

Evington Community Meeting

Judgemeadow Community College,
Cafe Area, Marydene Drive,
Evington, Leicester LE5 6HP
Wednesday, 20 June 2012
Starting at 6:00 pm

The meeting will be in two parts

6.00pm – 6.15 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Domestic Violence and Community Safety
- Highways and Resurfacing
- Recycling
- Evington in Bloom
- Policing and City Warden Issues

6.15 pm – 8.00pm

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

- Councillors' Community Report
- Domestic Violence and Community Safety
- Highways / Road Surfacing
- Recycling Update
- City Warden Update
- Policing Update
- Environmental and Communal Improvement Budget
- Evington in Bloom Update
- Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Deepak Bajaj
Councillor Baljit Singh**



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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>The local councillors will be present to respond to general queries.</p>	<p>Police and City Warden Issues</p> <p>Residents will be able to talk to their local Police or City Warden about issues or raise general queries.</p>
<p>Domestic Violence and Community Safety</p> <p>Representatives from these services will be present to provide information on Domestic Violence and Community Safety.</p>	<p>Recycling</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to find out information relating to recycling and the new system for recycling in flats.</p>
<p>Evington in Bloom</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to receive up to date information on Evington in Bloom.</p>	<p>Highways and Road Surfacing</p> <p>Members of the public will be able to talk to an officer from the Highways Maintenance team about resurfacing in Evington.</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

The minutes of the previous Evington Community Meeting, held on 15 March 2012 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

Councillors will present an update on the issues that they have been dealing with since the previous meeting.

6. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Members of the community will receive a presentation on Domestic Violence and Community Safety, particularly in relation to the Evington Ward. Stephanie McBurney, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator and an officer from the Community Safety Team will be present.

7. HIGHWAYS AND RESURFACING

An officer from Highways Maintenance will be present and will provide an

update on road resurfacing in Evington.

8. RECYCLING UPDATE

Luke Crown, Service Development Officer from Waste Management, and a representative from Biffa will provide an update on recycling and the roll out of the scheme to flats.

9. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden will provide an update on street scene enforcement issues in the Evington Ward.

10. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from the Local Policing Unit will be present to provide an update on policing in the local area.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Chrissie Field, Area Manager, Housing will be present to talk about the Environmental and Communal Improvement Budget.

12. EVINGTON IN BLOOM

Mrs Helen Pettman will provide an update on the Evington in Bloom Project.

13. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

Members of the public will receive an update on the Evington Community Meeting budget.

The following funding applications have been fast tracked and approved for payment:

Westmeath Avenue Jubilee Street Party

Submitted by Sahera Waka

Amount requested: £500

Details of the funding application:

Funding was requested for a Diamond Jubilee Street Party on 3 June, for the residents of Westmeath Avenue. The object of the party was to bring together as many residents together as possible to promote and strengthen community ties. It was estimated that there would be between 40 and 60 participants.

The residents of Ellwood Close – party for the Queen's

Diamond Jubilee.

Submitted by Harshad Solanki

Amount requested: £500

Details of the funding application:

Funding was requested for a Street Jubilee party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ellwood Close is a cul-de-sac with about 15 houses; residents include a mixture of elderly people, parents and children. The street party would be a rare chance to meet all the neighbours and for the children to play together in a traffic free street. The party would include food and activities for children.

Evington Echo Advertising

Submitted by DPW Gillain

Amount requested:£234

Details of the funding application.

To publicise the Evington Community Meeting – six advertisements to be placed in the Evington Echo.

The following applications will be considered at the meeting:

Art in the Park (Craft and Chat)- Art and Craft cupboard and contents

Submitted by Miss Betty Hunter.

Amount requested: £160

Details of the funding application, as submitted by the applicant:

To put a procurement cupboard in the corner of the Beech Room in Evington Park House for the storage of craft materials. The cupboard is likely to be free but will need repairs.

Art in the Park has been established for 6 years and Craft and Chat is a sub group of Art in the Park, and started 4 months ago. We need shared materials to be viable as a group which can be sustainable after this initial input.

Funding is requested for the repair of the cupboard and for shared materials to include a kettle, cups and craft materials (including buttons, scissors and knitting needles).

The application states that the organisation does not have audited accounts, but it does have a constitution.

Pink Lizard Cohesion Project (Bring young people together).

Submitted by Pink Lizard developing youth / community/ Magpie

Amount requested £3225 between Evington, Freeman and Eyres Monsell Wards.

Details of the funding application, as submitted by the applicant.

Pink Lizard developing youth and community proposal is to deliver a community cohesion, Arts project. The project will work with young people from 3 different communities. Evington, Freemans and Eyres Monsell.

The young people have attended community ward meetings and have expressed their need for a project that support s their development, interest and passion in the Arts.

Through course of the the project the young people will gain an accreditaion qualification and take away skills in music production using pro logic music soft ware, tutored in singing, lyric/song writing and playing live instruments as guitar, drums, bass guitar and piano.

The project will also deliver a urban Hip Hop dance session which will be delivered to both male and females who are interested in dance.

The young people will have the chance to showcase their new skills at the 2012 Saffron Summer Fete. In 2011 the Fete attracted a local audience of around 2,000 people. The major attraction is the 'Stage Show' which show cases the talents of local young people. The Saffron Fete for 2012 is in August, this would be a great opportunity for the young people to show their new skills and talent.

We will know it was successful when we see the young people on stage performing and showing their talent before those attending the fete, and also delivering peer mentoring music project in our youth centres, and see the same young people enrolling on to performing arts college courses.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Lead youth worker /Music tutor	£20hr	A	1800

15 Week project x 6 over 2 days			
Music engineer 15 Weeks project 6 hrs over 2 days	£10hr	A	900
Travel 2 x times a week	£10 a session	A	300
Dance Tutor 1hr week	£15hr	A	225
Total	£3225		£3225

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Get Together Jubilee Event

Submitted by Sikh Community Centre

Amount requested: £1000 from the Evington Ward Budget. Funding also requested from Spinney Hill, Humberstone and Hamilton, Charnwood, Coleman and Stoneygate Wards (£5021 requested in total).

Details of the funding application, as submitted by the applicant:

On Saturday 2 June from, 1 – 6 pm we are proposing to host a street party for the community. This will be for 250 – 300 people – the community consists of BME and we have a large community which consists of different cultures. We will monitor the project by staff taking photographs, feedback forms and evaluation the ‘Get Together’ as well as income and expenditure receipts and a log will be kept.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate cost	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Tables and chairs hire		£500	Humberstone and Hamilton
Staff on the day and security		£1000	Evington
Food, drink, decorations and disposables		£3000	Spinney Hill/ Humberstone and Hamilton
Entertainment		£500	Charnwood
Road closure		£21	

Total		£5021	
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The application states that the organisation has audited accounts and a constitution.

Indian Music and Dance Group

Submitted by Shanti Chauhan

Amount requested: £2500

Details of the funding application as submitted by the applicant:

The project is to create opportunities to engage the Indian youths and the women to learn as well enhance their interest in Music &/ Dance.

Presently no facilities exist due to closure of evening classes at our local schools. There are a lot of individuals who would like to engage in such activities to achieve the following:

Raise their profile and self-esteem within the local community in Evington area.

Regular dance and music workshops would benefit the participants in social interaction across communities to establish networks to improve their chances of employment.

The participants would benefit in terms of enjoying improved health due to regular physical and mental exercises.

Community Cohesion would be enhanced as music and dance have no religious or cultural barriers.

The workshops would be hosted in a local facility with professional tutors coaching the participants preparing them for a celebratory concert/event whereby VIPs and local members of the community would see and appreciate the diversity of music and dance and also see the members of their own community integrating with others at a working level. This would further boost the community integration and higher level of participation if Ethnic Minorities in the mainstream organisations.

The success indicators of the project would be:

No of participants involved in the project.

The social interaction and integration of diverse members of Ethnic Minority groups to extend to some of these members integrating with mainstream organisations in Evington and Leicester.

The project aims to advertise and recruit participants in Jan/Feb 2012.

Regular workshops on weekly / fortnightly basis start in Feb 2012.

A celebratory event in form of a concert in Summer 2012.

The concert may be repeated at local schools to motivate and engage future participants thereby ensuring that this project becomes a permanent feature within the activities of the community of Evington.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Tutor fees X2 Qualified Music/Dance Teachers	22 sessions X £50	1100	
Hire of venue for workshop	22 sessions X 40	880	
Equipment	500	500	
Costumes etc	400	400	
Misc administration costs	420	420	
Total		3300	

The application states that the organisation does not have audited accounts but it does have a constitution.

Evington Asian Gardeners Group

Submitted by Shanti Chauhan

Amount requested £1500.

Details of the funding application, as submitted by the applicant.

The project is to create opportunities to engage the Asian men and the women to learn to create vegetable gardens as well as enhance their appreciation of the green environment.

Presently no facilities exist due to closure of evening classes at our land language barrier. There are a lot of individuals who would like to engage in such activities to achieve the following:

Raise their profile and self-esteem within the local community in Evington area.

Regular practical workshops would benefit the participants in social interaction across communities to establish networks to improve their chances of

employment.

The participants would benefit in terms of enjoying improved health due to regular physical and mental exercises.

Community Cohesion would be enhanced as gardening has no religious or cultural barriers.

The workshops would be hosted in a local facility with professional tutors coaching the participants preparing them for a celebratory concert/event whereby VIPs and local members of the community would see and appreciate the diversity of Indian vegetables and also see the members of their own community integrating with others at a working level. This would further boost the community integration and higher level of participation of Ethnic Minorities in the mainstream organisations.

The success indicators of the project would be:

No of participants involved in the project.

The social interaction and integration of diverse members of Ethnic Minority groups to extend to some of these members integrating with mainstream organisations in Evington and Leicester.

Regular workshops on weekly / fortnightly basis start in Spring 2012.

A celebratory event in form of a concert in Summer/Autumn 2012.

The project may be repeated at locally to motivate and engage future participants thereby ensuring that this project becomes a permanent feature within the activities of the community of Evington.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Tutor fees	10 sessions X £25	250	
Hire of Allotment	12 months X £15	180	
Equipment,seeds,fertiliser etc	500	500	
Celebratory event/ visits	400	400	
Misc administration costs	170	170	
Total		£1500	£1500

The application states that the organisation does not have audited accounts but it does have a constitution.

Opening Evening and Presentation

Submitted by Community Football Academy

Amount requested: £250 - £275 from each Ward. (Funding requested from Coleman, Evington, Humberstone and Hamilton, Spinney Hill and Stoneygate

Details of the funding application as submitted by the applicant:

We are proposing an open evening/awards presentation on Saturday 30th June 2012 at Judgemeanow Community College, Marydene Drive, Evington.

This is to recognise the commitment and hard work of the children (4-13) years old, that we train and the volunteers that help out in coaching or just give up their time for the children.

We also aim to invite the parents so there can see what the children have been up to over the past 12 months in training and the workshops.

The majority of the children are from the Coleman, Evington, Hamilton, Humberstone and Spinney Hill areas of Leicester. Also to attend will be various partnership organisations ie Leicestershire Constabulary, Leicestershire County F.A. etc.

The aim of the event is promotion and awareness of the organisation to existing members and to recruit new members. Also to show the hard work of the children and volunteers in the past 12 months by engaging community cohesion thru football in the various tournaments that were held.

The most important thing is to build friendship, relationships and trust.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
VENUE HIRE	325.00	A	325.00
EQUIPMENT	225.00	E	225.00
TROPHIES/CERTIFICATES	275.00	E	275.00
ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONAL	200.00	E	200.00
BUFFET	850.00	E	225.00

Total	1875.00		1250.00
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The application states that the organisation has audited accounts and a constitution.

Education Research Project for Somali Youths in Leicester and area

Submitted by Samia Ahmed Elmi

Amount requested: £500 from each of the Evington, Spinney Hill and Charnwood Wards; £1500 in total.

Details of the funding application as submitted by the applicant:

We know from first-hand experience that a group of Somali youngsters are not attending higher and further education.

We are researching the reasons, and why newly arrived young people from Somali communities in Leicester and the surrounding area do not enrol in higher and further education and so are therefore not proportionately represented in colleges and universities.

In addition we wish to research why a disproportionately high number of Somali young people fail to complete their courses and drop out of college and university.

We would like to develop a provision to address the barriers that young Somali people face and intend to approach the issues in the most appropriate way by involving educational institutions and parents.

According to an IMO's (International Organisation for Migration) mapping report the Somali population living in Leicester and surrounding areas was estimated at 15,000 persons in 2006.

Most are migrants who moved to the UK from EU countries such as The Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden. We have not been able to obtain the latest figures (census will be released first July 2112) but we believe that the census figures will show continued growth and therefore continued need for the services that we plan to provide.

Despite having such a huge group in Leicester and area we realise that there is no statistics about Somali youths and how they perform in higher education. And presently no one knows the scope of this problem, the reasons behind it, and no facilities exist due to assist those who could not enrol or achieve.

We aim to undertake a comprehensive and analytical survey to accurately research the scope of this problem and to identify the challenges that young Somali people face. We will then work with providers in local authorities, schools, colleges and universities to devise strategies to address these issues. We will also work closely with parents.

The feedback that we receive will also be the basis for a communication platform – a web portal, that we aim to set up for these groups. It is intended to be a communication platform which assists young people to express themselves, obtain information and promote involvement.

The results we are expecting are that young people will be assisted to achieve their maximum potential and will be enabled to contribute positively to society.

The ramifications of young people falling outside of the system can be severe as failure to complete education can lead to many issues. For instance people without qualifications occupy lower paid jobs and pay less tax into the system.

They are also more likely to become involved in crime or to become homeless. All of this has a negative impact on society, especially if, instead of paying tax through working, the person is incarcerated, suffers from mental ill health or becomes homeless, thus using public resources instead of contributing to them.

We understand that there are times when these situations may occur amongst any sector of the population and any income group but we are concerned to reduce the incidence of these circumstances amongst Somali people.

We also wish to enhance community cohesion; the Somali community is relatively new in Leicester and as such still face the barriers of misconceptions and preconceptions that most newly arrived groups face.

Our project will enhance education and contribute to collaboration between different communities by building human interaction and removing religious or cultural barriers.

The success of the project will be demonstrated by:

- *A research document demonstrating the needs of Somali young people and parents and documenting areas for change and how those changes may be implemented.
The research document will provide in-depth insight and accurate analysis specific to Somali young people.*
- *High membership and usage of the web portal.*

- *An increase in the number of young Somalis accessing further and higher education in Leicester, especially from Highfields and the surrounding wards*
- *An increase in the numbers of young Somalis remaining in further and higher education and completing their programmes of education*

The research project will take place Oct 2012. It is envisaged that the web portal will be set up following the completion of the research project. The work will be undertaken in Highfields and surrounding areas but primarily within Highfields as this is the area a great amount of Somalis live. We aim that all the Somali youths living in Leicester and area (all wards) should benefit from this activity.

However we are starting with seeking grants with the above three mentioned wards – each £500, which have all Somali communities. Similar related projects where representatives from the educational department will be invited may be arranged for the future.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Venue hire	2 X events	E180	
Equipment and set up	2X 100	200	
Small refreshment	200 X3.5	700	
Data collection, reports, print and stationery		350	
Temporary staffing and cleaning		200	
Total		E1630	

The application states that the organisation does not have audited accounts or a constitution.

14. 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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