

Castle Community Meeting

**New Walk Musuem, New Walk
On Thursday, 20 January 2011
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Police
- Home Energy Saving
- Community Safety
- Phoenix and Curve
- City Warden
- City Centre Car Parking Planning Guidance

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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

- Playground Improvements at Mandela Park
- Draft City Centre Car Parking Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Feedback on Clarendon Park Christmas Fair
- Community Transport
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Neil Clayton
Councillor Patrick Kitterick
Councillor Lynn Senior**



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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

<p>Ward Councillors and General Information</p> <p>Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries</p>	<p>Police Issues</p> <p>Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.</p>
<p>Home Energy Saving</p> <p>Find out about services and advice available for residents to reduce home energy use.</p>	<p>Curve and Phoenix</p> <p>Representatives from Curve and Phoenix will be present to promote their upcoming programmes.</p>
<p>City Warden</p> <p>Speak to your local City Warden about local environmental issues.</p>	<p>City Centre Car Parking Planning Guidance</p> <p>Find out about proposals to change the planning rules with regard to parking in the city centre.</p>

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 J](#)

The minutes of the previous Castle Community Meeting, held on 9 September and joint meeting with Westcotes held on 27 October, 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. PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT NELSON
MANDELA PARK**

Officers from the Parks Service will be in attendance to outline details of plans to make improvements to Nelson Mandela Park. Residents will be able to give feedback on the plans.

**6. DRAFT CITY CENTRE CAR PARKING
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Residents will be able to give their views on proposals to develop planning

rules with regard to the provision of car parking in the city centre.

7. **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Officers from the Council's Community Transport section will be present to give details of the services which are available for use by the public.

8. **FEEDBACK ON CLARENDON PARK CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Community Meeting helped to fund the Clarendon Park Christmas Fair which took place in December. This will be a short item giving some feedback on how the event went.

9. **NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

Details will be provided of proposals to change the executive arrangements for the Council to an elected Mayor.

10. **COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET**

Appendix J

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 budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Addict Dance Studios

Amount: £4050

Proposal: Development of dance studio on Churchgate

Summary: Addict Dance is a non-profit making community dance company which is looking to develop a fixed base for the organisation which currently uses a space at Leicester College, but it is limited in the hours it can use the space. Those who attend the classes receive high quality tuition and a range of wider self development benefits. The group has a number of regular participants with disabilities and special needs.

The proposal is to develop dance studios on Churchgate to

provide a wide range of dance and other sorts (yoga, singing) of classes for all the community of Leicester. It is felt that these would promote community cohesion, develop confidence and help young people stay active and healthy.

The money would fund employing a specialist teacher / choreographer from London for a short term project, hiring a performance venue for the project, and the purchase of IT equipment for the project.

The classes would be open to all of Leicester's communities.

Application 2

Applicant: Friends of Welford Road Cemetery

Amount: £500

Proposal: Purchase of a laptop computer

Summary: Welford Road Cemetery is Leicester's oldest municipal cemetery, opened in 1849. It is home to a number of prominent historical characters who have helped shaped the history of Leicester.

The cemetery was the subject of a restoration project in 2005 that was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The grant enabled the creation of a new Visitor centre and various landscaping around the cemetery.

The Visitor Centre at the cemetery is staffed by the volunteers and members of the Friends of Welford Road Cemetery. The centre is open to the public for 3 days per week and receives visits and enquiries from the general public and people searching for relatives buried at the cemetery.

The Friends group have a number of historical records accessible on site, such as CD's from the Leicestershire & Rutland historical society, giving details of where people are buried on site. However the existing IT equipment is now becoming antiquated and unable to deal with the enquiries now being received by the Friends.

Our proposal is for to buy a new laptop that would be stored and used at the Visitor Centre. It would be used to search historic records for enquiries received, whilst the portable nature of the equipment would mean that visitors would be able to view records on screen at the front counter.

In conjunction with city council officers, the Friends are also exploring the possibility of an internet connection to the Visitor Centre. The current PC on site will not support the requirements for an internet connection, so new equipment is a necessity. Internet connection would enable records to be found online, such as those from the Commonwealth Grave commission and so forth.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information contact

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