

# **Evington Community Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm  
**PLACE:** St Joseph's Pastoral Centre,  
12 Goodwood Road, Leicester  
LE5 6SG

## **Ward Councillors**

Councillor Deepak Bajaj  
Councillor Baljit Singh

*Please note,  
there will be no Information Fair at this meeting  
YOUR community. YOUR voice.*

## **Conduct Guidance**

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

- 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

If anyone does not comply with the guidance, they may be warned that they may be asked to leave the meeting.

## **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.

### **BRAILLE / AUDIO TAPE – CD / TRANSLATION**

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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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Evington Community Meeting held on 19 June 2013 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

## **4. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

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

## **5. LEICESTER CITY OF CULTURE BID**

A representative from the Business and Regional Development Department will be present to talk about the Leicester City of Culture Bid and members of the community will be able to find out how they can support the bid.

## **6. COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Local community groups have been invited to talk about any projects they have been involved with and to share information about their group with other residents.

## **7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Officers from the Local Policing Unit will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in the Evington Ward.

## **8. CITY WARDEN**

The City Warden will be present to give an update on issues in the Evington Ward.

## **9. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET**

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

The meeting is asked to note that the following applications were supported and

paid through the fast track procedure.

**Ref 3002: Shree Sarvodaya Samaj (UK) – for their 40<sup>th</sup> year (Ruby) Anniversary Celebrations.**

Submitted by: Harshad Solanki – President of Shree Sarvodaya Samaj (UK)

Amount requested: £500 each from Evington and Stoneygate Wards.

£500 paid from the Evington Ward.

**Ref: 3004: Celebration of St Kitts and Nevis, 30 Independence “Thanksgiving Service” with entertainment and refreshments.**

Submitted by Laurane Webbe - Chair of the Nevis Development Association.

Amount requested: £500 or more – joint bid to Evington, Coleman and Knighton Wards.

£166 paid from the Evington Ward.

The meeting is asked to note that a funding application from Jumpin Jacqs, Children and Youth Venture was not supported. The event was due to take place in August.

The following applications will be considered at the meeting:

**Ref: 3005: Lucky Star Community Amateur Boxing Club**

Submitted by Mr Simon Harris

Amount requested: £2000 from Evington, Charnwood and Spinney Hill Wards.

Funding is requested for essential equipment that is required for the club to operate and develop.

Item	Cost	Estimate or Actual	Request to Ward Meeting
Laptop, printer and accessories	£889.97	A	£889.97
Stationery		E	£300
Equipment and resources		E	£500
Storage equipment (shelving, racks, boxes, bags etc)		E	£300
Total			£2000

**REF: 3006 Evington Asian Gardeners' Group**

Submitted by Shanti Chauhan JP.

Amount requested: £1500

The applicant has submitted the following information:

*Evington Asian Gardeners Group was formed in 2011 but did not function formerly till December 2012 due to the delay in Grant from Leicester City Council. However within the time scale of 8 -9 months of the project in existence, tremendous achievement has been realised with the grant of £1500 that has realised more £2000 worth productivity. The community of Hilltop Allotment Society has been very supportive and in praise of this project, that has engaged 3 generations of a diverse Asian community of Evington and enhanced the green environment.*

*On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013 Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP formerly declared the project open in presence of Evington ward Councillors Baljit Singh and Deepak Bajaj and many of the participants. This was reported in the Leicester Mercury of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013.*

*The project is in desperate need of improvements in form of infrastructure and and the soil environment. Cosmetic improvements such proper slabbed pathway as well equipment in form of drip irrigation for polytunnel as well various other equipment is required to create a model for future participants to replicate this kind of gardening activity that asserts Leicester City aspiration **as Europe's Cultural City.***

*The project will continue to create opportunities to engage the Asian men and the women to learn to create vegetable gardens thereby enhance their appreciation of the green environment. There are a lot of individuals who would like to engage in such activities to achieve the following:*

*Raise their profile and self-esteem within the local community in Evington area.*

*Regular practical workshops would benefit the participants in social interaction across communities to establish networks to improve their chances of employment.*

*The participants would benefit in terms of enjoying improved health due to regular physical and mental exercises.*

*Community Cohesion would be enhanced as gardening has no religious or cultural barriers.*

*The workshops would be hosted in a local facility with professional tutors coaching the participants preparing them for a celebratory concert/event whereby VIPs and local members of the community would see and appreciate the diversity of Indian vegetables and also see the members of their own community integrating with others at a working level. This would further boost the community*

*integration and higher level of participation if Ethnic Minorities in the mainstream organisations.*

*The success indicators of the project would be:*

*The number of participants involved in the project.*

*The social interaction and integration of diverse members of Ethnic Minority groups to extend to some of these members integrating with mainstream organisations in Evington and Leicester.*

*Regular workshops on a weekly / fortnightly basis starting in Spring 2014.*

*A celebratory event in Summer/Autumn 2014 has been proposed to the Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP's daughter to officiate especially to encourage Asian women in this project.*

*During the Evington Fete 2014, Evington Asian Gardeners group will participate by displaying the vegetables grown locally at the allotment to motivate and engage future participants thereby ensuring that this project becomes a valuable Resource within the activities of the community of Evington.*

*A multimedia publication will be on show to evidence the achievement and contribution of the Asian community to enhance the GREEN ENVIRONMENT,*

Details of funding requested:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Estimate/ Actual cost?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Concrete Slabs, sand etc+ labour	300 + 200	500	300
Soil improvement and weed control etc	400	400	350
Equipment, Seeds, Fertiliser etc	600	600	600
Allotment rental & Refreshments	250	250	100
Misc administration costs	150	150	150
<b>Total</b>		1900	£1500

**Ref 3007: Heritage Walk in Evington - 14 September**

Submitted by Fiends of Evington (Managing Group – Evington Heritage Group)

Amount requested: £450

The applicant has submitted the following information:

*We are planning a Heritage Open Day in Evington, which includes two guided walks. Evington Park House and St. Denys Church will be open from 10am to 6pm and be looked after by volunteers. The guided walks will leave Evington Park House and walk through the village to Piggy's Hollow and then St. Denys Church. Free drinks (coffee or tea) will be provided.*

*The Evington Heritage group have prepared two leaflets to give to visitors. One is about the history of Evington village and the other is a Treasure hunt. (See enclosed). The first leaflet was made in-house so the cost is only that of printing. The Treasure trail was prepared for us and after this cost we have ownership of the document to use as we wish.*

*The Evington Heritage group have some free training so that more of us will be able to give guided tours. We will be using volunteer guides.*

*This event has been registered with Leicester City Council. There are no costs for traffic management as the car park in Evington Park is perfectly adequate for visitors.*

*We have prepared our advertisement leaflets to include events that are being organised by Parks Services (guided tours of Evington Park House on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September) and a Leicester City of Culture roadshow and sports' taster sessions at Evington Leisure Centre also on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. (see enclosed)*

*We plan to publicise widely, both through the Heritage Open Days publicity and local venues for publicity as well as on the local buses.*

*We are also preparing history packs for all the people involved in the Evington Heritage group.*

*People attending will come from Leicester as a whole as well as people local to Evington.*

*The project will be successful if it happens, we get some positive feedback and the Evington Heritage group can continue with regular meetings and ideas for other projects.*

Details of funding requested:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Estimate/ Actual cost?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Cost of printing guided walk leaflet 200 copies (12 pages A5 )	167.50	A	
Cost of printing treasure trail leaflet 200 (4 pages A5)	50	E	

Cost of printing publicity material	50	E	
Administration/organisation	£32.50	E	
Cost of design for treasure trail	150		
Total	£450		

### **Ref 3008: Humberstone Park Bonfire and Fireworks**

Submitted by Humberstone Village Community Forum – Humberstone Park Bonfire Sub-Committee

Amount requested: £3000 each from Evington, Humberstone and Hamilton, Coleman and Charnwood.

Information in support of the application:

The Humberstone Park Bonfire Group has been set up as a sub-committee of Humberstone Village Community Forum in order to take over the organisation on the running of the Humberstone Park Bonfire and Fireworks event, to take place on park on Tuesday 5 November 2013. The event has been run successfully by Leicester City Council for some 17 years but continuation now falls on the local community. Due to the cost and catchment area, it is imperative that the application to all four wards is supported. It is anticipated that the planning and organisation will be carried out under guidance from the Council's Festival and Events Team.

They will be encouraging local businesses and community organisations to contribute, either by way of financial sponsorship or in kind, to help keep the project within budget. They will also be working to try and increase donations from those attending.

A detailed budget proposal has been submitted with the application, which includes staffing, entertainment and services (i.e barrier fencing, stage, traffic management, toilets etc).

### **10. 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, please contact**

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