

Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, 26 October 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont
Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

There will be an Information Fair at 5.30pm.

The main meeting will start at 6.00pm.

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Hemant Rae Bhatia
Councillor Susan Waddington
Councillor Paul Westley**

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- ✓ 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

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

Appendix A

The Action Log is attached for information and discussion.

4. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

An officer will be present to talk about up-coming works within the Ward.

5. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PROGRAMME

There will be an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services Programme.

6. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden will be present to provide an update on any environmental works within the Ward.

7. HOUSING UPDATE

The Housing Team will be present to provide an update on any housing related work within the Ward.

8. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

The Local Police Team will provide an update.

9. 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.

An update will be given on the Community Ward budget. The budget report for Beaumont Leys is attached in Appendix B.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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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

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2016

Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

Councillors present:

Councillor Waddington (Chair)
Councillor Rae Bhatia
Councillor Westley

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Councillor Waddington, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and introductions were given.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>Councillors made the following announcements:</p> <p>NHS England's proposal to close the Children's Heart Surgery Unit at Leicester Glenfield Hospital</p> <p>Councillors expressed strong concerns at the proposal to close the Children's Heart Surgery Unit at the Glenfield Hospital. An on-line petition had been started and the Ward Councillors would get together to plan a campaign. The community was urged to join in the campaign to save the unit.</p> <p>Council Tax Consultation</p> <p>A consultation relating to council tax would be starting in August, as due to the Government funding cuts, there was a need to consider making changes to the existing system. Currently people on a low income might receive a reduction in their council tax of up to 80%. People would be asked to give their views on different options for paying their council tax, which would include an option for most people of working age to pay more for towards their bill. There would be questionnaires in Beaumont Leys Library as well as other venues and people were encouraged to complete these and ask others to do the same.</p>
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>An apology for absence was received from Laura Burt.</p>
3.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log from the previous meeting held 2</p>

March 2016 was confirmed as a correct record.

Update on Actions

Castle Hill Park Update

Attendees heard that:

- It was hoped to have the play area installed by September; the community, including children were being consulted on what they would like there.
- Some trees had been removed to open up the area to make it less susceptible to anti- social behaviour.
- The improvements were a result of a petition that had been started by Gemma, a local resident. Gemma encouraged attendees to work with the local councillors and obtain help from the relevant people if they wanted something doing. Councillors praised Gemma's contribution to the project which they said was outstanding.
- Councillor Westley raised concerns about security as the previous play area had been vandalised. Officers were asked to give this matter some consideration and the community was asked to get involved in this as well.

Housing Issues

Further complaints had been received relating to property owned by Sanctuary Housing and ASRA. Both organisations still had empty buildings and councillors were still waiting for a response from them as to their future plans for the properties. It was agreed to invite both housing organisations to the next meeting to talk about their plans for the empty buildings.

Action: The Community Engagement Officer

In response to a query relating to the new development on Ashton Green, attendees heard that the first stage of building was about to commence. Councillors were mindful of the impact that the development could have on the community and had raised a number of queries, including issues relating to highways and traffic.

<p>4.</p>	<p>TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES UPDATE</p>	<p>Members of the Community were asked to note an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme. Points raised included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaumont Leys Library would be retained and there would be some renovation. The Beaumont Leys Housing Office (amongst other offices) would re-locate to the library and that building would be marketed. • The room where the ward meetings were held would be available for community use and work was ongoing to make the building more useful and economical. • Self-service equipment would be installed at the Library. • Home Farm would be offered for Community Asset Transfer; some interest for this had been expressed. • The Chair wished good luck to everyone who was involved in the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme.
<p>5.</p>	<p>CASTLE HILL PARK UPDATE</p>	<p>Members of the community were asked to note an update on the improvements (other than work to the play area) that was ongoing in Castle Hill Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community excavation on the Castle Hill earthworks would take place from 19 September 2016 for approximately two weeks. This would be led by Richard Buckley from the University of Leicester. Mini excavations were also taking place one Saturday per month from April to October. • Wetland improvements were planned. • New furniture would be put all around the park. • A considerable amount of work was being carried out by volunteers and there were many opportunities for people to get involved both in Castle Hill Park and other parks around the city. Penny Brown, from Leicester City Council's Parks and Open Spaces section was the Volunteer Coordinator.

		<p>Councillors referred to the display boards that had been put up for attendees, with information on the improvements and archaeological events taking place and suggested that it would be useful for that information to be displayed in the nearby Tesco.</p> <p>Action: Community Engagement Officer / Parks and Open Spaces Team</p>
6.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Ramila Dhobi, Team Leader, Housing. Points made by Ramila included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of £34k had been secured for improvements to Lime Grove • Internal improvements were planned in Portmore Close; external improvements had already been carried out. • Shrubs had been removed in Pankhurst Road, to open up the area. • There were 28 void properties in Beaumont Leys. • There were currently 23 live cases of anti-social behaviour (ASB); these were on the increase. There had been two evictions due to ASB <p>Councillors made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had attended ‘walkabouts’ with staff from the Housing Offices and were impressed with the dedication of the team. Members of the public were very welcome to join in the ‘walkabouts’, as feedback from the community was very useful. • Measures were being taken to stop speeding traffic in Heacham Drive.
7.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note a policing update from PC Craig Smith-Curtis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were problem solving plans to address issues with youths gathering in Upper Temple Walk, and also issues with people riding motor bikes on Castle Hill Park. Pc Smith-Curtis explained that the Police might not always be able

		<p>to respond immediately, but he encouraged residents to continue to contact them if they witnessed problems there. Just recently the Police had been able to confiscate a motor bike from a perpetrator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the community expressed concerns relating to the frequency and speed of cars in the vicinity of the park. Pc Smith-Curtis asked for the resident to meet with him after the meeting had finished so that he could obtain further details. • The Police held regular Beat Surgeries where people could come and talk to local officers. • Pc Smith-Curtis thanked the Councillors for approving the funding application to hold a Community and Public Services Day in October. The event was free to attend. • Councillor Rae Bhatia thanked the Police for the extra services they provided in the community, such as a trip they had financed to enable young people to visit the Houses of Parliament.
8.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Matthew Davinson, City Warden provided an update on the issues he had been dealing with since the previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 complaints had been received; 21 through the ‘Love Leicester’ app. • A query was raised relating to abandoned road signs; some for example had been left for approximately eight months on Peregrine Road. Matthew responded that Highways needed to be contacted to arrange their removal. <p>Action: Community Engagement Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvey Roberts was now the new City Warden in Beaumont Leys. Matthew would be working in a different area and the Ward Councillors thanked him for his work, adding that he would be missed.
9.	FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS WARD FUNDING APPLICANTS.	<p>Attendees were asked to note the feedback from previous recipients of funding from the community meeting budget, as follows:</p> <p>Project: Women of Peace Initiative</p>

		<p>Restorative Justice Initiative Midlands CIC had received £1698 to help with mediation, improve community relations and reduce offending and re-offending.</p> <p>Community Advice and Law Services A further update was given on the £1500 funding that had previously been awarded to the service.</p> <p>Tanglewood Youth and Support Group The group had received £381.25 for a project to establish youth work in Beaumont Leys.</p> <p>Ur Choice Young People's Project £500 had been received for funding for a community café project.</p> <p>All recipients reported on the success of their project and thanked the meeting for the funding received.</p>
10.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>Attendees received an update on the Beaumont Leys Community Meeting budget. A number of funding applications had been previously approved by Councillors under the fast track procedure:</p> <p>The 12th Heathley Park Residents' Association Gathering / Party: submitted by the Heathley Park Residents' Association - £500 requested and agreed.</p> <p>Community Café: submitted by Ur Choice Young People's Project. £500 requested and agreed. (The applicant's feedback on this funding was reported earlier in the meeting).</p> <p>Bicycle Maintenance Project and a BMX Event at Beaumont Park: submitted by the Cooke E-Learning Foundation. £500 requested and agreed.</p> <p>Seaside Trip: submitted by Ndi igbo Leicestershire. £750 requested, £300 agreed.</p> <p>The Queen's Birthday Street Party: submitted by Bradgate Heights Residents' Association. £300 requested and agreed.</p> <p>Community and Public Services Day: submitted by the Beaumont Leys Policing Team. A joint bid was submitted to the Abbey and Beaumont Leys Wards with a total of £1385 requested. The</p>

	<p>Beaumont Leys Councillors recommended that the bid be supported to the value of £885.</p> <p>BMX Event: submitted by the Leicestershire Police. A joint bid to Abbey and Beaumont Leys Wards was submitted with a total of £595 requested. Beaumont Leys Councillors supported the bid to the value of £400.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer presented the following applications, after which the Councillors withdrew from the meeting to consider further before announcing their decision.</p> <p>Fashion Show: submitted by Yonnel Fashion UK. This was a joint bid to Western, Fosse and Beaumont Leys with £1000 requested from each Ward. This was not supported as the Councillors were not convinced that anyone from Beaumont Leys would benefit and no one was present from the organisation to make their case.</p> <p>Health and Safety Improvements: submitted by Bradgate Heights Association – this was deferred at the request of the applicant.</p> <p>Minibus: submitted by Forward in Faith. This was a joint bid to three Wards of £5000. This was not supported by Beaumont Leys or the other two Wards.</p> <p>Community Fun Day: submitted by Cornerstone PCC. This application was withdrawn by the applicant.</p> <p>Home Farm Festival: submitted by Ur Choice Young Peoples’ Project. £1650 requested; £1300 supported – less than requested because the applicant had already received funding from the community meeting budget.</p> <p>A local resident stated that he had submitted a funding application for £500 for gravel and building materials for use on paths around the fishing lakes in Bennion Park, to make them more accessible for people in wheelchairs. The application appeared to have gone astray, but Councillors indicated they would be happy to support the bid once they had sight of the details.</p>
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11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Councillors explained that the City Mayor met with Ward Councillors on a quarterly basis and asked them for their top three priorities for their Ward. The Beaumont Leys Councillors' focus was mainly on improvements in the area; these had included parking related improvements. Residents were asked to let the Councillors know if they had suggestions for issues that should be included in those top three priorities.
12.	DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Attendees were asked to note that future meetings of the Beaumont Leys Ward Community Meeting would be held as follows:</p> <p>Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 6.00pm Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 6.00 pm..</p> <p>The meetings were scheduled to be held in the Beaumont Leys Library, but there was a possibility that an alternative venue might be sought for the October meeting, if the refurbishments were not completed.</p>
13.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7 .35 pm

Beaumont Leys Budget Report.

Budget Allocation 2016/17:
Current Balance:

£18,000.00
£10,890.06

Reference	Date	Application Type	Applicant	Project Name	Project description.	Amount requested.	Requested Amount from Beaumont Leys Ward.	Supported	Funding Amount Agreed
AF599391I	11-Apr-16	Individual	Heathley Park Residents Association	12th HPRA Gathering/Party	The function will be attended by approx. 150 residents as in previous years on our main Central Green on Heathley Park. We hope to book Magician/Clown/Musical Entertainment subject to funding and provide Food, Refreshments and Tombola.	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF600568I	13-Apr-16	Individual	Ur Choice Young Peoples project	Community cafe	We have been running a Saturday morning café from Ur Choice Young Peoples Project for 6 weeks this is non profit with takings only covering the cost of stock for the next café day and a small amount of wages to 2 young leaders.	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF603472I	18-Apr-16	Individual	The Cooke E-Learning Foundation	Bicycle Maintenance Project & BMX Event	Bicycle Maintenance Project & A BMX Event at Beaumont Park	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF606593I	21-Apr-16	Individual	Ndi Igbo Leicestershire	Sea Side Trip	We would love take less privileged children and young people between the ages of 5-17 in our community to an educational/social trip to the seaside. This year we are going to Brighton. Last year we went to Skegness and this trip was very popular; amongst young people and their families.	£750.00	£750.00	Yes	£300.00

AF609582I	27-Apr-16	Joint with Western & Fosse.	Yonnel Fashion UK	Fashion show	Yonnel Fashion show which will be held at the All Nations church at Frog Island. The show will showcase African fabrics that will have people from all ethnic background wear African fabric. There will performance from local poets, singers and artist showc	£3,000.00	£1,000.00	No	£0.00
AF613582I	06-May-16	Individual	Bradgate Heights Association	Health and Safty Improvements	The project aim is to erect bollards around the estate ie entrances to public foot paths to avoid vehicles entering onto them.	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Defer	
AF620805I	24-May-16	Individual	Bradgate Heights Residents Association	Queens Birthday Street Party	The event will take place on the 12th June 2016 for the national event between 12pm-3pm. It will take place in our Estate park with decorations, food, drinks and children's entertainment.	£300.00	£300.00	Yes	£300.00
AF621668I	26-May-16	Joint with Abbey	Beaumont Leys Policing Team	Community and Public Services Day	The event will be a community and public services event based on the event we had last year. We have invited the army, fire service, ambulance service, youth groups and many more local organisations to come and join us. The event will be a chance for the public to engage with the organisations and break down barriers.	£1,385.00	£885.00	Yes	£885.00
AF623326I	31-May-16	Joint with BP&RF & Saffron.	FORWARD IN FAITH	We are applying for funding to buy a Minibus to transport peopel from all over the city coming to Cort Crescent for these projects: Running to win; UK Talent	Our project is to buy a minibus that transport young people from ethnic minority communities, disadvantaged people in the community and those who may have given up hope of making it in life. People who will benefit from this project are scattered all over the City	£5,000.00	£1,500.00	No	
AF625655I	06-Jun-16	Joint with Abbey & Fosse.	Cornerstone PCC	Community Fun Day	This is an annual event we have run for several years using the ARH School site.	WITHDRAWN			

AF626873I	08-Jun-16	Individual	Ur Choice Young Peoples Project	Home Farm Festival	Home Farm festival - will be a street based summer event for the whole community. The event will be taking place on Saturday 13th August. The event will be organised and ran by local young people supported by youth workers from Ur Choice Young People's Project.	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	Yes	£1,300.00
AF629248I	14-Jun-16	Joint with Abbey.	Leicestershire Police	BMX Event	On 26/7/16 an event will be held at the BMX track on Beaumont Park between 11am-2pm in order to promote the use of the track, Leisure and fitness, and promote cycle safety with a view to reducing crime/ASB and reduce injuries by safer cycling.	£595.00	£400.00	Yes	£400.00
AF148471	17-Aug-16	Individual	Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association CIO	Family Fun Day	A family-focused event with lots of activities to engage and enthuse children, young people and adults.	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF153077	28-Aug-16	Individual	Leicestershire Police	British sign language development for a police officer	British Sign Language development for a local Police Officer over 1 year to learn BSL level 1 and 2	£425.00	£425.00	Yes	£425.00
AF159668	12-Sep-16	Joint with Abbey & Fosse.	The Banks Socail	The Banks Social Fund	Christmas party for the residents of the Banks and their families and friends	£1,500.00	£500.00	No.	Abbey Ward awarded £500
AF161353	15-Sep-16	Individual	Bennion Pools Angling Club	Creation of disabled access	We have provided pathways for disabled access and now need stone chippings to finish the topping. These paths will enable the disabled in wheelchairs and other anglers to gain access where they could not previously.	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500

AF166121	26/09/2016	Joint - Spinney Hills & Aylestone	Leicestershire Online- Pete Degnan	Protion to Increase membership & Coffee Mornings.	<p>We provide a unique opportunity for members from ALL WARDS within the City of Leicester and beyond.</p> <p>To develop and increase the membership of the group to approximately 15,000+. Hopefully we will then be able to obtain mainstream sponsorship, become self sufficient and be able to provide more diverse methods of being helpful to our members.</p> <p>A large number of our members have formed "cyber friendships" where they chat online. In order to ease these members from feeling isolated and to give them the opportunity to meet these friends in person.</p>	£900	£300	TBC	
AF168064	30-Sep-16	Individual	Bradgate Heights Table Tennis Club	Bradgate Heights Table Tennis	The project is intended to get people to Keep Fit through playing table tennis.	£250.00	£250.00	Yes	£500.00
AF168495	30-Sep-16	Individual	Barley Croft	Barley Croft after school club	<p>After school club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing positive activities and opportunities for learning and personal and social development for young people 12-19 - providing a safe environment and interactive space were young people can be safe, enjoy, and achieve. 	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	TBC	
AF167731	29-Sep-16	Individual	Story Cafe Writers Group	Write Now	Write Now will be a project to develop the skills, knowledge and talents of the Story Cafe Writers Group at Beaumont Leys Library. Ten participants between the ages of 40-80 years have been meeting fortnightly to write poetry, prose and short stories. The group want to write about Beaumont Leys and work towards writing scenes for a large scale community play in 2017 that will celebrate the area and promote reading/writing/creativity. Having input from professional writers will develop the skills required to write dialogue, develop exciting and identifiable characters, develop narrative and ensure a strong beginning, middle and end to engage the reader.	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00

AF167929	13.10.2016	Individual	Leicester City Council - Highways Department.	Astill Lodge Road installation of roadside seat.	Constructing hard standing in grass verge and installing roadside bench side of 26 Park side close near entrance of Castle Hill Park. Local residents will be able to sit on it and rest, particularly beneficial for older members of the community who are out walking.	£1,200	£1,200	TBA	
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