

**Magpie Youth Centre, Sturdee
Road
On Wednesday, 9 March 2011
Starting at 10:00 am**

The meeting will be in two parts

10:00am – 10:30am

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

- Housing office team
- Council advice and info
- Police
- Dental health advice and info
- Smoking advice and info
- One Clean Leicester
- general council matters and
other issues

10:30am – 12:00 noon

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

- Dental Health info
- One Clean Leicester
- Police priorities
- Councillors report
- Funding bids

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Virginia Cleaver
Councillor Rory Palmer**

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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

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Housing Office team Meet the Housing Office team	Dental Health advice Obtain Dental Health advice and information
Smoking advice Obtain advice on Smoking	One Clean Leicester Obtain information from your City Warden
Council advice and information Obtain advice and information on City Council services	LINK Obtain information

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

Councillors will elect a Chair for 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

Appendix A

The minutes of the previous Eyres Monsell Community Meeting, held on 15th December 2010, have been circulated 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. COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY REPORT

The Ward Councillors will give an update on issues they have been involved in within the ward.

6. POLICE UPDATE

Sgt. Andrew Partridge will be attending the meeting to give an update on the Neighbourhood Policing Team's work and the current priorities for the ward.

7. ONE CLEAN LEICESTER

Barbara Whitcombe, Team manager (City Wardens) will give a brief presentation on 'One Clean Leicester'.

8. DENTAL HEALTH

A representative from the NHS will give a brief presentation on dental health.

9. BUDGET

Appendix B

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.

The following applications for funding have been received and Councillors are asked to consider whether to support them.

Application 1

100% Best Attendance Project - £500

Police and Community Support Group

Funding for this project is being sought from Eyres Monsell, Aylestone, Freeman and Knighton Wards.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Appendix A

Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

9:30 am, Wednesday, 15 December 2010

Held at: Magpie Youth Centre, Sturdee Road

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor Virginia Cleaver
Councillor Rory Palmer



INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ 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 service representatives.

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries
Community News Team John Coster and Simon Parker want to hear from you and your community. They'll report your stories and get you on tape, video or sound	Meet the Housing Team Information on the new banding proposals for access to council homes
Meet the youth team News and information about activities for young people in the area	Health Through Warmth Advice about getting through the winter as safe and well as possible
City Warden Information about street issues such as fly tipping, graffiti and litter	Recycling An update o the pilot scheme for a new way of collecting recycling

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.

28. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Palmer was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jean Dutfield, Julian Pirie and Jean Moxon.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and/or declare if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them. No such declarations were made.

31. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Eyres Monsell Community Meeting held on 15 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

In response to the minutes, an update on the recycling pilot was given. It was reported that the pilot was ongoing, but was proving very successful. The pilot would be evaluated and a decision made on whether to roll it out across the city.

32. COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY REPORT

COUNCIL BUDGET

Councillor Palmer explained the current budget situation that faced the Council, stating that it would be a very difficult time. He explained that the government wanted to tackle the public sector deficit as quickly as possible over the next four years. There had been in-year cuts and would be further cuts over the next few years. An estimated £18million would be cut in the next financial year, amounting to £300 per citizen. The Council would be going through a process to work out its budget and tough decisions would have to be made which would affect all parts of the Council.

He explained that in the city, amongst other things, transport schemes had been affected and free swimming for under-16s had been stopped by government (although this had been continued by the Council over the last summer holidays.) He also stated that Leicester would be more affected than other areas, as it was not able to collect as much from Council tax due to the high number of low banded houses.

Residents asked whether sufficient efforts were made to collect Council Tax owing. Councillor Palmer replied that extra resources had been put into this and it had

vastly improved. However, Council Tax was only a small proportion of the Council's income.

ELECTED MAYOR

Councillor Palmer reported that the Council was proposing to have an elected mayor. A final decision would be made on 22 December, and, if agreed, the first mayor would be elected on 5 May 2011. The mayor would be directly elected by residents, giving every elector a say, which would give the mayor a clear mandate, rather than the current leader who was appointed by councillors. A mayor would be elected for a four year term and would have greater powers than a leader. Although the government's Localism Bill sought to hold referendums in large cities, Leicester was still required to follow current legislation and make a decision before the end of the year. It was noted that the Localism Bill also proposed significant changes to planning rules.

In response to residents' questions and concerns, Councillor Palmer stated that having an elected mayor would not increase costs, as the post replaced the leader, who currently received an allowance. A referendum would cost the Council. The mayor would choose his or her own Cabinet. It was not possible at this stage to confirm what the mayor's increased powers would be and whether they would take on the Chief Executive's role.

In response to concerns about the level of consultation, Councillor Palmer stated that there had been a much higher response rate than most other authorities. Councillors had proposed an elected mayor to increase democracy in the city. Concerns about potential celebrity candidates should not be used as a reason for not doing it.

Councillor Palmer offered to give a further update when more details were known, such as precise powers, role, costs and how it would affect the community. He also offered to have an update on developments with the Localism Bill.

33. HEALTH THROUGH WARMTH PROJECT

Lucy Birch from the Health Through Warmth Project explained the project to residents. She stated that the project was set up by N Power and implemented through the City Council. Its aim was to improve warmth and quality of life for vulnerable residents through insulation, grants for boiler repair and replacement, and radiator or storage heater replacement. It was for private households where one or more people were vulnerable to cold or damp. It was not means tested. A contribution was given towards work and for those who could not afford the rest, the team would apply to other sources to try to make up the shortfall.

She gave tips for staying warm, including eating regular hot meals and drinks, keeping moving, dressing in layers and wearing a hat or headscarf.

34. POLICE UPDATE

Neighbourhood Sergeant, Andy Parsons, gave an update on current policing priorities, which were antisocial behaviour on Howden Road and Southfields Library. He said that the number of reported incidents on Howden Road had reduced significantly and he anticipated that this would cease to be a priority in the new year. The team was working with the Freeman team to address issues with Southfields Library and some offenders had been identified.

He explained that the police were working with the council to approach antisocial behaviour and offenders were given an opportunity to change their behaviour with warning letters, asbos and injunctions.

He reported that crime figures had reduced by 10% for the last quarter. He advised residents to be aware of home security at this time of year as burglaries increased.

He stated that work was to be done to tackle parking outside schools and promote road safety. In response to residents' questions, he stated that some off licences had been tackled regarding underage alcohol sales, although there was no trend in Eyres Monsell that indicated that this was a problem. He agreed to look at parking issues outside St John Boscoe Hall.

35. LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Nav Chauhan, Manager at the Magpie Centre, welcomed residents to the centre and gave an overview of the last 12 months. He reported that the centre had been relaunched after the refurbishment, which had involved a lot of the young people.

He gave a brief list of the facilities and sessions on offer, such as clubs, advice sessions, weekend clubs, and projects. He also explained the graffiti project that had been done on the outside of the building, which the community were positive about.

He reported that the motorbike project had run out of money, but it was hoped that more money could be obtained for a further 30 weeks.

Residents suggested that the centre should advertise in Monsell Mail. They welcomed the news that more girls were using the centre now. They raised concern about drinkers near the freerunning park and Nav agreed to raise this with the police.

36. BUDGET APPLICATION

Two applications were considered and agreed as follows:

Application 1 – Antisocial behaviour DVD project, Welford Road Neighbourhood Policing Team.

AGREED:

That the Community Meeting supports the funding of £500.

Application 2 – Special Olympics Leicester Multi Sports Club - £1800, to establish a club for people with learning difficulties.

It was noted that this was an application to more than one community meeting to spread the funding across wards. It was felt that it was important to continue the momentum of the Special Olympics.

AGREED:

That the Community Meeting supports the funding of £1800

37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillor Palmer asked residents whether they preferred day time or evening meetings. The majority expressed a preference for day time meetings. He stated that the time of the next meeting, on 9 March would be looked at to see if the time could be changed from 6pm.

38. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Palmer reminded residents of the upcoming Christmas event at the Community Centre.

He also gave an update on the situation with the Invincible site, stating that planning permission had been given, so development was free to commence. Residents would be supported throughout the process.

He stated that the community centre was undergoing a refurbishment and would include a new entrance, toilets, IT suite, meeting rooms and library suite. The Housing office would be based there and the police would also have a presence there. Residents stated that they needed a new tenants' association base, but Councillor Palmer said that the existing unit was unused as people did not want to be involved. He agreed that, if people wanted it, he would consider it. Work was being done by the council on how best to involve tenants, as it appeared that tenants' associations were not the best way. He suggested that this could be discussed at a future meeting.

Councillor Palmer informed residents that the Aylestone Boys Football Pavilion had been opened by Steve Walsh and Muzzy Issett. This was one of the 11 sites that were being created across the city. It was suggested that a future meeting could be held there.

Councillor Palmer announced the publication of the Accessible Leicester Guide which gave information of accessible businesses and facilities in the city.

A resident asked why pavements outside all bungalows were gritted apart from Rye Close. Councillor Palmer agreed to find out why it hadn't been gritted as it should have been.

A resident asked whether estate inspections would continue. It was reported that these would be reintroduced in the new year on a six month rota. Details would be published in the Monsell Mail.

39. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.48pm.

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2010-11 EYRES MONSELL WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET STATEMENT					
OPENING BALANCE		10,000	2,000	5,000	
Description	Applicant	WAP	CCF	WCF	NOTES
Bike locks	Joint Police and Neighbourhood Housing Officer	200			Paid
Eyres Monsell Primary School fund day	Eyres Monsell Primary School PSA		1,220		Paid
Dog bins	Neighbourhood Housing Officer	5,100			Paid
Saffron Fete	Saffron Community Enterprises		567		Paid
Cops and Robbers	Tenancy Services Officer			500	Paid
Parkour Park launch	Anna Parr			500	Paid
Community garden promotion	Sue Green			250	paid
Wednesday Specials – interim funding	Karen Pickering	630			Paid
Southfields centre open day	LCC			250	Paid
EM Older Persons' group				430	Paid
Balance		4,070	213	3,070	

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Balance		4,070	213	3,070	
Description	Applicant	WAP	CCF	WCF	Progress
Xmas estate event	Sue Green			500	Agreed – fast track: Balance of £1k paid from EM housing office
	Goldhill Play Association			250	Fast-track payment agreed (freemen agreed other half)
DVD	Police	500			December ward meeting
Special Olympics – new club	Special Olympics Sports Club	237	213		December ward meeting
Teams strips + other kit	Aylestone Park FC			500	Agreed fast-track
Committed funds		6,667	2,000	3,180	
Available funds		3,333	0	1,820	

**2010-11 EYRES MONSELL WARD COMMUNITY MEETING
BUDGET APPLICATIONS MARCH 2011**

Available funds		3,333	0	1,820	
Description	Applicant	WAP	CCF	WCF	Progress
Saffron fete expenses	Saffron Community Enterprises	467			Next ward meeting
Music at Magpie project	Pink Lizard	200			Agreed fast tracked
Pampers day	Linwood Centre Carers			100	£200 bid to freemen ward
100% attendance	Police community support group	500			Next ward meeting
Girls/women's basketball	Love Hoops	250			Agreed –fast track
25 aerogyms for older people	Saffron Support for Elderly People	396			Agreed: fast track
Back to netball project		745			Next ward meeting
	Committed funding	7,513	2,000	3,180	
	Available funding	2,487	0	1,820	

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