

BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2016

Held at:
Cort Crescent Community Centre,
Cort Crescent, Leicester, LE3 1QJ

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Corral (Chair)
Councillor Halford
Councillor Singh Johal

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Corral in the Chair. Everyone welcomed and introductions given. No declarations of interest were made.
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Received from Edward Rogers of the Braunstone Blues and Alan Baum of the Rowley Fields Community Association
3.	ACTION LOG OF LAST MEETING	Agreed as correct
4.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	See "Any Other Business" below
5.	HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT UPDATE	All to note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access points for the proposed development on Faircharm Industrial Estate will be in Evesham Road / Evelyn Drive.• Bus stop clearways are being created in Winstanley Avenue. Head of Highways asked to advise Ward Members why Rowley Fields Avenue is being resurfaced before Dumbleton Avenue, the latter having been given a higher priority by Members.
6.	FAIRCHARM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	All to note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is anticipated that the planning application for the development of the estate will be presented to the Council's Planning and Development Control Committee for determination on either 31 August or 21 September 2016.• Members of the public who have commented on

		<p>the planning application for the development of the estate will be informed when it is on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting can be attended by the public and there are arrangements for members of the public who have objected to the proposals to address the Committee if they wish to do so. • The access beyond Evesham Drive currently is not highway, but it is intended that it will be adopted as part of the development. • The access in Evelyn Drive will be made two-way under current proposals for this development.
7.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>All to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are six environmental projects underway. • Work at Blackmore Drive includes internal painting, the supply and fitting of steel capping to supports on the stairs, and the provision of a steel storage shed with charging points for mobility scooters. • Fences and gates will be installed in the gardens of the Fosse Road “cottage” flats, as there currently are no boundary markers. • The programme of converting older three bedroomed properties to two bedroomed properties by moving the bathroom upstairs is continuing. • Between April and June 2016 there was a total of 251 void properties across the city, with 23 of these being in Braunstone. The number of voids in Braunstone remains fairly constant, but there is no problem re-letting them. • Work often is needed on properties between lettings, such as replacing old plaster, placing old electrical wiring and replacing old kitchens and/or bathrooms.
8.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE / BRAUNSTONE BLUES	<p>All to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Darren Cramp and PC Andy Gardner recently have joined the Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Neighbourhood Team. • There have been a large number of thefts from unattended vehicles, but a suspect has been arrested. • A big problem in the area, and a force priority, is distraction burglary, with people claiming to be from the Water Board targeting older residents.

		<p>Several suspects have been arrested, but residents need to remain vigilant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour often increases over the summer months. At current staffing levels, the Police often cannot get to such incidents as quickly as they would like. • Although nationally there has been a steep increase in reported hate crime, this does not appear to have happened in Leicester. Work is ongoing to try to avoid the number of incidents increasing. <p>All residents encouraged to report any incidents of hate crime to the Police.</p> <p>The Police asked to consider producing information in community languages, it being recognised that the number of languages spoken in the area may make this difficult with current resources.</p> <p>All residents invited to let the Police know of any issues arising in the area.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>CITY WARDEN</p>	<p>All to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways are being sought to make information about fly-tipping available in the Ward in community languages. At present, this is largely being done with the co-operation of shop-keepers. • The first Section 80 warrant has been served on premises, to make the owner tidy it up. • Work is ongoing to identify the people creating problems with fly tipping at the Avery Hill Recycling Centre and in Raymond Road. • Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to the owners of the garages on Raymond Road, as they have not responded to previous efforts to clear the area. If the Notices are not effective, court proceedings will be started and the courts asked to require the land to be tidied, all of the garages repaired and a six-foot fence erected around the perimeter. The people found to be living in the garages have been logged with the Council's multi-agency travellers' unit. • The next phase of the work to stop residents leaving bins on streets once emptied will take place in the Raymond Road area. • A resident in Winforde Crescent has been prohibited from repairing vehicles on the highway in the county for the next two years. The vehicles currently there should be removed by early

		<p>August 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Warden can only take action on environmental issues in the Ward if they are reported to the Council. All residents therefore encouraged to do this.
10.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The update on the Ward Community Budget attached at the end of this Action Log. Feedback received from the Rowley Fields Community Association and attached at the end of this Action Log. Feedback from B-Inspired regarding grants received, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can You Dig It has been an ongoing project since November 2015, growing food on a farm plot in Enderby. Seeds have been plated in eco-pots made at sessions held at the Brite Centre and 20-foot long polytunnel has been erected. Excess food is donated to FoodShare and residents have benefited from improved wellbeing. Despite problems with rabbits and the weather, this scheme is working well. Some funding has now also been received from Leicestershire County Council and it is hoped that a business plan can be developed in two – three years' time. Grant funding has been used to buy a container in which to store food donated to Braunstone FoodShare. The land is being prepared and the container should be installed soon. Some funding for this also has been received from Braunstone Blues. Talk Time have used grant funding to hire the Oak Centre for meetings, so that the group is more accessible to the community. Unfortunately, a steep rise in room hire prices means that the group is looking for a new meeting place. It is hoped that it can be accommodated at St Peters Hall. <p>Ward Members asked to raise the problems being encountered by community groups as a result of increases in room hire prices at the Oak centre with the Assistant City Mayor for Neighbourhood Services.</p>
11.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Thursday 10 November 2016</p> <p>Thursday 23 March 2017</p> <p>Venues for these meetings will be advised nearer the</p>

		dates.
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a) <u>Travellers</u> All to note that the travellers at the Leisure Centre are attending a family funeral. The Council is taking steps to remove them from this land.</p> <p>b) <u>Sports Field Fencing, Rowley Fields</u> All to note that the Council has advised that fencing is needed around the sports field in Rowley Fields, due to the needs of the children at the school. As local people use this area, it has been suggested that part of the fields be left for public use, but discussions on this are ongoing.</p> <p>c) <u>The Manor House</u> All to note that work on finding the best way for this centre to be managed is ongoing.</p> <p>d) <u>Khalsa Football Federation Tournament</u> Residents extended their thanks to Councillor Singh Johal for the excellent football tournament that had been staged over the weekend of 23 and 24 July 2016</p> <p>e) <u>Notification of Redevelopment of Buildings</u> Residents not receiving notification from the Council's Planning service of building developments in their immediate vicinity are advised to contact that service to ask why they have not been included in notifications.</p> <p>f) <u>Neighbourhood Action Plan</u> All to note that the Neighbourhood Action Plan is nearly finished. When it is completed, an electronic copy can be obtained from B-Inspired. The top priorities identified in the Plan are litter and anti-social behaviour, so B-Inspired will work with the City Warden to address these issues.</p> <p>g) <u>The Grove Football Facility</u> All to note that, as the football facility at The Grove is under-used, some funding has been obtained for a coach to provide one or two football training sessions for 20 weeks. This is likely to start in September 2016. After the 20 weeks, it is hoped that someone will volunteer to take on the management of football at this facility.</p>
13.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

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Budget Allocation 2016/17 £18,700.00 (Carry Forward of £700 from 15/16 Ward Bduget)

Total Funding awarded: £4,191.00

Total Balance Remaining: £14,509.00

Reference	Date	ApplicationType	Other Wards	Applicant.	ProjectName	Project Description.	Total Requested Amount	Funding Amount Agreed from Beaumont Leys Ward.
AF597892I	06-Apr-16	Individual		The Braunstone Foundation	Braunstone Community Carnival and Sports Festival 2016	The Braunstone Community Carnival is an annual event and will celebrate its 16th Anniversary this year. The event has been supported by the Braunstone Foundation (formally BCA) for the last 14 years and has been made possible by the voluntary support of many local groups and residents.	£1,500	£1,500
AF598370I	07-Apr-16	Individual		Ndi Igbo Leicestershire	Iri Ji New Yam Festival	This event is called Iri Ji or New Yam Festival. It is a celebration of the Igbo annual Harvest and thanksgiving Season. It is an occasion that highlights the cultural heritage as well as diversity of the Igbo community of Nigeria, West Africa.	£1,700	Not supported.
AF609169I	26-Apr-16	Individual		LCC City Wardens	Myenells Course Tidy Up	A large clean-up is being organised around Meynells Gorse, Golf Course Lane and Foxhills. This will include housing, cleansing, parks and residents and community payback.	£800	£441.00
AF610563I	28-Apr-16	Joint	Fosse Westcotes	Polish Play & Stay	Polish Play & Stay	We would like to organize a block of 5 sessions that will Be 2 hours long. Meetings are intended for children's of all ages whose parents are wishing to further develop their knowledge of Polish culture, language and to meet Other Leicester citizens.	£250	£250

AF615896I	11-May-16	Individual		Braunstone Foundation T/A B-Inspired	Can You Dig It Continued	To recruit and support volunteers to grow fresh vegetables at Yennards Farm with the view of the produce being given out at the Braunstone Foodshare. Primarily 4-6 distributions will take place that will help to supplement up-to 80 family budgets	£2,168	£1,500
AF620746I	24-May-16	Individual		The Place to be	The Place to be	The Place To Be is an after school community group for children in school years 3 - 6. The group will provide a range of art & craft activities along with group games & challenges. It is hoped that we will be able to offer a healthy snack & drink for each child during the session	£500	£500
AF622195I	27-May-16	Joint	Eyres Monsell Saffron	Community Wellness Service South Leicester Team	The Summer Breakfast Club	After the successful delivery last summer of The Breakfast Club I would like to deliver a similar multi-agency breakfast club in the 3 Children's Centre's across Saffron, Eyres Monsell & Braunstone.	£500.00	Not supported.
AF623326I	31-May-16	Joint	Beaumont Leys Saffron	FORWARD IN FAITH	Purchase of a Minibus	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.	£2,000.00	Not supported.
AF623326I	31-May-16	Joint	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	The purpose of the music journalism workshops has been to get young people writing, to improve their literacy skills, build confidence and develop social and emotional skills.	£5,000.00	
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AF626934I	09-Jun-16	Joint	Belgrave Evington	Lightseekers	We Are One	We are One' is a yearlong project concerning community engagement in conjunction with Leicester University. The overarching aim of this project is to work with key diverse community groups, from different areas of Leicester city that have a [key] demographic make-up that demonstrates the diversity / differences around the city.	£2,000.00	TBA
AF130699	01-Jul-16	Individual		Sandyhurst Garden	Sandyhurst Garden	We would like to make a unused washing line area into a nice seating area with tables, chairs and flowers	£500.00	TBA
AF134471	11-Jul-16	Individual		Braunstone Foundation B-Connected	Braunstone Alert Advertising - Cllrs Surgery Dates	Braunstone Alert Advertising - Cllrs surgery dates	£756.00	TBA
AF140164	26-Jul-16	Individual		Leicester City Women Football Club	Purchase of Defibrillator for Public Access with Cabinet	Leicester City Women in partnership with GNG football require funding for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with cabinet and any associated fitting costs.	£2,100.00	TBA

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FEEDBACK FROM: ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GRANT RECEIVED: £476

The award of a grant to help with our summer event proved invaluable. Planning for a Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday had been going well but the Association needs financial help for all its events and this grant enabled final preparations to be made with confidence.

The day itself promised weather of sunshine and heavy showers so it was with fingers crossed that volunteers gathered to erect gazebos and stalls, put out chairs and get the food ready for cooking and serving. The weather proved to be very kind apart from a short heavy shower at the start.

Residents began to arrive, some bringing food for the party, and settled in at tables to eat hot and cold food and chat happily. Children had various activities to enjoy including face painting and a bouncy castle. People were happy to mix and linger and an estimated 300, a representative cross section of Rowley Fields, attended over the 4 hours of the event.

A large cake had been specially baked to order and everyone enjoyed a slice.

This report would not be complete without a heartfelt vote of thanks to our Community Police who attended planning meetings to encourage and advise and worked tirelessly alongside volunteers on the day.

A great time was had by all! It is very encouraging that, from a very small number of volunteers when the Association started 4 years ago, there is now a good group who can take matters forward.

Alan Baum
Treasurer
Rowley Fields Community Association

