

Abbey Community Meeting

DATE: Monday, 29 February 2016
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Tudor Centre, Bewcastle Grove,
Mowmacre Hill, Leicester LE4 2JU

Ward Councillors

Councillor Harshad Bhavsar
Councillor Annette Byrne
Councillor Vijay Singh Riyait

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- Keep to the Agenda
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- ✓ 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

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

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. ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The Action Log of the meeting held on 16th November 2015 is attached and Members will be asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

4. CHANGES TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

There will be an update and information on the latest changes to Universal Credit and how it will impact on those affected.

5. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

An officer from the Highways team will provide an update on issues relevant to the Abbey Ward.

6. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

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

7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

The Police will be present to provide an update on local policing issues in the Ward.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE

A local Housing Officer will provide an update on Housing issues in the Ward.

9. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

Appendix B

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

An update will be given on the Ward Community Budget. A summary of grant applications submitted for consideration since the last meeting is attached.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information, please contact

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Appendix A

ABBEY COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2015

St Patrick's Church Centre, 100 Beaumont Leys lane, Leicester LE4 2BD

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
11.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>Councillor Bhavsar – Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Matt Davinson City Warden, Adrian Edge and Hetha Copland.</p>
12.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The action log of 24 August 2015 was circulated and confirmed as an accurate record.</p>
13.	UPDATE ON THE NEW PLAY AREA AT LANGLEY WALK	<p>This item was deferred to a future meeting as no-one was available to present.</p>
14.	BIFFA/WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE	<p>Geoff Soden was present and provided an update on the waste management service and discussed the ongoing issues regarding the Bursom/Biffa waste plant and explained that a series of measures had been introduced. There was increased monitoring and it was accepted that there were still smells emanating from the site.</p> <p>It was explained that the council could only take direct action if the Environment Agency served notice on Biffa for failing to comply. Residents were encouraged to make their complaints direct to the Environment Agency rather than to Biffa or the council and to use the Freephone number 0800 807060.</p> <p>Information leaflets were circulated giving details of weekly refuse collections, recycling collections and the new garden waste scheme.</p> <p>The “Pass It On scheme” was promoted which aimed to divert bulky re-useable items such as sofa’s or wardrobes to people in need.</p> <p>The meeting was also informed that a new household waste site was available at Gypsum Close including a “Pay as You Throw” scheme for small businesses and</p>

		a LORO's shop on site where bulky items could be donated for resale.
15.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Robert Bateman, Team Leader for Highways & Traffic Design) gave an update on highways issues and repairs that had been undertaken in the Abbey Ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Leicester Northwest highways and transport project between the county and city aimed to improve road networks along the A50 corridor, towards the A47 and the A6 and roads around the western by-pass and outer ring road. The first phase of works around the Glenfield Hospital, New Parks Way and Groby Road had started and was expected to last 15 months. Wesley Street – ongoing issues were discussed and the meeting were informed more enforcement in the area was planned. It was agreed to conduct a traffic count over a one week period. <p><i>ACTION: Highways team to conduct a traffic count for a one week period on the section of road that crossed Wesley Street, Beaumanor Road and Thurcaston Lane.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional Cycle Lane had been proposed for Thurcaston Lane – it was noted that residents had concerns regarding that.
16.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Sgt Julie Strong introduced herself to the meeting and gave an update on local policing issues and reported crime statistics since the last meeting were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents were concerned that speeding vehicles on Abbey Lane was still an issue – officers confirmed there were ongoing traffic operations in the area and all of the team were trained in using the hand held speed guns. Thurcaston Road – police continued to enforce along the Hump Back bridge. <p><i>ACTION: The Chair asked that the Sgt look at figures for enforcement in that area and to provide that data to the Councillors who would use that information to argue for a speed camera in that area.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police were making use of shared facilities in the community to be more accessible. Community Officers were available at various times at the Stocking Farm Healthy Living Centre and also at the Tudor Centre.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Xmas Extravaganza was planned at the Healthy Living Centre on Marwood Road and the police would be there to engage with the community. Police officers had donated 100 selection boxes that would be given out to children at the event. • Residents raised concerns about the number of cyclists on pavements in particular around Heacham Drive, Babingley Drive and Burnham Drive – Police agreed to take action and monitor this issue.
17.	NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Stacey Hewitt, Local Housing Officer gave an update on housing matters relating to the Abbey Ward.</p> <p>It was noted that following further changes another new manager had been appointed as Area Housing Manager Ramila Dhobi in place of Chrissie Field and she was based at Home Farm Square.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurcaston Road courtyards project was ongoing, all had now been resurfaced with soft tarmac and were suitable for child play, • Pytchley Close – work to landscaped areas was continuing to remove overgrown shrubbery, • The housing team were working closely with a project “Leicester to Work” which helped people out of work for some time to get back into work and improve their CV’s, • Residents were encouraged to provide feedback on services in the neighbourhood as part of the ongoing consultation exercise.
18.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Apologies were received from Matt Davinson, City Warden.</p> <p>An update on City Warden services to be provided to the next meeting.</p>
19.	COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p><u>Applications Fast Tracked since the last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowmacre Young Peoples (1518) – Playscheme - Grant of £500 • Sakhar (1547) – Children’s well-being classes - Grant of £400 • GLAD & Community Wellness Service (5120) – Christmas Extravaganza Fun Run - Grant of

		<p>£500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLAD & Community Wellness Service (5121) – Christmas Extravaganza Work shops - Grant of £500 <p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belgrave Rugby Club (5123) – towards cost of maintaining playing field and improved security around club house. Application for £1000. Grant of £1000 Supported. Restorative Justice Initiative (1570) – to recruit and train 12 local women as part of the Women of Peace project. Application for £1698. Grant of £1698 Supported. Spring Education Centre (1500) – towards the costs of provision of computers for children. Application for £1600. Grant of £800 Supported. Group to provide additional information if it wishes to obtain further support.
20.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>It was announced that Mitun Dabhelia would be moving to a new job. Councillors thanked Mitun for all his hard work and engagement with the community in the Abbey Ward.</p>
21.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 29th February 2016 at 6pm in the Tudor Centre, Bewcastle Grove, Mowmacre Hill, Leicester.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.30pm</p>

Budget Allocation 2015/16: £18,000.00

Balance Remaining: £6,152.00

Applications supported since the last meeting:

Bid No.	Type of Bid	Project Name	Applicant	Funding Amount Requested
5130	J	50 th Celebration	St Luke's Church	£500
1659	I	Abbey Safety Day	Leicester City Council - Housing	£3000

Applications to be considered at the next meeting:

Bid No.	Type of Bid	Date Received	Project Name	Applicant	Funding Amount Requested
5141	J	6/1/16	Installation of an Eco toilet	Belgrave Allotment Society	£400
5144	J	15/1/16	Holi Celebration on Cossington Park, Rothley Road, Belgrave	Shree Sanatan Mandir & Community Centre.	£1000
5145	J	20/1/16	Video Relay Access Project	Signing Network CIC	£500
1649	I	26/1/16	Never 2 late project	Leicestershire Police	£3000
1651	I	26/1/16	Setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Abbey Ward	Neighbourhood Watch	£500
5147	J	1/2/16	Continued development of girls football in the local community and to hold a tournament in the summer	AFC Leicester Girls & Ladies	Deferred

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1672	I	5/2/16	Barsby Walk Goal Posts	Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit - LCC	£702
1678	I	9/2/16	Thursday Morning Bingo Club	Thursday Bingo Group	£500
Applications Not Supported:					
1602	I	2/12/15	Guru Nanak Community Centre	Guru Nanak Community Centre	£1200