

Thurncourt Community Meeting

**Ocean Road Community Centre,
Thurnby Lodge
On Tuesday, 26 March 2013
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00 pm – 6:15 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- City Warden Service
- Police Issues in the Ward
- Community Meeting Budgets and Enquiries

6:15 pm onwards

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

- Information Item – Relocation of Current Users of the Raven Centre
- How to Pay Rent and Council Tax & Update on Welfare Reforms
- Housing Issues
- Highways Issues
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues
- Ward Community Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Luis Fonseca
Councillor Rob Wann**

INFORMATION FAIR

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use about the following:-

- **City Warden Service**
 - **Police Issues in the Ward**
 - **General Council Matters and Other Issues**
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Making Meetings Accessible to All

WHEELCHAIR

Meetings are held in a variety of community venues. We will only hold meetings in venues where there is suitable access for wheelchairs. If you have any concerns about accessing a venue by wheelchair, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on the details provided.

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INDUCTION LOOPS – HEARING AT MEETINGS

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.

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

Members are asked to 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 Thurncourt Community Meeting held on 28 January 2013 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. INFORMATION ITEM - UPDATE ON THE RELOCATION OF CURRENT USERS OF THE RAVEN CENTRE

A short update will be given on the relocation of current users of the Raven Centre.

6. HOW TO PAY RENT AND COUNCIL TAX TO THE COUNCIL

City Council officers will give a presentation on ways to pay Council Tax and Housing Rents. The presentation will give particular advice to those people who will be affected by the changes to the Welfare Rights Scheme that come in to effect on 1 April 2013. This will include those who have to pay Council Tax for the first time and those who will now receive housing benefits payments directly to themselves. A brief overview of the changes to the Welfare Rights Scheme also will be given.

7. HOUSING ISSUES

Housing officers will give an update on housing issues in the Ward.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Highways officers will give an update on highways issues in the Ward.

9. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

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

10. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

To receive an update on Policing issues in the area.

11. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2012/13

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) The Members Support Officer will provide an update on the Ward Community budget for 2012/13; and

b) The following grant applications are submitted for consideration:-

Application 1

Applicant: 1st Thurnby Lodge Brownies

Project: Assistance with rent

Amount Requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
38 weeks @£6.20 for weekly meetings	£235.60	Actual	£235.60
12 weeks @ £6.20 for extensions to weekly meetings	£74.40	Actual	£74.40
10 weeks @ £18.60 for school holiday activities	£186.00	Actual	£186.00

Total	£496.00		£496.00
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Summary:

1st Thurnby Lodge Brownies meet weekly at Thurncourt Community Centre. Several meetings a year are extended to for parties and practices, (eg, shows, carol singing) and for planning meetings with parents.

Activities are also provided in the school holidays, either in the evening or during the daytime. For example, in the summer holidays, these activities are in the daytime, as many of the Brownies do not have the opportunity to go on family holidays and have few other activities to go to. Thurncourt Community Centre is used for this, so that activities and games are not disrupted by the weather.

Thurnby Lodge Brownies is for girls that live in the vicinity of Thurnby Lodge.

There often are incidences when parents cannot afford the weekly subscription. These girls are not excluded, but it does impact on income. Therefore, if the rent is paid by this grant, it will be possible to reduce the weekly subscription for a time.

Application 2

Applicant: Tuesday Evening Bingo Club – Mrs B Ayres
Friday Evening Bingo Club – Mrs J Worley

Project: Assistance for the Tuesday and Friday Evening Bingo Clubs

Amount Requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Running costs and purchase of bingo books: £250 for each evening session	£500	Actual	£500
Total	£500		£500

Summary:

The purchase of the bingo books and assistance with running costs for both groups is requested, as falling numbers makes it increasingly difficult to manage the sessions. Both sessions are run for people on the estate.

Application 3

Applicant: Mr T Taylor (member of Tuesday (Seabroke) Club)

Project: Outing for the Tuesday (Seabroke) Club

Amount Requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Bus	£500	Estimate	£500
Meal	£250	Estimate	–
Total	£750		£500

Summary:

The grant will be used towards an outing to a place of interest for the club members, with a meal. This will take place in the spring or early summer. Costs above the level of grant given will be met by club members.

The outing will be for club members, who live on the Thurnby Lodge estate. There currently are 40 members. Any spare seats will be offered to friends of club members.

Application 4

Applicant: Rowlatts Hill Allotment Society (Colchester Road site)

Project: Provision of a Chemical Toilet

Amount Requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Re-circulating chemical toilet	£600	Actual	£600
Sanitizer and re-fill	£60	Actual	£60
Delivery charge	£100	Actual	£100
Total	£760		£760

Summary:

The site has over fifty plots, but has no toilet facilities. This is particularly difficult those who live some distance from the site and means that visitors to the site, such as school children and other interested people, cannot be entertained.

The toilet will be sensitively sited and regularly inspected and emptied. It should be odour free.

It is also hoped that having a toilet will make it easier to let the several empty plots that are currently on the site.

Application 5

Applicant: Christ Church Parish Church

Project: Family Friendly Seating Area in Church Building

Amount Requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Two-seater sofa	£249.99		£249.99
Table and four chairs	£99.99		£99.99
4 bean bags @ £25 each	£100.00		£100.00
Total	£449.98		£449.98

Summary:

In January 2013 a new monthly service was started to try and attract families, with breakfast provided first. It therefore is intended to provide a family-friendly seating area at the back of the church.

the church wants to buy a sofa and a table and chairs, plus bean bags for the children to sit on during the service.

Application 6

Applicant: Rosemary Goodman and Vinny Cooper

Project: 55th Community Gardens and Allotment

Amount Requested: £3,000

Summary:

It is hoped to create a place where all sections of the community will be happy to come to learn how to grow their own fruit and vegetables. It is hoped that eventually surplus produce can be given to the local church, schools and community groups around the estate. Organic growing will be encouraged, so encouraging birds and wildlife. It is hoped this will encourage schools to become involved.

A breakdown of costs has not been provided, but the grant requested will be used to buy:

- Basic building materials, (sand, cement and slabs), to create a path around the garden;
- Sleepers to create raised beds, which disabled people will be able to use;
- Water butts, for the collection of rain water;
- Composting bins;
- Lawn mower, with which to cut the grass at the front and side of the building;
- Gardening tools and a shed in which to store them safely;
- A greenhouse; and
- Trees, plants and seeds.

This is the starting point, as members of the community are already starting to donate garden equipment.

Brambles etc have already been removed by people on probation and offers of voluntary help with heavy machinery have been made to help with landscaping.

12. 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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