

# Evington Community Meeting

Judgemeadow Community College,  
Panoramic Cafe,  
Marydene Drive, Evington, Leicester

Thursday, 6 December 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:-

- Local Community Issues
- Welfare Reform
- Street Scene Enforcement
- Policing

**6.15 pm – 7.45 pm**

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

- Ward Councillors' Report
- Update on Highways Issues
- Welfare Reform
- The Evington Fete
- Evington in Bloom
- Community Christmas Tree and Christmas Songs and Carols
- Policing in the Evington Ward
- City Warden
- Community Meeting Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Deepak Bajaj  
Councillor Baljit Singh**

## **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

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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

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>  Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	<b>Police Issues</b>  Pc 1878 Evans will be present to answer queries relating to community policing.
<b>Welfare Reform</b>  Find out about the recent changes to Welfare benefits	<b>City Warden</b>  Talk to Nicole Powell, the City Warden for Evington about street scene enforcement issues.

**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 11 September 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. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

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

**6. UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

There will be an update on Highways issues including matters raised at the previous Evington Community Meeting on 11 September 2012.

**7. WELFARE REFORM**

City Council officers will be at the meeting to explain the forthcoming changes to benefits.

**8. THE EVINGTON FETE**

John Sloan, the Chair of the Evington Fete and Show Committee will give a presentation on the Evington Fete.

**9. EVINGTON IN BLOOM**

Helen Pettman, Evington Park and Village Green, will provide an update on the Evington in Bloom Project.

**10. CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS AROUND THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

On Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 6.45pm there will be Christmas songs and carols around the Community Christmas tree at Evington Library. After the event, there will be mince pies and refreshments at the Youth Club. Mrs Pauline O'Brien, Chair of Evington Youth Club will be present at the meeting to talk about this event.

**11. POLICING IN THE EVINGTON WARD**

Pc 1878 Evans, will be present to give an update on policing issues in the Evington Ward.

**12. CITY WARDEN**

Nicole Powell, the City Warden for Evington will provide an update on street scene enforcement issues in the Ward.

**13. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET**

**Appendix A**

There will be an update on the Evington Community Meeting Budget.

Previous Funding Application for Pedestrian Lighting Columns at Evington Park House.

The pedestrian lighting columns at Evington Park House have been installed and feedback relating to this is attached for information.

The following funding applications have been received:

**Ref: 2080: Notice Board**

**Submitted by: Downing Drive Friends and Neighbours**

**Amount Requested: to be confirmed.**

**Details of the application:**

An application has been requested for a community noticeboard to be erected near to the Downing Drive shopping area. It would be used to publicise local events and give updates and news of the community gardening scheme (The "It's Your Neighbourhood" Royal Horticultural Society Scheme) for the area.

**Amount requested:** Details relating to the cost of this item are to be confirmed.

**Ref: 2081: Cycling Proficiency**

**Submitted by: Susan Massey, Organise – “Come Bike With Me”**

**Amount Requested: £500**

**Details of the application:**

The project is for Cycling Proficiency for the young people of Evington. Sessions will be held at the weekends on Evington Park and most of the young people that attend live in the area. About 20 -30 young people will attend per session.

£500 is requested for equipment to facilitate the course.

The aim of the course is to help the young cyclist to be both confident and able to understand the highway code for cyclists.

**Ref:2082 Cooking for Young People**

**Submitted by: Evington Youth Club**

**Amount Requested: £350**

**Details of the application**

To give club members the opportunity to try basic skills in cooking. The club would like to see this as a beginning of skills which can be taken further at a later date. A lot of members do not get the opportunity to cook at home and this activity has been requested by members. A trial run was carried out by simple cooking (i.e. pizza and cakes); this was very successful. The members would like to take the project further and if possible to make a career of cooking. The interest in the club is from both boys and girls.

£350 requested for a food mixer, mixing bowls, scales, electric whisk, aprons, a storage bin and tea towels.

**Ref: 2083. Resurfacing of the Kitchen and Store area floor – Evington Village Hall.**

**Submitted by: Robert Esterbrook, Honorary Treasurer – Evington Village Hall**

**Amount Requested: £1400**

**Details of the application (as submitted by the applicant)**

The kitchen and storeroom floor at the village hall has been of concern to the Management Committee for some time, given the regular use by many varied community groups. There has been effective short term repair work undertaken by Committee members but the general wearing of the surface will result in a less than safe environment. It is also becoming less easy to keep the surface clean due to the surface breaking down. The Committee has taken guidance

from a local (Excelsior Carpets) supplier of vinyl sheet flooring and quote received for preparing a latex screed and laying of Polysafe Vinyl Sheet. To ensure a high level of health provision, Excelsior have advised the moving of the gas stove and dishwasher in order to cover all flooring. An amount has been estimated for removing / re-fixing of these units.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Evington Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 28 February 2013. (This will be the final meeting of the 2012 / 2013 financial year).

**15. 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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# Appendix A

## **Evington Park Lights – Funding Feedback**

Following comments from Park Users and people using the House in the evenings, the general feeling was that some lighting would be beneficial on the Park. After some consultation 4 columns were considered an adequate number and the path leading from Cordery Road to the House was the main choice to illuminate.

Consideration was given to the local residents on the location and length of time the lights were to be illuminated. There was also the potential risk of drawing in an anti-social behaviour element onto the Park at night therefore a cut off time of 10.00pm was agreed. The lights automatically come on at dusk.

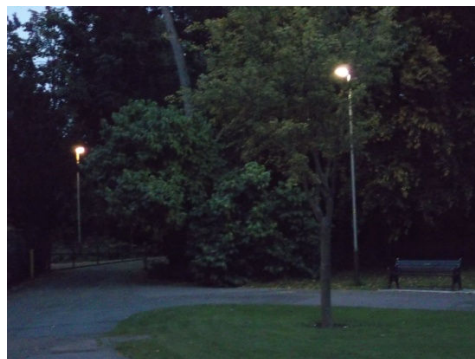
We were also conscious of disturbing wildlife and the area around where the lights were to be installed.

A bid was submitted to the Evington Community Ward Committee in February for £6,618.00 for the cost of the 4 columns and installation. Park services contributed £550.00 for a timer clock to control the length of time the lights would be on for and 10 years of estimated energy costs.

The bid was successful as it was deemed a necessity for all users of the Park and House, encouraging a sense of safety when using the Park in the early evenings and when visiting the House for meetings.

They were erected with care and no damage or disturbance to the footpaths and the surrounding habitat occurred. Many Thanks to Joe Clay from Street Lighting for his advice and installation care.

We have received positive feedback from Park and House Users who have said that the lights are non-intrusive but give enough light to safely walk through that area of the Park to and from the House. We are pleased with the feedback and the improvement to the site and Thank the Councillors and Community for their support with this project.



Jane Ushwell

Senior Park Officer Areas 2 & 3

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