

Thurncourt Community Meeting

**Thurnby Lodge Youth & Community
Centre, Thurncourt Road, LE5 2NG
On Monday, 28 March 2011
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts:

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

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

- Digital Switchover
- Community Payback
- Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- One Clean Leicester
- Police Issues
- Community Meeting Budgets
and Enquiries

6:30 pm onwards

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

- Highways Issues
- Community Payback
- Update on Police Issues
- One Clean Leicester
- Ward Community Budget
2010/11

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor John Allen
Councillor Caroline Scuplak**



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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>Digital Switchover</p> <p>Information will be available on the switchover to digital television</p>	<p>Community Payback</p> <p>Talk to Leicestershire Probation Service about the Community Payback scheme</p>
<p>Drug and Alcohol Action Team</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to participate in the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Consultation</p>	<p>One Clean Leicester</p> <p>Discuss environment and street scene issues with the local City Warden</p>
<p>Police Issues</p> <p>Talk to local Police officers about issues or raise general queries</p>	<p>Community Meeting Budgets and Enquiries</p> <p>Talk to your local Councillors or raise general queries</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

Members are asked to 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 is due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors is a member of that group, they will 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 Thurncourt Community Meeting held on 17 January 2011 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. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Highways officers will be present at the meeting to discuss highways issues in the Thurncourt Ward, with particular reference to issues in the Colchester Road area.

6. COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Representatives of the Probation Service will be present to explain the Community Pay Back Scheme and consider how this could work in the Thurncourt Ward.

7. UPDATE ON POLICE ISSUES

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will provide an update on police issues in Thurncourt Ward.

8. ONE CLEAN LEICESTER

The City Warden will be present at the meeting to give an update on issues in Thurncourt Ward, including the One Clean Leicester initiative.

9. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2010/11

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.

- a) The Members Support Officer submits an update on the 2010/11 Community Meeting budget.
- b) The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:-

Application 1

Applicant: Gulam Mohammed Lockhat

Proposal: Outing for Young People who are part of As Salaam

Amount: £300 for the hire of a single deck coach
(based on quote received from Confidence Coaches)

Summary:

This request is for funding to cover the cost of hiring a coach to a theme park or the seaside in the summer.

In the last few years there has been an increase in the number of Asian families, particularly Muslim families, moving into the area. Approximately 90 such families have been identified in and around the area.

As Salaam provides supplementary education for approximately 62 children, using facilities at Thurnby Lodge Community Centre. The classes operate 5 days per week. The cost of tutors and accommodation is met from donations and fees.

It is proposed to take some of these children, many of whom are from families on low incomes and benefits, to a theme park or on a trip to the seaside. The cost of entrance to the theme park or seaside attraction will be met through a small charge and from donations from the community. Charges will be kept to a minimum, in order not to discourage attendance.

Application 2

Applicant: Gulam Mohammed Lockhat

Proposal: As Salaam Women's Events

Amount:

Item	Cost (£)	Actual or Estimate?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Cost of 2 hour hire of church hall	£20 per hour	£40 x 12 = £480 per annum	50% of the cost – ie, £240 per annum
Cost of hiring Thurnby Lodge Community Centre for Eid Celebrations		approx £160	£160
TOTAL			£400

Summary:

- a) Funding towards the cost of hiring the hall at Christ Church, Nursery Road to hold a monthly meeting and provide refreshments for Asian women living in Thurncourt Ward

In the last few years there has been an increase in the number of Asian families, particularly Muslim families, moving into the area. Approximately 90 such families have been identified in and around the area. Whilst men can meet up and network, there are limited opportunities for Asian women to do this. As most have only just moved to the area and are dispersed, there is a degree of isolation. With increasing unemployment, there is an even greater risk of isolation as incomes for families are reduced and the cost of maintaining contacts becomes more difficult.

To address this, As Salaam has begun a programme of meetings aimed at Asian women in the area. These take place on the first Sunday of each month and refreshments are provided. They enable mutual support networks, such as sharing child minding or school runs, to be established.

To date, a number of individuals have borne the cost of room hire and have provided refreshments. Once fully established, it is intended to make a nominal charge for this activity. The charge will need to be nominal to ensure that those with a limited income are not discouraged from attending.

Approximately 30 – 40 women attended the first couple of events.

- b) Funding towards the cost of hiring Thurnby Lodge Community Centre for an Eid party for women and children in the area

This will be an annual event, after Ramadaan and is a way of getting all the Muslim women and children in the area together for a celebration. The cost of the food, etc will be met entirely from donations, so this request is only for funding for the hire of the Community Centre.

These proposals will help build a community spirit and confidence, especially amongst Asian women, as a precursor to them and As Salaam playing a part in improving an understanding of cultures and helping to promote good citizenship and cohesion.

As Salaam relies on donations but will pay for refreshments and, if possible, pay the balance of the accommodation charge. This will keep the cost to individuals to an absolute minimum. At previous events, participants have been asked to make a donation if they could. This practice will continue if possible so as not to discourage attendance.

Application 3

Applicant: Silver Threads Monday Club

Proposal: To take club members on a day trip to a place of interest

Amount:

Item	Cost (£)	Actual or Estimate?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Bus	£370	E	£370
Contribution towards entrance fees	£130	E	£130

Summary:

The proposed day trip would be available to all Club members and other senior citizens from Thurnby Lodge.

No funding has been sought from other sources.

Application 4

Applicant: Highways Maintenance in conjunction with Thurncourt Ward Councillors

Proposal: Installation of six grit bins

Amount: £1,200

Summary:

This proposal is to install grit bins at the following locations:

- Wintersdale Road (2) - one located at each end of the road.
- Tuskar Road
- Drumcliffe Road
- Dudley Close
- Lodge Farm Road

Following the recent harsh winter, these locations have been identified as priority areas in need of grit bins. Funding from the Ward Community Meeting would guarantee that these are in place to help to respond to adverse weather conditions in the future. The funding would pay for the installation of the bins, which would then be adopted and maintained by the City Council.

Application 5

Applicant: Thurncourt Neighbourhood Police Team

Proposal: Police push bike for use by the Thurncourt Neighbourhood Beat Team

Amount: £500

Summary:

Currently, Thurncourt Neighbourhood Beat Team has 4 officers, who share a single push bike. By doubling the number of push bikes it is hoped to achieve even greater success in the fight against crime and anti-social behaviour in the Thurncourt Ward.

No funding has been sought from other sources.

10. 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

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