

# Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields Community Meeting

The Oak Centre, Bendbow Rise,  
Leicester, LE3 1QA

On Tuesday, 16 April 2013

Starting at 5:30 pm

The meeting will be in two parts

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- City Warden
- Neighbourhood Police
- Ward Councillors and General Information

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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

- Councillors' Update
- BioBlitz Event
- Paying Council Tax & Housing Rents following changes to the Welfare Rights Scheme
- Events in Parks in the Ward
- Update on Housing Issues in the Ward
- Alcohol Awareness
- City Warden
- Police Issues Update
- Ward Community Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

Your Ward Councillors are:

Councillor Michael Cooke  
Councillor Anne Glover  
Councillor Wayne Naylor



# 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>City Warden</b> Talk to the City Warden about issues in the Ward	<b>Police Issues</b> Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b> Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	

### **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

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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.

**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**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Community Meeting held on 19 February 2013 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**5. COUNCILLORS' UPDATE**

The Ward Councillors will provide an update on issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda, including:-

- a) Braunstone Health Strategy
- b) Braunstone Hall
- c) Riverside School

**This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed**

**6. BIOBLITZ EVENT**

Richard Kelly, Assistant Conservation Officer with Leicester City Council, will be at the meeting to promote the BioBlitz event taking place on Aylestone Meadows on 17 and 18 May.

**7. HOW TO PAY COUNCIL TAX AND HOUSING RENTS FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE WELFARE RIGHTS SCHEME IN APRIL 2013**

Officers will be at the meeting to explain ways in which Council Tax and Housing Rents can be paid. In particular, advice will be given to those people affected by the changes to the Welfare Rights Scheme that came in to effect on 1 April 2013, (including those who will be paying Council Tax for the first time and those who will receive housing benefits payments directly to themselves).

**8. EVENTS IN PARKS IN THE WARD**

Parks Officers have been invited to the meeting to:-

- a) give advance publicity to events to be held in the Ward's parks over the summer; and
- b) give feedback on events in the Ward's parks that have been grant-funded by the Community Meeting.

**9. UPDATE ON HOUSING ISSUES IN THE WARD**

Officers have been asked to provide an update on housing issues in the Ward.

**10. ALCOHOL AWARENESS**

The City Council's Drug and Alcohol Action Team have been invited to the meeting to give a short presentation on alcohol awareness.

**11. CITY WARDEN SERVICE**

The City Warden will be at the meeting to give an update on issues in the Ward.

**12. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE**

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

**13. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2013/14**

**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.**

- a) **An update on the 2013/14 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: St Peter's Braunstone Flower Festival

Amount approved: £500

Applicant: Revd Chris Burch

Summary:

St Peter's holds a summer festival each year. This is a social event and not aimed at finding new members for the church.

The two most successful events have been the Flower Festivals held in 2004 and 2008. This year the Kingsway Flower Club has offered to mount a flower festival called "Time Out (hobbies and leisure)" on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2013. This will be held at St Peter's Church Hall, Woodshawe Rise and admission will be free.

Local residents will be encouraged to attend through things such as posters, the Braunstone Alert, events slots in the local media and word of mouth. A number of community organisations are being encouraged to have a stall at the festival.

**Application 2**

Project: International Food Festival

Amount requested:

Applications for funding for this event have been made to this meeting and the Westcotes Community Meeting. (Westcotes Community Meeting has agreed a grant of £500.)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Estimate/ Actual cost?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Food for Community Groups – 6 x £150	£900		0
Live Music	£2,000		£500
Dance and Entertainment	£1,000		£500
Sundries (plates, cups, etc)	£200		0

Total	£4,100		£500 from each Meeting (£1,000 in total)
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Applicant: Manor House Community Association

Summary:

The International Food Festival will take place on Saturday 6 July 2013, between 12.00 noon and 5.00 pm. There will be free food tasters from the Polish, Russian, Philippine, Asian Indian and African-Caribbean and British communities.

The event aims to enable local people learn about some of the diverse communities in the local area through their traditional foods. It will include music, dance performances and a range of fun activities and entertainment in the building and grounds of the Manor House.

The event will be advertised across local wards and amongst the communities whose food will be featured.

Funding has also been received from Near Neighbours (£1,200), Westcotes Community First (£1,000) and Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Community First (£1,000).

**Application 3**

Project: Manor House Holiday Club

Amount requested:

Applications for funding for this event have been made to this meeting and the Westcotes Community Meeting. (Westcotes Community Meeting has agreed a grant of £500.)

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Sports Equipment	£200	Estimate	
Art Equipment	£200	Estimate	
Music Equipment	£600	Estimate	

Total	£1,000		£500 from each meeting (£1,000 in total)
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Applicant: Arthur Manger

Summary:

The aim is to run a holiday club for children aged 8 – 11 years old, where they could take part in sports, art and musical activities. Children likely to attend are likely to be from Westcotes Ward and Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Ward.

The Police at Enderby have given £500 towards the Manor House's work.

#### **Application 4**

Project: Workshops for young Parents under 20  
Practical Parenting  
Introduction to Hair & Beauty  
Getting Ready for Employment

Amount requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Beauty equipment, eg facial products, waxing products, colours for tinting	£200	Actual	£200
Stationery, eg folders, pens, dividers, paper, card	£50	Actual	£50
Craft materials, eg glue, paint, paintbrushes, glitter	£100	Actual	£100
Total	£		£

Applicant: Angels & Monsters

Summary:

Workshops aimed at young parents will be run at Angels & monsters' at our centre. The first of these, Practical Parenting, is aimed at building confidence, providing peer support and advice, holding sessions with local professionals on areas such as, behaviour management, healthy cook and eat sessions, weaning advice, active tots, budgeting, craft sessions to make presents for birthdays/festivals etc.

The hair & beauty workshops will begin early summer, once refurbishments to the building have been completed. This will be a confidence and skills building based workshop, aimed at giving learners a taster of the different aspects of the hair and beauty industry. There will be the opportunity for practical and theory based learning under the supervision of qualified instructors.

The Getting Ready for Employment workshops will be informal sessions, looking at things such as CV writing, interview skills and advice and benefits available. Links with other local organisations will be used to provide support and advice to learners, with the aim of progressing into more formal education and possible apprenticeships and employment.

There already is a group of young parents on a waiting list ready to start the sessions. Workshops will be run on a rolling basis over the coming 12 months, and most likely the following year too. It is estimated that work will be done with at least 30 young parents over the first 12 months.

**c) The following grant application is submitted for consideration:-**

**Application 5**

Project: Financial Healthcheck Service

Amount requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Advice worker (includes wages/ supervision/overheads) for 13 weeks	£20 per hour for 5.5 hours per week	Actual	£1,430
Posters x 10, Flyers x 500 & advert in Braunstone Alert	£350	Actual	£350
Total	£1,780		£1,780

The same amount has also been requested from the Beaumont Leys Community Meeting.



Applicant: Checkpoint Advice and Support

Summary:

As a result of recent changes to benefits, welfare law advice services in the city have seen a large increase in demand and this is expected to continue.

Checkpoint Advice and support is a newly registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is concerned that, during the transition period, many residents will suffer hardship and distress, but there currently is no locally available face-to-face welfare benefit or money advice service for the working age population of the ward.

It therefore is proposed to deliver weekly advice sessions at Braunstone Working, Gallards Hill. By increasing access to individually tailored advice and practical help with welfare benefits and everyday financial matters, residents will be helped to increase their knowledge and confidence, and improve their long-term financial and social inclusion.

Residents will be helped to:

- Manage the welfare reform changes
- Maximise income by identifying welfare benefit entitlement
- Improve budgeting skills
- Relieve fuel poverty by reviewing tariffs or changing supplier
- Access bank accounts and affordable credit
- Review debts and repayment schedules

It is anticipated that an average of your people will be advised during each session, making a total of 52 people helped during a three-month period.

Volunteering opportunities will be available to local residents, who will receive training to complete welfare benefit application forms and carry out “better off” calculations to support people in to work.

The project will be supported by a qualified advice worker, who will keep full records of people helped and results achieved. All casework will be supervised and audited in accordance with AQS standards.

A project evaluation report will be compiled at the end of the three month pilot. If successful, this will be used to support applications to Charitable Trusts and Foundations for continuation funding.

**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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