

Castle Community Meeting

**The Town Hall Tea Room, Town Hall
Square, Leicester
On Wednesday, 20 July 2011
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- City Wardens Service
- The Handy-person Service
- Policing Matters
- Summer Youth Activities
- General Council Matters and Other Issues

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Summer Youth Activities
- Policing – Presentation on City Centre and Castle Ward Policing from Inspector Chris Cockerill
- City Wardens Update
- The Castle Ward Budget

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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

Summer Youth Activities Members of the community will be able to find out about activities for young people during the summer.	Policing Matters Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
City Wardens Service Speak to your local City Warden about local environmental issues.	The Handy-person Service Talk to Officers about the Handy-person service.
Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries.	

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 Castle Community Meeting, held on 2 March 2011, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

5. SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Local residents will be provided with information on youth activities in the area over the summer period.

6. POLICING - PRESENTATION FROM INSPECTOR CHRIS COCKERILL

Inspector Chris Cockerill will give a presentation on City Centre and Castle Ward Policing.

7. CITY WARDENS UPDATE

Local City Wardens will provide an update for the area.

8. 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 budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Students at Leicester College

Amount: £855

Proposal: Decent Exposure Exhibition

Summary: A group of 19 Photography and Video Foundation Degree students at Leicester College are organising an exhibition to show their work at The Pedestrian on 6th – 19th June 2011. It is hoped to attract the general public from the Leicester area through advertising in local newspapers, magazines and on several radio shows, including the BBC. There will also be posters and flyers in Leicester city centre.

Funding would be used towards the cost of hiring exhibition space and costs associated with the opening night, such as refreshments.

Application 2

Applicant: Leicester City Council Festivals and Events

Amount: £3,000

Proposal: Queens Road Fair and Craft Market, Sunday 19th June and 4th December 2011.

Summary: The Queen's Road Summer Fair follows on from the successful Christmas Fair on 5 December 2010. The monthly community meeting of shops and residents put forward the idea of a Summer Fair during student term time. The intention is to reduce the Ward funding subsidy to £1,500 per event and work towards the two fairs becoming self financing. The funding would go towards the costs of road closures and the hire of stall units. The stalls will be run by local residents selling mainly home made arts and crafts and some shops and community groups will also have stalls. There will be street entertainment and a stage for music featuring mainly young people from the area.

Application 3

Applicant: Val Kindred (Leicestershire County Netball)

Amount: £745

Proposal: To pilot a 10 week course for women (16+) to get back into Netball at a local venue near to them.

Summary: In partnership with NGB Officer for Netball, Physical Activity Officer for Leicester City Council, and the Community Development Worker at Surestart, the project will target mums at the Surestart group and also open those sessions up to the local

community to attend. The project would also link with the City Council's 3x30 Pledge Campaign – a commitment to do three 30 minutes workouts per week for rewards. The Back to Netball session can be counted as one of the three 30 minute sessions. There would be an introductory offer for the first lesson of £1 per person, but it would cost £2 per person thereafter.

The funding would be put towards venue hire, netball coaches, the design and printing of promotional material, free child care for attendees during sessions, and equipment for pilot lessons.

Application 4

Applicant: Brian Stafford, Parks & Green Spaces, Leicester City Council

Amount: £551.30

Proposal: Welford Road Cemetery – bird & bat boxes

Summary: Welford Road Cemetery is a designated wildlife site. One of the aims of the Cemetery Management Plan is to increase awareness of the importance of the cemetery for nature conservation, through things such as a Dawn Chorus Walk and the production of a nature leaflet. It is also hoped to hold a bat walk & talk later on in the year, facilitated by the Wildlife Trust.

The funding proposal is to purchase a number of bird and bat boxes, which will be installed around the cemetery. We have already undertaken preliminary surveys of bat and bird species, and the installation of these boxes will provide valuable roost and nesting sites for the many creatures that can be found at the site. This will subsequently increase numbers and ensure that the biodiversity of the site is improved.

The boxes themselves are made from a material called "woodcrete" - this ensures that temperature inside the box is regulated and allows for better survival rates. They are more robust than timber boxes and help prevent predation from things such as squirrels and other species. The boxes will be installed on site by maintenance operatives, under guidance from conservation experts, so that the optimum locations are chosen.

Application 5

Applicant: Highfields Community Association

Amount: £6,000 (Joint bid with Spinney Hills and Stonegate wards)

Proposal: Highfields Festival

Summary: Funding has been requested to hold a festival in the Highfields Centre sports hall / main hall/ forecourt and car park, to celebrate the independence of the Highfields Centre.

The festival will include indoor and outdoor activities, stalls, music, poetry, film taster workshops and a Job Fair. The event will incorporate the annual celebration of Diversity and Unity in the Community young people's event on Saturday evening and adults & families concert on Sunday evening and will last over two days.

The target audience is the local communities in the Highfields area, young and old and newly arrived communities, as well as those who are unemployed or looking for training. There is an event for young people and a cross generational event and a range of artists from diverse backgrounds.

Funding would be used for staging/equipment/flooring, staffing (temporary), artists, catering, publicity/marketing/HCAN, security.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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