

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2014

Christ the King Church

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>																																				
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Westley in the Chair. Everyone welcomed and introductions given.																																				
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Councillor Dempster and Councillor Meghani.																																				
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	There were no declarations of interest given.																																				
4.	ACTION LOG OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	The action log of the previous Beaumont Leys Ward Community Meeting held on 30 th September 2014 were agreed as a true record and noted.																																				
5.	POLICE REPORT	<p>PC Adam Woolman gave the following statistical information:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2014 4th quarter – 2 months</th> <th>2014 3rd quarter 2 months</th> <th>2013 4th quarter</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary dwelling</td> <td>32</td> <td>15</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td>13</td> <td>17</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from motor vehicle</td> <td>40</td> <td>27</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft of motor vehicle</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery/theft from person</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sex offences</td> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td>13</td> <td>15</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>114</td> <td>95</td> <td>96</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a significant rise in burglary of dwellings and theft from motor vehicles. • As Christmas neared people were advised to remain vigilant, keep presents out of sight and premises secure. 		2014 4 th quarter – 2 months	2014 3 rd quarter 2 months	2013 4 th quarter	Burglary dwelling	32	15	21	Burglary other than dwelling	13	17	16	Theft from motor vehicle	40	27	18	Theft of motor vehicle	5	5	18	Robbery/theft from person	7	7	7	Sex offences	4	9	4	Drugs	13	15	12	Total	114	95	96
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of people on bail had been arrested, and the police were looking for a main suspect on prison recall. • People were asked not to leave items on show in motor vehicles. • A significant number of sex offences had seen some prosecutions and people being placed on the sex offence register. A press release regarding recent indecent exposures would be given to the media. • The number of motorbike incidents had fallen. • An emerging issue was school parking, and an action plan would be developed. The police were working with the Council, and a number of motoring offence tickets had been issued. • An increase in push and motor bike thefts near to the leisure centre had resulted in the arrest and charge of a number of people. The Police were promoting the use of D locks on cycles. <p>The Chair thanked the Police for the update.</p>
6.	NEW LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Officers from Leicester City Council delivered a presentation on consultation being undertaken on new Local Plan for Leicester. A copy of the presentation is attached for information. • The Local Plan is a statutory document to set out policy framework, and will be used to determine planning applications. • Key themes in the document were economy, housing, city centre, people and spaces, neighbourhoods, health, sports, environment, transport, congestion and climate change. <p>The Chair encouraged people to comment on the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People were concerned the car user was being legislated against and it was important the city had a strong public transport system, and that transport concessions for the elderly should remain. • Beaumont Leys was lucky as it was having a new interchange, but if bus subsidies were cut, then people in the city would feel the effects. • Residents said it would be useful if the council could inform the public if a tram system could be viable for Leicester.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion was made for derelict buildings to be knocked down and housing developed to alleviate housing problems. • Sport should play a major role in the city, and that leisure facilities should be developed and further venues made available for young people to take part in activities. <p>The Chair thanked officers for the presentation and informed the meeting the document could be downloaded from www.leicester.gov.uk/issuesandoptions with comments made until the end of January 2015. It was hoped the Plan would be adopted by early 2016.</p>
7.	PATCHWALKS	<p>The Chair informed the meeting that cleaning contracts in flats that paid a cleaning levy were being looked into by the Housing Scrutiny Commission at Leicester City Council. Feedback from tenants was being sought by the Commission Members, and the document would be made public once the Housing Scrutiny Commission had debated the issues.</p> <p>Young People’s Council joined Councillors on a walk to Ur Choice, Orange Park, and surrounding areas. They found a lot of littering around Orange Park, and poor street lighting. There was a lot of overgrowth at nearby housing, and there were concerns it could give rise to violence and muggings. Goal posts on the park had been removed, and young people asked for them to be restored. Near to Ur Choice, there was poor lighting and missing posts in fencing near Gresley Close and Glovers Walk. Fencing was needed to prevent dog fouling in the play areas. Issues raised had been forwarded to Ward Councillors, who would forward them on to the appropriate council department Director for action.</p>
8.	SPORTS AND LEISURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sports Facility Manger at Leicester Leys Leisure Centre was present. His role was to get people involved in the leisure centre, to improve their health and wellbeing. • A Government key priority was to ensure children of primary school age learnt to swim, and an officer was employed at the centre to teach children. • Other classes included gymnastics and karate • Over 60s also attended the centre through a GP referral scheme.


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was important to raise fitness standards for children and young people. • Part of the remit to use Ur Choice was to consult with young people on why they did not use the facilities, what could be done further to encourage them to use the facilities. • It was proven that people that took part in sport showed an improvement in the standard of their education also. • Sports were also proven to reduce crime levels. • There was a sports improvement plan for the whole of the city, working with other areas, for example, parks were helping to deliver cycle areas. • The Sports Regeneration Team could help people become sports coaches, with some funding assistance and courses held at Aylestone Leisure Centre. The Junior Sports Leaders award was the first step into coaching. • Further information and contact details would be made available at the next Community Meeting.
9.	BUDGET	<p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p> <p>Applications Considered at the Meeting</p> <p>(i) Christ the King Church – Christmas Lunch and Food Parcels. Application for £1,000. The application was SUPPORTED IN FULL for £1,000.</p> <p>(ii) Places for People – Can Anybody Hear Us. Application for £2,740. The application was SUPPORTED FOR THE AMOUNT OF £1,500. A request was made for information on the number of children attending from Beaumont Leys to be provided.</p> <p>(iii) Katie Wray, Christ the King Church – Children’s Christmas Presents for Families in Need. Application for £250. The application was SUPPORTED IN FULL FOR £250.</p> <p>Other Budget Discussion</p> <p>It was noted that the following application was not supported:</p> <p>Solid Treasures Music - Viva Africa (Music Video Project). Application amount was for £500. This was a joint application, and it was unsure as to how the project would benefit the residents of Beaumont Leys</p>

		<p>Ward.</p> <p>The meeting was informed there would be no carry forward of the Ward Community Budget due to it being an election year.</p>
10.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Warden Service leaflet was noted and distributed at the meeting. It was agreed that fencing needed to be replaced around the play area to prevent dog fouling. It was also noted complaints had been received regarding people selling cars from grass verges in the ward which was illegal. • The next Community Meeting will take place on 4th March 2015, at 6.00pm.
11.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Leicester's New Local Plan

Issues and Options Public Consultation

Ward Meeting



Leicester

- Tenth largest city in England
- Provides employment, shopping, leisure and housing. A regional centre
- Historic and Green City - Parks, wildlife areas, conservation areas
- Rich tradition of entrepreneurship
- Highly acclaimed University's. Three major hospitals and premier sports clubs
- We are a growing City so how do we deal with future growth? These are still challenging times
- For example, we need to find land for housing and high quality employment



What is a Local Plan?

- A statutory document that the council must produce
- The document that says where development can go in the future.
- Used to determine planning applications on issues such as new housing, employment, shopping and green spaces



What we are consulting on

- This is the first stage of the local plan process. We expect the plan to be adopted in 2016

Key stages - when can people participate

Key stages in preparing our Local Plan (LP):

- Public consultation on key issues and options
- Publication of draft LP for public consultation
- Public consultation on any major changes to draft LP (if required)
- Submission of draft LP to Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate
- Independent Public Examination of submission LP
- Adoption of LP by the Council

- We need to know what you think the issues and options are for the City as a whole but also for the community that you live in.
- The consultation started on 15 October 2014 and will end on 10 December 2014.

New Leicester Local Plan

- The document is split into three themes:
- A Growing City (economy, housing, city centre),
- People and Spaces (neighbourhoods, spaces, heritage, health) and
- The Environment (transport, climate change, green space and sport).



Some Key Questions:

- Where should new housing and employment development go?
- Are current local centres the right size? Do any need to be made bigger or smaller?
- Should we allow a greater mix of uses in local centres. E.g. Health, shops, community facilities?
- Should we restrict the number of takeaways near schools?
- How can we protect our natural and historic environment?

- What can be done to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport?
- What else is needed in the city centre to make it attractive?
- We are also asking for suggestions of sites to be allocated for development or to be protected.



Leicester: New Local Plan

- We can take comments/questions now and provide some answers.
- You can e-mail planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk with comments.
- You can download the document and fill in the on line response form www.leicester.gov.uk/issuesandoptions
- **Thank you for listening.**