

# Thurncourt Community Meeting

**DATE:** Monday, 13 October 2014

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

**PLACE:** Thurnby Lodge Youth and  
Community Centre, Thurncourt  
Road, Leicester LE5 2NG

## Ward Councillors

Councillor Luis Fonseca

Councillor Rob Wann

*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

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- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted ;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed

**1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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. ACTION LOG**

Attached for information and discussion.

**3. FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY WALK**

Attendees will give feedback from the Community Walk that will take place in the Thurncourt Ward on Monday 13 October 2014. There will also be an opportunity for suggestions for the route of the next Community walk.

**4. YOUTH WORK PRESENTATION**

An update will be given about Youth work in the Thurncourt Ward.

**5. CITY WARDEN UPDATE**

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

**6. HOUSING UPDATE**

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

**7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Local Police Officers will be at the meeting to provide an update on Police issues in Thurncourt Ward.

**8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

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

**9. FEEDBACK FROM SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICANTS**

Successful applicants for Thurncourt Ward funding will give feedback or a presentation on what was achieved with the funding received.

**10. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET**

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

The meeting will receive an update on the Ward Community Budget.

Any applications received before the meeting will be submitted for consideration.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note that future Thurncourt Community Meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed (please note time of meeting)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6.30pm – venue to be confirmed

**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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# Appendix A

## THURNCOURT WARD COMMUNITY MEETING –

15 JULY 2014

### ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Fonseca

<b>NO</b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
4.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS &amp; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Councillor Fonseca in the Chair Everyone welcomed and introductions given Democratic Support Officer was asked to pass on to the Labour Group, the meeting's continuing dissatisfaction of Councillor Wann's absence. No interests were declared.
5.	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	Agreed as a true record and noted
6.	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	PCSO Georgina Cook discussed the issues in the area since April until today. All to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No significant crime increase in the ward</li><li>• 9 burglaries from dwellings</li><li>• 20 criminal damage reports</li><li>• 5 drug offences</li><li>• No robberies</li><li>• 2 thefts from motor vehicles</li><li>• Residents asked to call 101, 999 or Crimestoppers if they see or encounter any suspicious activity or offences</li><li>• Plans to restructure local policing ongoing, which would enable police to spend more time on the street</li></ul> Councillor Fonseca requested an update on the recent racial incident involving a school boy and statistics of crime in this area compared to others. Georgina Cook replied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No further information on the school boy incident available yet.</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime rate in this area is quite low compared to other wards</li> </ul> <p>Police requested to note residents' concern that a burglar who was arrested following a break-in saw who had called the Police.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Georgina Cook for her contribution to the meeting</p>
7.	<b>CITY WARDEN</b>	<p>As the City Warden was unable to be present, the Community Engagement Officer gave an update on City Warden issues on her behalf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Powell no longer covers this area. The continuing City Warden is Charlotte Glover.</li> <li>• There was a Fly tip on Aerial Road which was cleaned up within 12 hours</li> <li>• The City Warden will continue to undertake dog fouling patrols</li> <li>• A Ward clean-up was planned with children on the summer play scheme being held at Thurnby Lodge School</li> </ul> <p>Phone number given to public (0116 454 1002) if public want to contact City Wardens.</p> <p>The meeting thanked the City Wardens for their work, (for example, dog waste bins were now emptied regularly).</p>
8.	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</b>	<p>As no Highways officers were present, the Chair advised that the new road crossing near Thurnby Lodge School and the proposed 20 mile per hour zone are included in the list of schemes to be done.</p> <p>Highways officers asked to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavement parking still an issue with public vehicles and council vans. Residents were asked to email the Community Engagement Officer with the pool or licence plate number if council vehicles are seen parked incorrectly.</li> <li>• Areas of concern for pavement parking, in addition to those previously identified include: Ocean Road &amp; Thurncourt Road.</li> </ul> <p>The question arose as to what residential parking means as some residents are having problems. Resident's contact details passed to Community Engagement Officer to look into this.</p>

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSING ISSUES</b></p>	<p>As no Housing officers could be present, an update was tabled at the meeting. A copy of this is attached at the end of this Action Log for information.</p> <p>Housing officers are asked to action the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the noticeboard, which had been removed when improvements by the shops on Thurncourt Road were done.</li> <li>• Weeds need removing from the footpath between Stornaway Road and the shops on Thurncourt Road.</li> <li>• Residents request that the hedge be removed from the front of Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre and the fence extended along front, in order to improve safety for vehicles entering and leaving the Centre and to enable people to see the notice board and flower beds.</li> </ul> <p>Trees and bushes are overhanging Thurncourt Road, particularly near Willowbrook School. These are making it difficult for children to pass, especially as one bush has thorns.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b></p>	<p>Since the Special budget meeting in May, 2 requests have been fast tracked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday Bingo (1059) – Grant of £300 to June Worley supported</li> <li>• Tuesday Bingo (1060) – Grant of £500 to Brenda Ayres supported</li> </ul> <p>3 applications submitted to this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurnby Lodge play scheme (1061) open to Thurnby Lodge &amp; Willowbrook pupils – A bid was received seeking £1,500. Grant of £1,000 to Stef Tattersall supported</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Thurnby Lodge Brownies (1104) – Grant of £490 supported for a pack holiday</li> <li>• Taxi Support Scheme (1105) – A bid was received seeking £1,000. Grant of £500 to Allan Gratrix supported. Applicant asked to provide an evaluation form for how the grant was used, as it is important to see who is using the service</li> </ul> <p>Other budget discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boyzee (3205) Community Engagement Officer still investigating whether funding for this project can be found from alternative sources.</li> </ul>

		<p>Suggestion that there also may be police funding available for anti-social behaviour activities/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for a cycle stand was no longer needed, as the Council would be providing the stand</li> </ul> <p>Budget of £4,727 remains for rest of financial year</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting will commence with a community walk. Residents asked for suggestions for the route.</li> <li>• Community Engagement Officer to invite the City Mayor to attend a Thurncourt Community Meeting at some point before the elections in 2015, to explain what the Council is doing for the Ward</li> </ul>
<b>12.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 6.30pm. (Details of the Community Walk to be confirmed)</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 7.25 pm</p>		



## Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office – Thurncourt Ward Improvements

Listed below are the improvement projects in the Thurncourt Ward we are carrying out this year and the proposals we have so far for 2015-16.

### **2014-15 Environment Improvement Budget**

- 1) Thurncourt Road Shops – Landscaping, removal of unsightly shrubs, re-painting of canopy, installation of hanging baskets, spring bulb planting on green, jet-washing of retaining wall along the front.

Much of this work has already been completed.

Jet-cleaning of the retaining walls has been delayed due to a problem with the water hydrant but should be completed later this month.

We are pleased that some of the shop-keepers are assisting in watering the baskets. Good news is that Coles Nursery, who supplied the baskets have agreed a sponsorship and they will re-plant the baskets for us next year.

On the downside we are aware of one basket having been stolen. We have identified a local address where we believe it to be hanging (same style basket, same flowers, same crimping on the chain as all ours have, etc.) however the resident stated they bought it at a car boot sale. The Police have not been able to assist us in re-gaining possession.

We hope this is just a one-off. The baskets have been provided for the whole community to enjoy. The vast majority of the community have respected them.

- 2) Bulb Planting – Ocean Road:

Crocuses & narcissus – should give approx. 6 weeks of colour each Spring. In addition to similar planting bulbs along Goodwood Road and Coleman Road in neighbouring Wards.

The bulbs will be planted in September/October.

In addition to our annual Environmental Improvement Funding in March Councillor Andy Connelly, Assistant City Mayor - Lead on Housing, made available further

funds for 2014-15 for which each of the 6 Housing Districts had to submit bids. Those which we were successful in this ward are listed below:

**2014-15 Growth Provision Pot:**

Dudley Avenue:                      Creation of car parking spaces

**2014-15 External Painting Programme:**

Elmcroft Avenue bungalows:      Painting of Gable ends and external rendering.

**2015-16 Environmental Improvement Projects**

We are looking to identify projects for next year's Environmental Improvement funding.

Does anyone have any suggestions?

So far we have identified the following:

- 1) 12-15 Thurncourt Gardens – install a door entry system
- 2) Re-surface paths around Dudley House

**Andy East**

**Team Leader**

**Rowlatts Hill NHO**

**9 July 2014**