

THURNCOURT COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2016

Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre, Thurncourt Road, Leicester LE5
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Councillor Aldred - Chair
Councillor Newcombe

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
44.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Aldred, as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.</p> <p>At the invitation of the Chair, the Rev Paul Savage said a short prayer in memory of Allan Gratrix, recently departed. Councillors and members of the community paid tribute to Mr Gratrix and a suggestion was made that either the Thurnby Lodge Community Centre or its hall should be renamed the Allan Gratrix Memorial Building or Hall as an acknowledgement of his work and commitment in the community.</p> <p>Action: For the Ward Councillors to seek consideration of this suggestion in memory of Mr Allan Gratrix.</p> <p>Members of the community were asked to note that Mr Gratrix's funeral would be held on Monday 21 November at 10.00am at Gilroes. Everyone was welcome to the reception afterwards at the Thurnby Lodge Community Centre.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of interest were made.</p>
45.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS LOG	The Action Log from the previous meeting held 30 June 2016 was confirmed as a correct record.
46.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES	Shilen Pattni, the Area Development Manager, provided an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme, which was taking place across the North East area of Leicester. He thanked everyone who had submitted comments during the consultation. Over 1400 responses had been received. The responses would be collated and final proposals would be brought back to a future community meeting.

		<p>Councillors gave their assurances that they would try their best to keep the Ocean Road Community Centre open, but ultimately it would not be their decision.</p>
<p>47.</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS UPDATE</p>	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update on highway issues, given by Robert Bateman, Team Leader (Highways and Traffic Design). The update included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scraftoft Lane/Bowhill Road junction – in response to concerns about the accident history and safety issues at the junction, a full accident study would be carried out. • Repairs to the steps near the Thurncourt Road shops – this was part of a 5 week programme. The programme was on schedule and repairs were expected to be carried out very soon. • Request for a pedestrian crossing at Willowbrook School – a pedestrian survey had been carried out. The results of the survey would be submitted, along with others, to the City Mayor for consideration. Councillor Newcombe stressed the need for urgent action to be taken there. <p>Attendees reported problems with parking at Willowbrook and Thurnby Lodge Primary School; this included people parking on the pedestrian crossing at Thurnby Lodge. The Police responded that they could address the issue of parking on zig zag lines, but if there were no double yellow lines or parking restrictions, it was very difficult for Civil Enforcement Officers to issue parking tickets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bollards outside the Youth and Community Centre on Thurncourt Road – it was expected that these would be installed by early December and would stop vehicles being driven onto the grass. A suggestion was made that trees should be planted instead, as they were on Colchester Road. The Highways Officer responded that the planting of trees there was considered to be a safety hazard. <p>Members of the public raised further concerns and comments, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong concerns were expressed relating to speeding vehicles on Thurncourt Road. Tragically,

		<p>there had been a recent fatal accident there near to Brooke Road. The Chair said that the problem had been raised with Highways officers and the City Mayor and there was an ongoing petition requesting traffic calming on Thurncourt Road. This would be submitted to a future council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident asked whether a grassy area at the top of Kirkwall Crescent could be slabbed. Action: Team Leader, (Highways and Design) to investigate further. • A pedestrian crossing was needed, as a priority between Colchester Road and the Trocedero. Pupils for the Humberstone schools tended to cross the road at this point. Action: Team Leader, (Highways and Design) to investigate further. • There were problems with restrictions there. Parking enforcement was very difficult where there were no restrictions.
48.	HOUSING ISSUES	<p>Andy East, Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader provided an update on housing issues in the ward. Attendees were asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was expected that work on the parking schemes on Bowhill Grove and Roborough Green would start early December. There would also be Highways funded parking bays by the shops at the bottom of Bowhill Grove. • The second phase of security lights installation at bungalows on Ocean Road and Homestone Gardens had started. Any money saved because some residents did not want the security lighting would be used on other projects. • Some projects were being brought forward for earlier action, due to the anticipated reductions in the 2017/18 budget. • A resident reported that there was a recurring problem with the lighting on the alley way at the side of the Co-operative Store on Thurncourt Road. A technician, sent to repair the lights had told the resident that LED lights were needed. Action: The Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader to raise this issue.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents reported being intimidated and distressed because of anti-social behaviour outside the Thurncourt Road shops. Youths were also getting into the flats above the shops and committing acts of anti-social behaviour there. Action: The Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader to check the security door to the flats. <p>The Police responded to complaints about anti-social behaviour during their update later on in the meeting.</p>
49.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	There was no update on local enforcement issues as the City Warden was not present.
50.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Attendees received an update from PC425 Ben Orton; details of this is attached to the back of this action log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with vehicles being driven recklessly and suspected of involvement in drug use - PC Orton asked that if people saw vehicles driven by youths and the behaviour seemed out of place or suspicious, to try to make a note of the vehicle registration number and to contact the Police. Time switches – as Winter was drawing in and it was getting dark early, PC Orton asked people to consider using timer switches so that lights could be switched on when occupiers were out. These were a good inexpensive crime prevention device. Vehicle crime – people were reminded not to leave valuables in the car, including the glove box as this was one of the first places that criminals looked. PC Orton recommended the use of door chains in the event of any would be distraction burglars. PC Orton said that the concerns about anti social behaviour and parking, as raised earlier in the meeting, had been taken on board. An obstruction caused by a vehicle was a Police matter, but they had to identify the driver and give him/her a ticket. The case would then go to the Crime Prosecution Service. Civil Enforcement Officers dealt with other breaches of parking regulations and could issue a parking ticket. The Police had requested double yellow lines on streets within the wards so that where there were vehicles in breach of parking

		<p>restrictions, the Civil Enforcement Officers would be able to take punitive action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Thurnby Lodge Community Centre recently which had been dealt with by the Police. Culprits had been banned from the Centre and their parents were spoken to. Police patrols in the area had also been increased. The Chair said that CCTV was needed in the centre. Action: The Area Development Manager to investigate further.
51.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	Laura Burt, the Community Engagement Officer gave an update on the Ward Community Meeting Budget. A copy of the budget sheet is attached at the back of the action log.
52.	THURNBY LODGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	The Chair announced that the Christmas lights on Thurncourt Road would be switched on at 6.40pm on Friday 25 November. Gifts for local children would be distributed.
53.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Thurncourt Ward Crime Statistics

Thurncourt Ward Last 3 months Crime (Aug 14th – Nov 14th 2016)

Police beat team Staffing

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

Current beat priorities

- To tackle anti-social behaviour including nuisance mopeds, mini moto's, and motor vehicles being driven recklessly and suspected in drug use in the area of Flamborough Road.
- To identify suspects responsible for an increase of Anti-social behaviour in the area of Herthull Road, Dudley Avenue and Somers Road where by eggs have been thrown at houses.

Crime

- Burglary 15 (11 Dwellings – 4 Other)
- Thefts 14
- Robbery 3
- Vehicle Crime 21.

* Burglaries are on the increase and to protect your property from being targeted please read the "safe as houses leaflet" attached. Timer switches are good cheap crime prevention devices and cost less than £5 from any home store (Wilko £3).

Thurncourt Budget

Budget Carried Forward from 2015/16:

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION APRIL 2016 - APRIL 2017: **£18,000**

BALANCE REMAINING **£3,553.53**

Funding applications Total: **£19,297.00** **Total funding awarded:** **£14,447**

Reference	Date	Application Type	Group Name	Project Name	Project activity	Comments	Total Requested Amount	Requested Amount to Thurncourt Ward	Supported	Funding Amount Agreed
AF181881	08-Nov-16	Joint with Evington Ward.	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Memorial Plaque	To fund a memorial plaque in memory Tyler Thompson.		£855.00	£428.00	Yes	£428.00
AF176918	25-Oct-16	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Christmas Light Switch On	The application is for the Christmas Light switch on event along Thurncourt Road. Highways will be erecting and removing the decorations at a cost of £518.97. At the event there will chocolate gift boxes for children that will be given out. The light switch is on will be on 25th November at 18:40pm.		£869.00	£869.00	Yes	£869.00
AF176902	25-Oct-16	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Memorial Benches	The application is for two memorial benches to be placed on Willowbrook Park. Two families within the Thurncourt Ward have lost loved ones who enjoyed playing and spending time in Willowbrook Park. The benches will be a way of commemorating loved ones and a place for their family and friends to sit and remember.	LCC Parks services to order benches.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Yes	£1,500.00
AF171835	08-Oct-16	Individual	Rowlatts Hill Allotment Society	Purchase Of Secure Storage Container For The Colchester Road Site	Purchase of a 20ft X 8ft X 8ft secure steel container to be sited at the Colchester Road allotment site		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Yes	£700.00
AF152472	26-Aug-16	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Christmas Topary Balls	To provide festive decorations along the main Thurncourt Road. We wish to display Christmas Topary balls outside the shops along Thurncourt Road.		£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00

AF150465	22-Aug-16	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Christmas Event	A Christmas Event for the community , providing various activities for young people and families to enjoy.		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Yes	£3,000.00
AF147430	14-Aug-16	Individual	Hamilton Bowls Group	Summer Outing	Coach to steam train and lunch		£450.00	£450.00	Yes	£400.00
AF136243	15-Jul-16	Individual	Friday Bingo Club	Bingo Books & Raffle Prizes	To assist with the purchase of Bingo books also Raffle Prizes for the group members for our Christmas Raffle		£300.00	£300.00	Yes	£300.00
AF133722	08-Jul-16	Individual	Willowbrook Activity Centre	Kick-start Academy	Football sessions for young children		£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Yes	£500.00
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	Yes	£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 ...		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Yes	£3,000.00
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	Yes	£500.00
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 Championships.		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Yes	£750.00
AF613696I	06-May-16	Joint with 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	£1,500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF599840I	12-Apr-16	Individual	The 55th Community Group	New Ceiling/insulation	The 55th Community Group are seeking £1250 to further improve the insulation value of the building and reduce the carbon footprint. Around 500 residents from the local Ward benefit from the Centre and by running the Centre in a sustainable manor allows for a positive investment for the future.		£1,250.00	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,000.00