

Castle Community Meeting

**The Tea Room, Town Hall, Town
Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 9BG.
On Thursday, 22 March 2012
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
- Cycling
- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme in flats
- Policing Matters
- General Council Matters
- Other Issues

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Welfare Advice Services
- The Princes Trust
- University of Leicester Community Overview
- Policing Update
- City Wardens Update
- The Castle Ward 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

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.
City Wardens Service Speak to your local City Warden about local environmental issues.	Cycling Speak to officers from Leicester City Council around issues relating to cycling.
Orange Bag Recycling Scheme Find out about the extension of the orange bag recycling scheme to flats.	Welfare Advice Services Find out about how changes to the benefits and pensions systems will affect residents.

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

The minutes of the previous Castle Community Meeting, held on 1 February 2012, 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. WELFARE ADVICE SERVICES

Officers from Welfare Rights Services, Leicester City Council, will be in attendance to provide information with regards to how changes to the benefits and pensions systems will affect residents.

6. THE PRINCES' TRUST

Representatives from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue will be in attendance to present an overview of their work with The Prince's Trust and will provide guidance on how local young people can become involved with the Trust.

7. UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Representatives from the University of Leicester have been invited to speak on their work within the community.

8. POLICING UPDATE

An update will be given on recent Police developments and successes.

9. CITY WARDENS UPDATE

Local City Wardens will provide an update of their work within the Castle Ward.

10. 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.

The following budget application will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Highfields Community Association

Amount: £2,000 (from each of the Castle, Spinney Hills and Stoneygate).

Proposal: Highfields Festival

Summary:

Highfields festival 2012

Date: June 30th 2012

Venues – Highfields Centre sports hall/main hall/forecourt car park and Uplands School grounds

Rationale:

Key issues/aspects:

Format of event - outdoor/indoor activities/stalls/music/poetry/film taster workshops & a Job /Training Fair with HMAc in the main hall on the Saturday. These activities to be during the day and these will be free. We are looking to have a small/medium size stage outside as a focal point.

Event will incorporate the annual Celebration of Diversity & Unity in the Community (CDUC) young people's event on Saturday evening

Catering – will be provided by H-Café at the Centre and by local

companies providing specialist foods

Other partners so far signed up are Leicester Print shop, Highfields, Mayfield and St Saviours Children's Centres, Active Youth, Highfields Library, Ansaar, Reminiss youth group and Uplands School

We will build in forward planning where we are hoping that the festival will continue to grow for 2013.

Target Audience:

Will be 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 will be performing.

Evaluation:

We will be filming & photographing event and doing interviews with people on the day. Also there will flipcharts/pen and sticky notes available to capture participants feelings and responses. Ultimately we will know we are successful by the numbers of people who attend the different aspects of the festival such as the :

Job/Training Fair
Taster arts & sports sessions
Youth CDUC event

We would also take into account:

Number of stall holders
Partner agencies involved

Additionally we will be asking people to sign up to be involved in next year's event to encourage local ownership & involvement. The number of people who do this will also be an indicator of our success.

Application 2

Applicant: C/O Highway Asset Management, Leicester City Council

Amount: £2,932.66

Proposal: Castle Ward Tree Replacement

Summary: The budget for highway tree maintenance is not sufficient to cover

the costs of routine tree maintenance and replacement of trees that have to be removed due to age or disease. In order to try to maintain the existing tree stock, replacements of trees that have had to removed has been suspended.

When trees have been removed the tree pits have been capped off to remove any source of danger for highway users until such times as funds became available to start replanting.

There are 6 locations within the Castle Ward where trees have been removed and replacements have not been planted. These are:

- Craddock Road x 2
- Victoria Park Road x 2
- University Road x 1
- Lorne Road x 1

Craddock Road and Lorne Road will have *Crataegus monogyna* 'Stricta', a column from Hawthorn planted and Victoria park Road and University Road will have *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire', a variety of native Lime. These choices reflect what is already in the area, but with improvements such as less leaf/fruit litter, less honeydew, less or none eventual infrastructure damage.

The cost of replacing the trees is £422.04 per tree and this reflects the size of stock planted and 5 years after care including replacement due to loss from natural causes but not vandalism.

We are applying for £2,932.36 to cover the cost of planting the 6 trees as well as installing a bollard adjacent to the tree at the Craddock Road and Montague Road junction to protect it from overriding vehicles.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information contact

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