

## THURNCOURT COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2016

Held at: Ocean Road Community Centre, Ocean Road, Leicester, LE5 2ER

### ACTION LOG

Present:  
Councillor Newcombe (Chair)  
Councillor Aldred

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
34.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES &amp; DECLARATIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Newcombe, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>Councillor Newcombe declared an 'other disclosable interest' in a budget application from Envoy Twirlers as he had family members who attended the club.</p>
35.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>The action log of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2016 was confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>Further to the action log, Councillor Newcombe noted that officers had looked at Willowbrook Social Club and felt that the site had a possible potential for social housing and would look into whether this was viable. The sale of the club was noted as not an option at this point.</p>
36.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</b>	<p>Robert Bateman – Team Leader for Highways &amp; Traffic design gave an update on Highways issues.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scraftoft Lane – white lanes which were reported as wearing away had now been renewed.</li><li>• Zebra crossing near Willowbrook School – a traffic and pedestrian count was carried out on same day of meeting, the results would be analysed. It was requested that residents provide any further information on this crossing; Highways could then do a further survey.</li><li>• The steps near the Thurncourt Road shops were in the process of being repaired. The layby near the shops at the end of the hardware shop was on the list to be done. Patience from residents was requested on</li></ul>

		<p>these matters, due to the process required to be followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurncourt Road speeding – Highways had received numerous reports however, speed measure testing showed low levels.</li> <li>• 20mph zone – a proposal to put one in the area was programmed in the 5 year programme which commenced in 2015.</li> <li>• Bowhill Grove layby - Highways were working with Housing for this installation, which was currently in the programme to be carried out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents &amp; Councillors feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that speeding on Thurncourt Road especially took place during the early mornings and early evenings.</li> <li>• Councillor Newcombe informed the meeting that Councillors had met with Highways Officers who were working through the Ward's highway concerns.</li> </ul>
37.	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>Andy East, Team Leader for Housing gave an update on the housing improvements currently taking place and proposed improvements.</p> <p><b>2016-17:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bungalow lighting installation was in progress on Ocean Road and Homestone Gardens.</li> <li>• Fencing on Rona Gardens had been completed.</li> <li>• 2 parking schemes were proposed but not yet started: Bowhill Grove and Roborough Green.</li> </ul> <p><b>2017-18:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsure of what funding would be available but there were concerns that it would be vastly reduced.</li> <li>• Nothing had yet been decided in terms of schemes to develop, but dependent upon available funding the focus would be on knee rail fencing to protect the green rather than the more expensive parking schemes.</li> <li>• Another proposal was for more bungalow lighting on Longstone Green.</li> </ul>
38.	<b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b>	<p>City Warden - Nicole Powell provided an update on the activities and enforcement the City Wardens had been dealing with in the ward since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that dog fouling projects were taking place including morning patrolling and</li> </ul>

		<p>spraying dog fouling stencils. Stencils at Havencrest Drive and Scraptoft Lane would still be carried out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City Warden requested residents to use the Love Leicester app and the bulky items service as these were not being used often enough.</li> <li>• Collaboration with the Community Safety Team was in place to install gates on the Parkway due to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).</li> <li>• It was noted that the City Warden had dealt with the issue regarding waste found at the back of the Thurncourt shops.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Council truck was reported to be parking regularly on Scraptoft Lane/ Thurncourt Road and obstructing. Nicole responded that this was not in the City Warden's remit; however, she had reported this concern previously and would pass it onto the relevant persons. When this concern was passed onto the Police in the past, they felt that an obstruction was not the case.</li> <li>• A resident requested dog fouling preventative measures for the football playing fields such as; signs, a bin or use of the Fido machine. Nicole would take the resident's details following the meeting and report the request to cleansing.</li> <li>• It was reported that the alleyway from Dudley Close to Ocean Road had graffiti. The City Warden would look into this.</li> </ul>
39.	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>Sergeant Matt Painter and PC Sarah George gave an update on the activities they had been involved in, in the ward. Please see Thurncourt Ward Police statistics attached to this action log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergeant Painter noted that following the recent EU Referendum vote, reports via media sources highlighted hate crime.</li> <li>• Leicester was noted to have had three reported incidents, which Sergeant Painter noted were not seen as hate crimes.</li> <li>• Residents were advised to report any incidents.</li> <li>• There was now funding available for 86 more PCSO's throughout the force, who would deal with high volumes of crime and ASB.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC Sarah George noted that current Police priorities in the Thurncourt Ward were ASB outside the Co-op shops and motorists parking causing obstructions.</li> <li>• There had been an increase of vehicle crime reported to have been carried out over one night. The Police believed they had caught the suspect.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident reported issues around Barbara Avenue/ The Parkway paper shops including drugs.</li> </ul>
40.	<b>TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</b>	<p>Laura Burt gave an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) which affected several Council buildings across the city including libraries, community/ youth centres, housing offices and more.</p> <p><b>All to note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of how neighbourhood services would be run was in progress and also, the plans to work with local people and community organisations to deliver effective joined up services.</li> <li>• It was noted that there were currently no proposals for neighbourhood buildings in the north east as yet, as feedback was requested from ward residents prior to making any decisions.</li> <li>• The Transforming Neighbourhood Services North East Area leaflet was distributed at the meeting. This included a consultation form which would be open until 17 July 2016 and it was encouraged for residents to submit their views via the form or online.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident requested the Ward Community Engagement Officer to find out if the neighbourhood buildings in Thurncourt were under threat of closure.</li> <li>• It was noted that a focus group meeting would be taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July to discuss TNS.</li> <li>• A resident discussed the importance of Ocean Road Community Centre being kept for community purposes. It was reported that the Thurnby Lodge Community Association</li> </ul>

		showed an interest in the future of Ocean Road CC and requested that the Councillors and Leicester City Council would support this.
<b>41.</b>	<b>FEEDBACK FROM SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICANTS</b>	<p>Successful applicants were given the opportunity to give feedback on their applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant Lisa Plumb who represented 'the dream academy of dancing', attended the meeting and gave feedback on the application which requested to take local children from their dance classes to London to have the opportunity to perform on a west end stage. It was noted that the event was a success, the funding covered coach hire and costumes.</li> <li>• Gareth Smith from Kick Start Academy informed the meeting that over 200 children were now registered with the academy, of which the funding covered some coaching and new equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>42.</b>	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	Laura Burt gave an update on the Ward Community Budget. A copy of the budget sheet attached at the end of the Action Log for information.
<b>43.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:20pm.



### Staffing –

PS 1719 Rob Merrall  
PC 425 Ben Orton  
PC 4458 Sarah George  
PCSO 6513 Cook  
PCSO 6078 Mike Curtis

### Current beat priorities

- To tackle anti-social behaviour outside the CO-OP superstore and the community centre on Thurncourt Road.
- Motorists parking on street junctions and pavements causing unnecessary congestion, obstructing the highways.

We are requesting all road users Park their vehicle with consideration and not to block access for pedestrians or driveways/entrances.

### Crime Statistics for the last 3 months.

- 1) Burglary other than dwelling – 0
- 2) Burglary Dwelling - 9
- 3) Robbery – 1
- 4) Vehicle Crime - **11**
  - Theft from Motor vehicle – 5
  - Theft of motor vehicle – 3
  - Damage to Motor vehicle – 3

There has been a significant increase in Vehicle crime during this period due to a spate of overnight theft from M/Vs in the area of Barbara Avenue and nearby streets.

**\*Please ensure all vehicles are left secure and valuables aren't left in the vehicle\***

Also motorcycle thefts i.e. mopeds despite being chained they are still being stolen. Invest in a good quality motorcycle chain lock and ideally keep out of view (they can still be loaded into a van). Mopeds once stolen are then **used illegally on streets and linked to ASB**. If you see mopeds being ridden and are causing a nuisance in your street call 101.





## Thurncourt

Budget Allocation 2016/17: £18,000.00

Total funding awarded: £5,750.00

Total Balance Remaining: £12,250.00

reference	Date	Application Type	OtherWard	Applicant	Project Name	Project Description.	Total Requested Amount	Funding Amount Agreed
AF599840I	12-Apr-16	Individual		THE 55TH COMMUNITY GROUP	new ceiling/insulation	This application is to further improve the insulation value of the building/reduce our carbon footprint and reduce energy consumption and cost.	£1,250.00	£1,000.00
AF613696I	06-May-16	Joint	Humberstone & Hamilton	Thurnby Lodge primary school playscheme	Thurnby Lodge Summer Playscheme	Two weeks of various activities for 70-80 local children between the ages of 5-11.	£2,250.00	£500
AF616657I	13-May-16	Individual.		ENVOY TWIRLERS	baton twirling	we wish to buy equipment for our juvenile twirlers and help with funding for our athletes representing England in European and World competitions.	£1,000.00	£750.00
AF621711I	26-May-16	Individual		gareth smith	kick start soccer academy	we provide sessions for children who have an interest in football	£500.00	£500.00
AF623318I	31-May-16	Individual		Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Annual Fun Day	The Thurnby Lodge Fun Day which is to take place on Saturday 2nd July is an annual event which has taken place regularly over many years. The venue mainly takes place on Willowbrook Park but is organised from Thurnby Lodge Community Centre. The represents	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
AF626068I	07-Jun-16	Individual.		The 55th	ongoing improvements to the 55th	we wish to install cavity wall insulation to the main hall	£500.00	£500.00

