

Rushey Mead Community Meeting

**Mellor Primary School,
Clarke Street, Leicester LE4 7QN
On Thursday, 11 October 2012
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6.30 pm – 6.45 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Neighbourhood Policing
- Street Scene Enforcement
- Home Energy Advice
- Rushey Mead Bowling Club

6.45 pm – 8.15 pm

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

- Local bus services and the Bus Users' Panel.
- Update on the progress of the planning application for Sainsbury's Melton Road.
- Rushey Mead Bowling Club
- Update on the security issues on Silverstone Drive
- The City Warden
- Policing and Community Safety
- Community Meeting budget
- Questions for Councillors

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti MBE
Councillor Piara Singh Clair MBE
Councillor Ross Willmott**



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We provide a loop system at every meeting for people with hearing aids. If you have a hearing aid, please speak to the Democratic Services Officer at the meeting for further assistance if you think you won't be able to hear what's being discussed. There is also a facility which can help people hear better if you don't have a hearing aid but are hard of hearing, again please speak to the Democratic Services Officer about this.

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

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
City Warden Talk to your local City Warden and raise general queries relating to street scene enforcement issues.	Home Energy Advice A representative from the Home Energy team will be present to offer advice on home energy schemes.
Rushey Mead Bowling Club Talk to a representative from the Rushey Mead Bowling Club and find out what the club provides.	

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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. 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.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

[Appendix A](#)

The minutes of the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting, held on 12 July 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.

4. LOCAL BUS SERVICES AND THE BUS USERS' PANEL

Following queries about local bus services raised at the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting, an officer from Transport Strategy will be present. Members of the public will also be able to find out about the work of the Bus Users' Panel.

5. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE NEW SAINSBURY'S DEVELOPMENT, MELTON ROAD

Members of the community will receive a brief update on the progress on the planning application for the new Sainsbury's Development on Melton Road.

6. RUSHEY MEAD BOWLING CLUB

Members of the public will have an opportunity to hear about the local Rushey Mead Bowling Club. A member from the club will be present.

7. UPDATE ON SECURITY ISSUES: SILVERSTONE DRIVE / BADMINGTON ROAD

There will be a brief update on the security issues relating to Silverstone Drive / Badmington Road / Nagle Grove.

8. THE CITY WARDEN'S UPDATE

The local City Warden will provide an update on street scene enforcement issues within the Rushey Mead Ward.

9. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

There will be an update on neighbourhood policing and community safety.

10. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

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.

The following funding application has been received:

Personal Development Courses for local community residents to enable them to access and undertake volunteer work as a stepping stone back into employment aiding addressing community cohesion.

(Joint bid to Belgrave and Latimer, Rushey Mead and Spinney Hill Wards).

**Submitted by: North Neighbourhood Sure Start Children's Centres
Amount requested: £2888 per Ward.**

Information as submitted by the applicant:

We are requesting the funding to enable delivery of a range of Personal Development Courses which will include confidence building, assertiveness and stress management to a wide range of local potential volunteer learners at the three Sure Start Children's centre's within the North Neighbourhood area. The 3 centres are:

- *Woodbridge, 54a, Woodbridge Road (Rushey Mead Ward)*
- *Belgrave, Cossington Street (Belgrave & Latimer Ward)*
- *St Matthew's, 34 Vancouver Road (Spinney Hill Ward)*

The courses will be 6 weeks long and 3 hours in length for a Maximum of 15 students. The room hire for the crèche and training will provided free of charge by the individual Sure Start Children's Centre.

We would like to begin running the courses in the autumn of 2012 (September if possible).

The course has been piloted by Sure Start North Neighbourhood Community Development team and was very successful. However capacity within Community Development team will be reduced in the next few months making it impossible to carry out any more courses of this nature. However the need for the course has increased and the centres were inundated with referrals from the local neighbourhoods as well as citywide. We will however only be offering this course to our own local residents with the postcodes within each centre's boundary. There are no similar courses within the area being offered.

The course will meet many of the Community Cohesion based on the pilot course outcomes which includes:

Bringing different communities together.

The attendee's on the course were from a wide range of different ethnicities, different cultures and different languages are spoken. Whilst attending the course students began to gain an understanding of each other's backgrounds, cultures and perceptions began to change about stereo-types that students had held about different cultures. In turn friendships were formed which would not have occurred without the facilitation of the course. Breaking down any preconceived stereo-types will automatically have a positive impact upon communities and within families. Making areas more harmonious and better places to live and work.

New Communities Bond Together

The course helped new communities to grow together and develop a self-help system – Students on the courses have often felt very isolated in their lives due to language and employment issues as well as mental and physical health issues. By attending the course a sense of belonging emerged and students were really encourage to support each other both in and out of the classroom, giving empathy and a non-judgemental approach to others in particular those new to living in the area. We would also encourage a Personal Development “self-help” group to form in its own entity and continue the work of the tutor. This group may become constituted through help from an organisation such as VAL.

Course Content

The course will cover confidence building, assertiveness and stress management. Via the learner's evaluation of the course and them providing excellent feedback it was evident the pilot course proved extremely popular.

Please see below some examples of the impact the course had on the children / young people and their parents / carers due to accessing the pilot course from 26.6.2012.to 21.8.2012. Also direct feedback / comments we received from students themselves on evaluation and during the course:

- “The course has really helped me to become more assertive especially with my children”*
- “The stress management was really great and the meditation was excellent”*
- “My confidence has grown during the course I would like to do the course again at another time”.*

See attached course content and poster.

Referrals

Referrals come from a wide range of different agencies including family support, health visitors, existing volunteers, local community centre's etc.

The course was extremely oversubscribed and a waiting list has been kept in order to help with further recruitment. The Sure Start centres will take responsibility for recruitment of the students.

Every Child Matter's (ECM's)

The courses will contribute to the 5 areas of the ECM which are – 'Be Healthy', 'Enjoy and Achieve', 'Stay Safe', 'Make a Positive Contribution' and 'Achieve Economic Wellbeing'. Many of our parents on the course are lonely, isolated, depressed; have a mental or physical illness and literacy levels are low. However in the long term many are looking to gain employment by participating on the course they will feel more confident to move forward into other training, additional volunteering, employment or other types of educational activities.

At the present there are no courses even similar to this being run at local Further Education (FE) colleges due to national budget cuts for non- vocational courses. There are very few referral pathways for people suffering with low confidence and this course is an identified gap in provision.

Evaluation

We will evaluate the course at the end of the six week course using a simple evaluation making it accessible to anyone who's English is not their first language. The evaluation will be used to improve future courses.

Tracking Students Progress (post course completion)

From the pilot course it was evident to ensure best results and continued support that we include in future courses:

- Contact after 3 months of course completion*
- Contact after 6 months of course completion*
- Contact after 12 months of course completion with an invitation to bring the group back together for mutual support and encouragement*

This will enable us to support, track their progress and offer appropriate support when required as well as helping shape future courses.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Course tutor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 hours @ £10.00 per hour x 2 courses preparation work on producing the	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00

<p>course documentation / information, encouraging and promoting the courses, encouraging sign up for the course, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of the course of 3 hours per session at £75.00 x 6 weeks (full course) x 2 courses • 6 hours @ £10.00 per hour x 2 courses for follow up contacts at 3,6,& 12 months, possible attendee re group at 12 months & group volunteer placements (post course). 	£ 900.00	£ 900.00	£ 900.00
	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00
<p>Refreshments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 courses per centre • For 10 / 15 students on each course 	£30	£30	£30
<p>Resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates • Paper • Photocopying • Pens • Phone calls 	£30	£30	£30
<p>Crèche:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing • Resources • refreshments 	£ 1,708 (£854 per course)	£ 1,708 (£854 per course)	£ 1,708 (£854 per course)
Total	£2,888	£2,888	£2,888

11. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Members of the community will have an opportunity to raise questions with their ward Councillors.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Rushey Mead Community Meetings have been arranged as follows:

Thursday 10 January 2013 at 6.30 pm – venue to be confirmed.

Thursday 14 March 2013 at 6.30 pm – venue to be confirmed.

13. **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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