proposals childcare and crèche facilities would be made available.

- iv) *“What provision would be made for those pupils at exam stage whilst building works were underway.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that it was anticipated that a phased building programme would be in place to ensure that there was minimal disruption. One of the first phases would be the re-building of the science laboratories.

- v) *“What strategies are in place for school placements.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that this would be dependant on whether the school remained the same size, or expanded. Currently the school was at 1400 pupils and it was not envisaged that it would be smaller following BSF.

- vi) *“Will Rushey Mead School be developed as a 6<sup>th</sup> Form College.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that there were no such plans as there were already several 6<sup>th</sup> Form Colleges within the City and it was clear that children seemed to be quite excited to be moving slightly out of the area to attend 6<sup>th</sup> Form Colleges or other further education establishments.

- vii) *“Rushey Mead School is a Sports and Science College, was it envisaged that when BSF works were complete, that there would be public use of the facilities at weekends.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that this would not be possible under current legislation as any sessions provided had to QA checked, tutors had to be CRB checked and First Aid had to be available. The school was currently open until 10pm on term days for certain activities and supervised activities were also provided after school and at weekends, along with those offered at Soar Valley Community College. Should sufficient funding be available then a number of community facilities would be provided. Rushey Mead School would also have links with the new Gateway Community College being built at Hamilton.

- viii) *“Would there be a possibility of having a Youth Development Worker appointed at Rushey Mead School.”*

**Carolyn Robson** stated that City Council Youth Development Workers had previously been based at Rushey Mead School and at Soar Valley, but it was now a question of ensuring that sufficient funding was in place to cover all costs of Youth Development Workers to be based here.

In concluding, Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer encouraged those present to complete the BSF Feedback forms that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **37. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008, as previously circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

### 38. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

#### 1) Application for Funding (Community Cohesion Fund)

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer reported that an application for funding had been received, as set out below: -

<b>Highfields Rangers</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<b>Community Fun Day</b>	
<b>(Stage and Marquee)</b>	£1000
<b>(Inflatables)</b>	£1000

RESOLVED:

that the bid for funding, as set out above, be **Approved**.

#### 2) Application for Funding (Community Fund)

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer reported that an application for funding had been received, as set out below: -

<b>Highfields Rangers</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<b>(Kiddies Rides)</b>	£1000
<b>(Kiddies Entertainer)</b>	£800
<b>(Publicity and Printing)</b>	£200

RESOLVED:

That the bid for funding, as set out above, be **Not Supported**.

#### 3) Application for Funding (Ward Action Plan)

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer reported that an application for funding had been received., as set out below: -

<b>Leicester City Council</b>	<b>£4000</b>
<b>Play and Youth Development</b>	
<b>Improvements to Nagle Grove Play Area</b>	
<b>(Two-seat swing)</b>	£2500
<b>(Small spring see-saw)</b>	£1500

RESOLVED:

that the bid for funding, as set out above, be **Approved**.

#### 4) Environmental Services

The Chair reported that, following discussions there was a proposal to make available a maximum of **£2000**, from balances available, to Environmental Services to enable litter bins to be provided at various locations in the area to alleviate litter problems identified.

**RESOLVED:**

that the proposal, as outlined above, be **Approved**, subject to Environmental Services making available a breakdown of intended expenditure to the Ward Councillors prior to the funding being released.

### **39. LOCAL POLICING - UPDATE**

There were no Police representatives present at the meeting.

### **40. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Adrian Russell, Service Director, Environmental Services gave a brief presentation outlining the work of the division.

During 2008 33.3% of the City's waste had been recycled.

From the recent MORI Survey 80% of residents had expressed satisfaction with the refuse collection service but the department was still looking to improve on this. The department were in the process of looking at complaints received and of the causes of these complaints. At the beginning of 2008 the department were receiving some 65 complaints per week around refuse collection, this figure was now down to around 25 complaints per week.

Within Rushey Mead Ward incidences of fly-posting were higher than the City average, whereas incidences of fly-tipping, abandoned cars and discarded needles were lower than the City average.

To date 131 Cable Boxes had been re-painted in Rushey Mead Ward.

Regular street cleanliness inspections were carried out across the Ward and it was reported that all areas inspected were within the 90% - 100% satisfactory.

It was stated that, within the City Centre, there had been problems with 'flyers' from clubs and bars being scattered around the streets. The City Council had now adopted legal powers to allow only those premises with licences to distribute 'flyers', the problem had now since reduced drastically.

The Division were also responsible for regularly checking the 1250 taxis and 297 Private Hire vehicles in the City, and regularly undertook spot checks. Adrian stated that all Black cabs were required to operate all journeys on meters within a 10mile

radius of the City Centre, although there were reports that some did not. Any incidences of this happening should be reported to the Licensing Section.

Adrian stated that spot checks were made on retail premises that were licensed to sell alcohol to ascertain whether persons under the required age were being sold alcohol, and also whether illegal drinks were being dispensed at pubs and clubs, nine such premises had been found to be guilty. It was reported that Bargain Booze on Gipsy Lane had recently sold alcohol to persons under age and the case had been referred to the Council's Licensing Committee for determination and this could lead to the loss of the liquor licence.

Pest Control cases were higher in Rushey Mead than the City average and a number of these cases centred around food being left out for birds. Officers were to investigate reasons for the complaints.

Noise nuisance was another area covered and there had recently been complaints of noise emanating from the 3 Kilns Public House, officers had visited the premises. Adrian stated that officers had recently been aware of a gang that were being paid to dispose of worn vehicle tyres, but rather than dispose of them in the proper way they were just dumping them at the roadside. After some research the van was tracked and seized. The owner of the van opted not to reclaim it so the vehicle was crushed.

Officers had recently moved in quickly with the Police and stopped a 'Mock Auction' taking place in the City. At a 'Mock Auction' the public were invited to bid on certain items under the impression that they were bidding on quality goods, when in fact all they ended up with were low quality items and with no recourse to get their money back. No quality items had been found at the premises visited.

Adrian stated that, regarding the 10,000 trees project discussions had been taking place with certain City schools with a view to creating Community Orchards.

At this point several questions were asked by members of the public present. The questions and the respective responses are set out below: -

- 1) Following the appearance of graffiti on part of St.Gabriel's Church the City Council's Graffiti Team had been contacted and had stated that they would require high reach equipment to enable the graffiti to be removed. No further contact had been made for some while.

**Response**

Adrian stated that he would contact the Graffiti Team to get this graffiti cleaned.

- 2) The City Council no longer sited Community Skips in the street, what alternative arrangements were in place.

**Response**

Adrian stated that there had been numerous problems with the previous Community Skip scheme, hence it's conclusion several years ago. The problems had been around the types of material being dumped in the skips

that had included old paint and old engine oil and other substances that were difficult to extract and re-cycle.

The City Council now worked on the basis that households were allowed 5 free collections of bulky waste and the Council received some 40,000 requests per year for this service, a figure higher than a lot of other Councils.

RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

#### **41. DRAFT WARD ACTION PLAN**

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer reported that the major issues identified in the Plan were: -

Community Facilities – this was partly being addressed through the Building Schools for the Future programme

Environmental Clean-up - this was partly being addressed by the allocation of £2,000 to Environmental Services, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Traffic and Parking - To be discussed at a future meeting

##### Community Facilities

It was accepted that there was a shortage of community facilities in Rushey Mead Ward and Mr. Patel, a member of the public, stated that he had a plan that could help to address this shortage and that he wanted to bring to the Community Meeting to gauge public reaction. The Chair stated that the Ward Councillors would like to see details of the Plan before the next Community Meeting in order to assess resource implications.

RESOLVED;

that Mr. Patel be requested to submit his proposal to Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer at the City Council, prior to it being presented at the Community Meeting.

#### **42. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009, at a venue to be announced.

#### **43. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

