

EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2014

Judgemeadow Community College, Panoramic Cafe, Marydene Drive,
Evington, Leicester LE5 6HP

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
28.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	<p>Councillor Singh welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
29.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>No interests were declared.</p>
30.	ACTION LOG	<p>A few items were selected from the previous action log and discussed. Those items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The library clock had not yet been restored. Councillor Bajaj stated that he had contacted the Assistant City Mayor who considered that funding could be looked into for the clocks restoration. Councillor Bajaj was to contact her again following this meeting to see what could be worked out as a resolution, even if part funds were given and the remainder matched with ward funding.• An attendee indicated that the bench near the library was said to be in need of repair.• It was felt that the pride being restored in Evington was still a process in progress.
31.	WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT	<p>Ward Councillors reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The electoral boundary review for the new Evington Ward boundaries would be extended to include Crown Hills and could have future implications of three elected members.• It was noted that Evington village would officially be a 'village'. This was said to be indicated through sign posting, banners displayed on streets/ lamps on the main street and within the area. Costs for this would amount to approximately £2,000 - £2,500

		<p>contained from within the central budget to promote the identity of Evington. It was also anticipated that storyboards which gave details about the heritage of a building would be put up around certain heritage buildings in Evington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester East, which included the Evington Ward, would be included in the review of the Transformation of Neighbourhood Services in 2015. This would allow certain local community groups to manage some community buildings. • There had been interest shown by people who wanted to get the old social club on Coleman Road up and running. Some measures had commenced towards making this happen. • There had been several roads identified for car park spaces including: Coleman Road – which had been completed with several new car park spaces, Harringworth Road and Cordery Road – which have had funds allocated for the implementation of new car parking spaces. • Councillor Bajaj informed attendees that over the past year in the Evington Ward there had been; 827 fly tipping incidents, 32 abandoned vehicles and 33 cases of graffiti removal. • It was also mentioned that there were funds available in the ward for growing your own fruits and vegetables. If further advice or support was required, it was advised to contact the Evington Ward Community Engagement Officer.
32.	FEEDBACK FROM PATCH WALK	<p>The Community Engagement Officer, Punum Patel gave feedback from the Patch Walk which took place on 6 October 2014. The following information was presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lesters Pub located on Ethel Road was reported to have had issues of overgrown grass/ bushes as well as fly tipping in and around the area. The City Warden Service investigated this issue and the Lesters Pub had stated that the area would be cleaned up by the end of the month.

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors were in discussion with the Highways Team in regards to adding two crossing points on Ethel Road. • The parking situation on Ethel Road needed to be monitored as many cars were being parked on roads and pavements. • Some residents' walls that were torn down on Ethel Road had now been fixed. • As a result of trees/ bushes encroaching onto a resident's garden, Jane Ushwell, Senior Parks Officer had implemented the necessary measures and the issue had now been resolved. • Ethel Road Garages and the Harwin Road Depot land were not being used by the tenants. It was said that Andy East, Housing Team Leader had notified the Housing Development Team earlier in the year 2014 that both sites were priorities for re-development. • Councillors were to discuss with Highways the possibility of a layby near the junction of Goodwood Road and Harwin Road. This request was due to congestion being caused on Ethel Road due to parked cars along the road, leaving just one lane for traffic. • Councillors were to discuss with Highways the un-alignment of some slabs on both sides of Ethel Road. • Flats 672-694 had issues of the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Broken branches – Park Services had now reported this to Trees & Woodlands. ✓ Request to move notice board onto the front wall near the stairs to be more visible – Housing Team were to consider and find out what options were available. ✓ Request to put flat numbers on walls using reflective signage – Housing Team were to consider and find out what options were available. ✓ Biffa had not been able to empty |
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		<p>bins at the back due to doors being kept locked. Ann Harris from the Housing team wrote to all tenants requesting the door to be left open. Housing asked Biffa to use front access to open back door. An option being considered was to take the lock off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Courtyard refurbishment – Housing confirmed that refurbishment of the courtyard would be completed this year. ✓ Dropped kerb scheme – Councillors and Officers would have a discussion on the proposals.
<p>33.</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</p>	<p>Mark Govan from the Transport Team gave an overview of Transport and Highways activities in the ward. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 20mph zone road safety scheme was at the stage of discussion. There was an E consultation process for members of the public to add their opinions. • Subject to approval and funding, there was a Highways maintenance proposal to repair some of the bays on Downing Drive. If supported, works would go ahead in 2015/16 with the 20mph zone work anticipated to be carried out simultaneously. • The speed/ vehicle activation sign which was located on Ethel Road was up for 5-6 weeks from the first week of November and had now been taken down for Highways to analyse the data. • It was requested that something needed to be done regarding the issues of what some consider as traffic and others consider as speeding on Ethel Road/ Headland Road. • Councillor Singh expressed concerns regarding parking problems especially near schools. As a resolution, it was noted that clearly defined lines of a new road infrastructure and enforcement intervention would be implemented, even if on an average quarterly basis.

		<p><u>The following were concerns/ issues from residents and attendees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident stated that double yellow lines needed to be reinstated at the junction of Coleman Road and Green Acre Drive. In addition there were issues whereby vehicles were said to be driving down the side path of the resident's house. Highways would now be looking into these issues. • A new path was required for people walking near roundabout towards Headland Road. • People parking on grass verges near Whitehall school had become a problem. Councillor Bajaj confirmed that knee high railing was previously looked into for this issue; however it was a cost factor. • The West-end of Marydene drive was said to have developed an ill-treated surface. Highways informed attendees that the Management Team were aware of many of these defects on several roads. Priority roads/ areas were being worked on. • Downing Drive/ Woodnewton Road seemed to require bollards to stop vehicles parking. • When crossing from Goodwood Road to other side of Goodwood Road, there was not much width of road.
34.	CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE	<p>There was no City Warden Service update as City Wardens sent apologies and were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>A City Warden update leaflet was distributed to attendees and has been attached.</p>
35.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PC Rob Evans gave an update on local Policing issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past 3 months there had been 137 recorded crimes. • Changes within the Leicestershire Police which were announced at the previous community

		<p>meeting would commence from February 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be four new teams; Neighbourhood Team, Response Team, Investigation Team and Proactive Team. New roles would include Community, Consultation and Engagement. • The Chair requested Police to do a ward analysis search for future ward statistics and information, as this would give a wider and more specific scope.
36.	COMMUNITY REPORTS	<p>Helen Pettman, Chair of Friends of Evington Charity informed attendees of various community works taking place.</p> <p>The Friends of Evington Charity had three main projects they were involved in; Evington Echo, Evington in Bloom and the Neighbourhood Centre Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evington in Bloom were awarded silver gilt for East Midlands in Bloom 2014 and silver award for the Britain in Bloom 2014 competitions. There would be a regional competition in 2015 of which the group would be participating. • Evington Echo was a publication 'keeping you up to date with Evington's news'. The website was a work in progress and was anticipated to be soon effective. Funding was secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund which enabled the team to celebrate WWI commemorations, through; war/ remembrance events, burying a time capsule, working with schools and collecting people's stories regarding WWI. The team had some remaining projects one of which included taking story telling into schools. • Neighbourhood Centre Groups – several clubs were taking place in Evington including craft club, bicycle club, Asian gardening group, plus more.
37.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Punum Patel, the Community Engagement Officer presented an update on the Evington Ward Community Budget.</p>

Applications approved within the fast-track process:

1193: A Street Diwali party to celebrate the festival of light

Applicant: Ellwood Close – Residents

Amount Requested: £500.00

Result: £500.00 SUPPORTED IN FULL

The following applications were considered at the meeting:

1208: To sustain and develop the Reading Buddies scheme which supports younger readers.

Applicant: COG Youth Services

Amount Requested: £1,175.00

Result: DEFERRED

Application was pending further financial information.

5059: To organise an event in the community celebrating festivals from various cultures.

Applicant: Adhar Project

Amount Requested: £500.00

Result: NOT SUPPORTED

This application was un-supported as it was not based in the Evington Ward and not enough evidence of Evington Ward clients accessing group.

1243: Support for Speakers insurance and outings.

Applicant: Evington Friendship Club

Amount Requested: £700.00

Result: £700.00 SUPPORTED IN FULL

1246: To purchase new blinds for the Sun Lounge Room in Evington Park House.

Applicant: Friends of Evington

Amount Requested: £300.00

Result: £300.00 SUPPORTED IN FULL

1250: Christmas and New Year's celebration for Malaylee families and members of different communities.

Applicant: Leicester Malaylee Club

Amount Requested: £1,800.00

Result: £500.00 SUPPORT

1252: The school had purchased an eco-hut/ wooden lodge. Funding request was for groundwork to be completed on site so the hut could be erected.

Applicant: Linden Primary School

Amount Requested: £2,480.70

		<p>Result: £2,480.70 SUPPORTED IN FULL</p> <p>5064: Support towards a defibrillator and the associated training. Applicant: Roundhill Tennis Club Amount Requested: £750.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED This was a private members club.</p> <p>1133: Fencing required to prevent vehicles parking on the green in front of shops. Applicant: Downing Drive Friends and Neighbours Amount Requested: £1,942.00 Result: £1,942.00 SUPPORTED IN FULL</p> <p>1279: Support towards a publication in spring 2015. Applicant: Evington Councillors Amount Requested: £450.00 Result: £450.00 SUPPORTED IN FULL</p>
38.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local resident stated that there would be a Christmas Carols event at the library on 20 December 2014 at 6pm, then onto the youth club afterwards for refreshments. • It was noted that leaflets had been distributed informing the public on how the Community fund process operates. It was also noted that all funds spent over the years had been documented. • Written feedback from the Housing Team was distributed to attendees. Please see attachment for more details. • Councillors expressed what an honour and privilege it had been to be part of the Evington community and represent the community to the Council. Attendees were wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with the aim to tackle any challenges in the New Year as had been previously done.
39.	NEXT MEETING DATE	The next Evington meeting would take place on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 6pm – Judgemeanow Community College.
40.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE

There was a large amount of rubbish dumped on Greenacre Drive. We have found some evidence in the fly tip and investigations are ongoing. The rubbish has been cleared and we will continue to monitor the area.



The old Leicester Pub site has now been cleared by the company managing the land. They advised they clear the site once a year but we asked for it to be cleared sooner as it was an eyesore & was attracting more rubbish. The company took into account what we had told them and cleared the land. The site looks great and we will keep an eye on it to make sure it does not end up how it was.



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001

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These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

- Littering
- Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders
 - Bins on the street (domestic and commercial)
- Free distribution of printed material
 - Fly posting
 - Small scale fly tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for sale on the road
- Repairing vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce waste transfer documents
 - Street litter control notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Spitting
 - Rubbish on private land

EVINGTON WARD



CITY WARDENS WORKING WITH YOU TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENT

Notes for Evington Ward Community Meeting

6pm Monday 15th December 2014

Housing Feedback from the Evington Ward Patch Walk along Ethel Road, Monday 6 October 2014

- 1) A potential scheme was identified to erect reflective signs for each of the blocks on Ethel Road and Harwin Road, to be visible on the side /front of the blocks – clearly visible to traffic, emergency vehicles etc. Additionally an internal sign for each block indicating which floor each flat number is located.

We now have a cost for the supply of 25 signs (some external, others internal). Whilst the Environmental and Communal Areas Budget for 2015-16 is already allocated to phase 4 of the Ethel Road flats courtyard improvements, we hope to utilise another budget in the financial year commencing in April 2014.

- 2) A potential scheme was identified to plant spring bulbs along the green/verges.

The Parks department cannot provide a cost for this proposal until June 2015. It is too late to place it on our programme for 2015-16, however we may consider adding it the following year, unless funding can be found elsewhere sooner.

- 3) Block 696-718 Ethel Road issues:

- Minor repair was reported to remove an oil stain from beneath front and rear security door – possibly leaked from the hinges?

- Remove weeds from front and in courtyard – passed to our estate wardens to remove

- 4) Parking Issues along Cordery Road were mentioned, with regard to the proposed Highways Parking Scheme

Estate Management Officer Anne Harris has liaised with Councillors and the Highways department with regard to Highways' proposed Parking scheme.

We are always pleased to hear from any of our tenants as to environmental & communal improvements they wish to be considered out of the Housing Revenue Account budget allocated locally every year.

We have plenty of suggested schemes up our sleeves ready to put forward just in case other funds become available. However other priority scheme ideas are always welcome.

May we wish you all that you wish for yourselves, friends, family, colleagues and neighbours in this 2014 festive period and beyond. May 2015 be prosperous for you all. Stay safe and enjoy.

Kindest regards & Wishes

- Chrissie Field – LCC Housing – Area Manager – Humberstone & Rowlatts Hill Districts
- Andy East – LCC Housing – Team Leader – Rowlatts Hill Districts
- All local LCC Housing staff ☺