

Westcotes Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 19 March 2013
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: Main Hall, East West Community
Project, 10 Wilberforce Road,
Leicester LE3 0BG

Ward Councillors

Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell

*Please note,
there will be no Information Fair at this meeting*

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- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair will introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

Attached for information and discussion

4. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

Officers will be at the meeting to discuss proposals for the extension of the residents' parking scheme.

5. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

Officers from Leicestershire Police will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in Westcotes Ward.

6. CITY WARDEN

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Westcotes Ward.

7. UPDATE ON SUGGESTED ENHANCEMENTS FOR PARKS AND GREEN AREAS IN WESTCOTES

Further to discussions at the last meeting, (see item 35/12 of the Action Log, dated 27 November 2012), an update will be given on suggested enhancements for parks and green areas in the Ward.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

An update on planning and development issues in the Westcotes Ward not covered elsewhere on the agenda will be given at the meeting.

9. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2012/13

Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications

- a) An update on the 2012/13 Community Meeting budget will be provided
- b) The meeting is asked to note the following grant applications, which have been approved under the Council's fast track procedure:-

Application 1:

Project: Be together

Amount approved:

Item	Cost (£)	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Hall rent (7meetings x £12.80 = £89.60)	£89.60	£89.00
Refreshments (7 meetings x £20 = £140)	£140	£140
Craft accessories (7 meetings x £20 = £140)	£140	£140
Ink for printer	£31	£31
Children's gym equipment hire	£50	£50
Easter entertainment / performance	£50	£50
Total	£500.60	£500

Applicant: Polish Mums and Children's Centre

Summary:

The group started on 22 October 2012, but has grown rapidly. Support has been provided to enable the group to continue to help parents, (and some grandparents), some of whom are isolated because of a lack of confidence, poor English and some of them have difficulties coping with being away from their homeland. Through the group they can meet together for support and to participate in craft workshops and physical activities. In addition, work is done to promote a healthy lifestyle and care for the environment.

Application 2:

Project: 2Funky Festival

Amount approved:

Item	Cost	Estimate / Actual?	Request to Ward Meeting
Marketing	£100	Actual	£100
Staff (Temporary)	£100	Actual	£100
Evaluation	£150	Actual	£150
Equipment Hire	£150	Actual	£150
Total	£500		£500

Applicant: 2Funky Arts Ltd

Summary:

2Funky Arts will hold a one-day urban music festival (2Funky Festival) in Braunstone Gate to promote art and cultural cohesion through urban music. The Festival will be held on Saturday 25 May 2013 at four different locations. There will be free admission to each of the events.

Forty local artists will perform across the four venues, as well as sets from 15 DJs, three two-hour master classes and an open mic competition.

It is anticipated that over 2,000 people will attend the Festival.

Other funding is as follows:-

Arts Council - £10,000 (received)

House of the Blue Mountain - £1,000 (confirmed)

AS&MGM - £1,000 (confirmed)

Arts Grant applied for from Leicester City Council - £1,250

c) Grant applications submitted for consideration:-

Application 3

Project: Green Lifeboat river clean-up project

Amount requested:

This is a joint application to the Belgrave, Freeman and Westcotes Wards.

Item	Cost	Estimate / Actual?	Request to Ward Meeting
Tools and equipment such as litter pickers etc	£800	E	
Welfare and PPE items such as gloves etc	£800	E	
Additional waste disposal costs	£800	E	
Total	£2,400		£800 from each Ward

Applicant: Adrian Lane, Senior Riverside Officer, Leicester City Council.

Summary:

Litter and flotsam is a significant eyesore on the watercourses throughout the city, including the Belgrave, Westcotes and Freeman Wards, from Loughborough Road Bridge to St Mary's Mill. The responsibility for removing it falls outside of all official agencies' remits, including Leicester City Council, so the Riverside Ranger Team in Parks Services created, and now runs, a successful project to manage volunteers cleaning the mess up.

The project has been running for fifteen years, supported by grants obtained from outside agencies. The Wards have not been approached for contributions towards the work in their areas. However, much of the equipment used needs replacing to enable the volunteers to carry out their task.

Personal protection equipment also is issued, (such as gloves), and welfare resources, such as hand washing materials, are used. These need replenishing on a regular basis.

Significant additional costs are incurred in disposing of the rubbish collected. This has to be borne out of the revenue budget for the clearance work.

Without these resources the river clean-ups would not happen.

This year the Riverside Festival will again be held in June and many boaters will be travelling through the city to reach the event. Due to this, and other high profile events, the team wants to focus on cleaning the river in the Belgrave, Freeman and Westcotes Ward areas, with the use of volunteers throughout the year, but in particular leading up to these times.

Application 4

Project: Using drugs and Alcohol Awareness week

Amount requested:

Item	Cost	Estimate / Actual?	Request to Ward Meeting
Venue	£150		£150
Promotion / Advert / Equipment Hire	£380		£380
Running Costs / Transport	£240		£240
Refreshments	£250		£250
Facilitators' Cost	£360		£360
Total	£1,380		£1,380

Similar applications have also been made to the Castle, Spinney Hills and Westcotes Wards.

Applicant: Gandal Media

Summary:

Somali adults and young people are experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol, and in particular the drug Ghat. These are often the cause of people experiencing mental health problems or being sent to prison.

It therefore is proposed to hold three one day awareness sessions for the community. These will be held for three consecutive weeks, starting from 13 April 2013.

Approximately 200 people are expected from different areas in Leicester, as it a subject that is important to the whole community.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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