

# Western Community Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, 22 March 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Braunstone Frith Recreation Centre,  
Sharman Crescent, Leicester LE3  
6NW

## Ward Councillors

Councillor Dr Susan Barton  
Councillor George Cole  
Councillor Malcolm Unsworth

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## 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.

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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 AND APOLOGIES**

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**

**Appendix A**

The Action Log from the meeting held on 8 December 2015 is attached for information and discussion.

## **3. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

An update will be provided on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme within the North West area of the city.

## **4. HOUSING UPDATE**

A housing update will be provided on any housing issues within the Western Ward.

## **5. CITY WARDEN UPDATE**

A City Warden's update will be provided relating to environmental issues within the Western Ward.

## **6. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

A police and crime update will be provided on issues relating to the Western Ward.

## **7. WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET**

**Appendix B**

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

Members of the public will receive an update on the Community Ward budget.

Information relating to the budget is attached in Appendix B.

## 8. 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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# Appendix A

## WESTERN COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015

Held at: St Anne's Church, Letchworth Road, Western Park, Leicester

### ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton  
Councillor Cole  
Councillor Unsworth

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
10.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b>	<p>Councillor Unsworth, Chair, welcomed all those present to the Western Ward Community Meeting.</p> <p>Councillors were asked whether they had any declarations of interest in respect of the items on the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Cole declared that in respect of the ward community meeting budget, he had an interest in the Phoenix Agenda, an organisation that had submitted a funding application and as such he would not participate in the consideration of that application.</p>
11.	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	<p>The action log of the Western Ward Community Meeting held on 23 September 2015 was agreed as a correct record.</p>
12.	<b>TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</b>	<p>Members of the public were asked to note an update from Hetha Copland, Neighbourhood Development Manager on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme. Hetha's presentation included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The programme looked at how local city council buildings, such as libraries, community centres etc were used and could be used in the future as very significant savings could be made by maximising the use of buildings.</li><li>• As part of the programme there had been consultations with local groups and service users. No decisions had been taken yet and there would be further consultation over the next six to nine months.</li><li>• Information would be available on the council's</li></ul>

		<p>website and in community buildings.</p> <p>Councillor Cole added that it had been suggested to the City Mayor, that it would be very helpful if any money saved from the programme could be used to provide some provision in the area of the Western ward where there was none.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>EUROVIA ROADWORKS UPDATE</b>	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Joanne Plews on the Eurovia roadworks. The points made by Joanne included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eurovia were currently working on three highways projects in Leicester. These were the A50 corridor, the A563 along New Parks Way and the Aikman Avenue junction.</li> <li>• Eurovia were aware of the significant impact that the road works were having on residents and wanted to help us much as possible with any queries. Joanne therefore held three drop in sessions per week, to provide information and answer queries from residents.</li> <li>• Joanne's contact details were on each of the sites and there were weekly updates to keep people informed on what was happening.</li> <li>• Eurovia were keen to help and participate in community projects. Residents were asked to talk to Joanne if they knew of any community group that needed assistance.</li> <li>• It was anticipated that all the road works would be completed by the end of May 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>14.</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE</b>	<p>There was no representative from the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service present at the meeting, but Councillor Barton provided an update on the current situation with the budgetary issues.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposals were put forward last year to save money in the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service; one proposal was to cut one fire engine (at Western).</li> <li>• Since then, it was considered that this would not result in sufficient savings and a new proposal was put forward to close the Central</li> </ul>

		<p>Fire Station as well as cut the fire engine at Western.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors at the Leicester City Council and the City Mayor were not convinced that this would be a safe strategy. It was however a Fire Authority decision and the city council would need the support of people in the county.</li> <li>• The financial management of the fire service was contracted to the city council and the city councillors and finance officers were looking to put forward a new budget which would not necessitate the close of the central fire station.</li> </ul> <p>Attendees expressed their concern at the possibility of the closure of the central fire station, particularly in view of the fact that there were there were hospitals, two football grounds and two universities in the city. Councillors asked residents to write to express their concerns to the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
<b>15.</b>	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	No officers from Housing were present at the meeting and therefore there was no update on housing issues.
<b>16.</b>	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from PCSO Sally-Ann Morgan. This included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were parking problems at the start and end of the school day at Christ the King Roman Catholic and Dovelands Primary schools. The Police were trying to work with parents and guardians to encourage more responsible parking.</li> <li>• Residents were asked to be vigilant about home security, particularly during the Christmas season.</li> </ul> <p>Police in the New Parks area had worked to improve problems at St Clements Court and Comet Close. The situation was better but was not fully resolved. Councillor Cole commented that residents had complained to him about noise nuisance and rubbish. Richard Sutton, the City Warden asked for further information about those complaints so that he and the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit could investigate. Councillors asked to be updated on the situation. Action: City Wardens.</p>
<b>17.</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</b>	Robert Bateman, Transport Strategy explained that he had been invited to attend because of traffic

	<p><b>- LETCHWORTH ROAD</b></p>	<p>problems around Letchworth Road. He had visited the area and observed that traffic had been particularly frenetic at the start and end of the school day. He had also observed incidences of illegal parking.</p> <p>It was noted that the Christ the King Roman Catholic Primary School annex had recently opened on Glenfield Road near to Letchworth Road. It was argued that previous accident data which had showed just one minor incident during 2010 – 2014, was no longer relevant.</p> <p>Robert had noticed that there was a pavilion like structure near to Christ the King, which parents used as a car park; it provided off road parking but also resulted in numerous entry and exit movements on a busy road. Councillors asked for information as to who owned the pavilion. Action: Robert Bateman, Transport Strategy.</p> <p>Strong concerns were raised that the traffic situation around the Letchworth Road / Glenfield Road junction was chaotic and further exacerbated by motorists parking on the central reservation.</p>
<p><b>18.</b></p>	<p><b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Richard Sutton, City Warden. Richard explained that he and fellow warden Alexander Kazmierz covered the Western, Fosse and Westcotes wards. Richard circulated a leaflet to attendees who were asked to contact the wardens if they wished to report environmental related issues.</p> <p>The city wardens could be contacted on 0116 454 1001 or by email on <a href="mailto:city.warden@leicester.gov.uk">city.warden@leicester.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Councillors asked the city wardens for a map showing where the 'grot spots' were located in the ward, so that they could see the main areas where the dumping of rubbish was an issue. Action: Richard Sutton and Alexander Kazmierz (City Wardens).</p>
<p><b>19.</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b></p>	<p>Hetha Copland explained that due to budgetary cuts, she and the Community Engagement Officer, Mitun Dabhelia would no longer be attending community meetings in the Western ward. A different officer would be dealing with the community meeting budget. Hetha added that regretfully it would not be possible to carry out the same sort of community engagement that had taken place over the last few years.</p>



		<p>There were a variety of activities taking place in the ward, such as in community centres and libraries. People could contact the centres or libraries to find out more, but in addition there would be a newsletter for all residents in the ward. Anyone who wished to be involved in the newsletter or add an item to the newsletter was asked to talk to Hetha.</p>
<p><b>20.</b></p>	<p><b>WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET</b></p>	<p>The following funding applications had been fast tracked for payment prior to the meeting:</p> <p><b>Project Name: Christmas Extravaganza (joint bid) - Alice in Wonderland Fun Run and Tea Dance at Abbey Park</b> Submitted by GLAD and Community Wellness Service Amount requested and supported: £500</p> <p><b>Project Name: Christmas Extravaganza (joint bid) – Community workshops to develop a Christmas grotto.</b> Submitted by GLAD and Community Wellness Service Amount requested and supported: £500</p> <p>The following applications were considered during the meeting:</p> <p><b>Project Name: Plot to Plot</b> Submitted by the New Parks Community Panel Amount requested: £1200</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £1200</p> <p><b>Project Name: Celebrating Academic Success (joint bid)- to celebrate the success of Key Stage 4 African Heritage students.</b> Submitted by Phoenix Agenda Amount requested: £400</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £400.</p> <p>Action: For the Community Engagement Officer to process the above applications.</p> <p>Late funding application:</p> <p><b>Project Name: Western Park Festival</b> Submitted by: The Friends of Western Park</p>

		<p>Amount requested: £5000</p> <p>Adrian Alexander, Chair of the Friends of Western Park presented the funding application. Councillors explained that the bid would need to be looked at in detail as it had just been submitted, but noted that support for the bid was expressed by those present.</p> <p>Action: For the Community Engagement Officer to process the above application for the councillors to consider in more detail.</p>
<b>21.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>A concern was raised about motorists who parked their vehicles on grass verges, particularly on Wyngate Drive. Councillors responded that it would be difficult to take action where the vehicles were not causing an obstruction.</p> <p>A query was raised as to whether the council were proactive in encouraging recycling as fewer people appeared to be putting out their orange bags. The Chair explained that it was not possible to persuade everyone to recycle although the vast majority of people did take this issue seriously.</p>
<b>22.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p>

# Appendix B

## Western Community Meeting Budget 2015-16

Balance Carried forward 14/15	n/a
Budget Allocation 15/16	£18,000
Opening Balance 15/16	£18,000

### Applications Supported

Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Agreed	Agreed Funding	Confirmed with applicant
5085	Leicester Caribbean Festival	The Klick		£500	
5106	Music Development Programme	Woodgate Residents Association		£500	
1480	Brian Hookway	October/December half term break - Soccer School		£1,000	
1498	R D Gavriel-White Braunstone Frith Tenants & Residents Association	Braunstone Frith T.A.R.A.		£500	
1536	Plot to Plot	New Parks Community Panel - Liam Hadjipetrou		£1,200	
5120	Christmas Extravanzas	GLAD & Community Wellness Service		£500	
5121	Christmas Extravanzas	GLAD & Community Wellness Service		£500	
1584	Celebrating Academic success	Phoenix agenda		£400	
1617	Western park festival	Friends of Western Park		£5,000	
<b>Committed</b>				<b>£10,100.00</b>	
<b>Balance Remaining</b>				<b>£7,900.00</b>	

### New Applications to be Considered at the Next Meeting

Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Received	Funding Request
1623	Transport for elderly people to The Wednesday Club	The Wednesday Club	05.01.16	£350
1640	February and April half term Break- Soccer School	Fitness in Schools	14.01.16	£1,000
1635	Bands on Western Park	Letchworth Area Watch	12.01.16	£500
1640	February and April half term Break- Soccer School	Fitness in Schools	14.01.16	£1,000
1696	IRI-JI (NEW YAM) FESTIVAL 2016	Ndi Igbo Leicestershire	26.02.16	£1,500
1721	Street Party (Queen's 90th Birthday)	Kingswood Area Neighbourhood Watch	02.03.16	£250
1729	Accessible Toilet & Baby Changing Facility	St Annes Community Church Hall	03.03.16	£4,000
<b>Total Value of Bids to be Considered</b>				<b>£8,600.00</b>
<b>Balance Remaining if above are approved</b>				<b>-£700.00</b>

### Applications Not Supported

Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Decided	Amount Request
1457	African Catholic Chaplaincy Leicestershire (ACCL) Cultural and Educational Trips	Father C J Nwalozie (Chaplain to african Catholic Chaplaincy Leicestershire (ACCL))		£500
5101	The Nelson Mandela Community Programme - Community Event	The Nelson Mandela Community Programme		£300.00
1477	IRI-JI (NEW YAM) FESTIVAL 2015	NDIGBO LEICESTERSHIRE (NIGERIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION)		£850.00
1478	Secure Fencing around property	Amanda Gibbs		£2,000.00
1481	August Summer Break - Soccer School	Brian Hookway		£500.00
5150	African Catholic Chaplaincy Leicestershire (ACCL) Cultural and Educational Trips	AFRICAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY LEICESTERSHIRE	08.02.16	£800
5146	Carnival Arts Project (Building Community Cohesion through Caribbean Carnival Workshops)	Sensational Vibes Youth and Community Development Group	21.01.16	£1,350
<b>Withdrawn Applications</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£6,300</b>



# Ward community meetings resident feedback form



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Thank you for attending today's ward community meeting. Please help us by completing this form and handing it to a member of staff. Your thoughts and suggestions are important to us; we will use the information to improve future meetings. All information will be treated and maintained confidentially.

Ward name ..... Date of meeting ...../...../.....

## Q1) How often do you attend ward community meetings? (please tick one only)

- This was my first meeting       I have attended once before  
 I have been a few times       I have been to most meetings

## Q2) Did you think the venue was suitable?

- Yes       No       Not sure

If No, please tell us why .....

## Q3) Please tell us why you attended the meeting (please tick all that are applicable)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> To raise an issue / ask a question      | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my councillor              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To see a specific presentation          | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my local police officer    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my local city warden            | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet other local residents      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To help improve the local area          | <input type="checkbox"/> General interest                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To find out what's going on in the area | <input type="checkbox"/> To find out about community grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To apply for a community grant          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                              |

If Other, please specify .....

## Q4) Were the agenda and papers easy to read and understand?

- Yes       No       Not sure

If No, do you have any suggestions for improvements? .....

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## Q5) How satisfied were you with responses to comments from the last meeting?

- Very satisfied       Satisfied       Dissatisfied       Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, do you have any suggestions on how this can be improved?

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**Q6) Were you satisfied with the presentation(s) at the meeting?**

- Very satisfied       Satisfied       Dissatisfied       Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, please indicate why .....

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**Do you think ward community meetings:**

**Q7) help to improve communications between residents and the council?**

- Agree       Partially agree       Disagree       Not sure

**Q8) keep you informed about local issues?**

- Agree       Partially agree       Disagree       Not sure

**Q9) enable you to raise issues during the meeting?**

- Agree       Partially agree       Disagree       Not sure

**Q10) Overall, how satisfied were you with the meeting?**

- Very satisfied       Satisfied       Dissatisfied       Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, please indicate why .....

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**Q11) Are you likely to attend future ward community meetings?**

- Yes       No       Not sure

If No, please indicate why .....

**Q12) How did you find out about the meeting?**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet through door         | <input type="checkbox"/> Advert in local newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> City council website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster in local area         | <input type="checkbox"/> Leicester Mercury          | <input type="checkbox"/> Link magazine        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth                | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter / Facebook         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing list (email) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) ..... |   |   |

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