

Evington Community Meeting

**Evington Park House,
Cordery Road, Evington
Tuesday, 11 September 2012
Starting at 6:00 pm**

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

- Ward Councillors' Report
- Evington Park House: Future Community Use
- Highways Issues:
 - parking improvements in the Coleman Road area and
 - parking problems in Gamel Road.
- Health Watch
- Update on Evington in Bloom
- City Warden Update
- Policing Update
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Deepak Bajaj
Councillor Baljit Singh**



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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.

1. 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 Evington Community Meeting, held on 20 June 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. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillors Deepak Bajaj and Baljit Singh will provide an update on the issues they have been dealing with in the Evington Ward.

6. EVINGTON PARK HOUSE: FUTURE COMMUNITY USE

Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services will be attending the meeting to provide an update on future community use at Evington Park House.

7. HIGHWAY ISSUES

There will be an opportunity to discuss parking improvements in the Coleman Road area and also parking problems on Gamel Road.

8. HEALTH WATCH

Representatives from Leicester LINK will be attending the meeting to outline the forthcoming changes in Health and Social Care and of the setting up of 158 Health Watch Groups across England. They will gather the experiences of local people on health and social care services and will also have powers to scrutinise and make referrals to Health Watch England and the Care Quality Commission.

9. UPDATE ON THE EVINGTON IN BLOOM PROJECT

Members of the community will be given a brief update on the Evington in Bloom Project. The results of the judging will not be known until the day after the community meeting.

10. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden, Nicole Powell will provide an update on street scene enforcement issues within Evington Ward.

11. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

A member from the Local Policing team will provide an update on local policing issues.

12. BUDGET

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

The following applications have been fast tracked and approved for payment.

Art in the Park (Craft and Chat) – Art and Craft Cupboard and contents;

Submitted by Miss Betty Hunter

Amount requested and approved: £160

Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club – Summer break session

Submitted by Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club:

Amount requested: a total of £1500 from Coleman, Evington and Spinney Hill Wards. £500 approved.

The following applications will be considered at the meeting:

Evington Asian Gardeners Group

Submitted by: Shanti Chauhan

Amount requested: £650

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 theoretically participate and learn about vegetable gardens as well as enhance their appreciation of the green environment. Also room hired to entertain and engage in discussions about the on-going developments nationally regards 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 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.

Regular workshops on weekly / fortnightly basis start in Autumn / winter

2012.

A celebratory event in form of a presentation.

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

The Residents of Ellwood Close (Evington) for Diwali – Festival of Light Street Party.

Submitted by: Harshad Solanki

Amount requested: £500

Details from the funding application as submitted by the applicant:

I will organise with the help of my neighbours, a street Diwali party to celebrate the festival of light. We are a group of residents, with about 15 houses on our cul de sac. This would be a good way of building further relationship for all our residents on Ellwood Close.

Firstly, I will talk to some of the residents get some ideas off them, and agree a date for the street party, and then plan how to organise the day. Provide food, games and secondly, for safety tell all the residents to move their cars off the road and out of the way.

There is a mixture of elderly people and working family parents and their children, who all go to the local nearby schools of Whitehall Primary School and Judgemeadow Community College.

I will organise the event and request help from my neighbours. They will assist me in the food preparations and organise activities for the little children.

I will buy all the food and prepare the venue on our cul de sac. I will verbally inform all my residents in my street

This street party is a rare chance to meet all the neighbours and meet the neighbours and to play with the kids together in a traffic free street for a change.

Majority of the Asian parents will be off for the extended Diwali five day festive break and weekend.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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