

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017

Held at: Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Rae Bhatia
Councillor Waddington

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Councillor Sue Waddington, Chair welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Westley, Charlotte Glover (City Warden) and Leicestershire Police.</p>
3.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The action log of the last meeting on 8th March 2017 was circulated and confirmed as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>Progress on actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Calvert Court – residents had presented Councillors with a petition regarding their concerns that this building had been empty for several years and the owners had continuously failed to take action to protect the building and prevent it becoming a magnet for ASB. Action: CEO to write to owners to invite to meeting with councillors and residents to discuss issues.• Barleycroft Shopping area – development plans were in progress and shop owners were being contacted to engage with the redevelopment and assist in funding improvements to shop frontages.
4.	WARD COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK	<p>Councillor Bhatia reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 outdoor gyms had been installed, 1 behind the Beaumont Leys Library on Beaumont Park and 1 at Astill Lodge Park. Residents requested another gym to be installed in the ward. Action: CEO to add request for an outside gym to the open spaces programme.• A petition had been handed in relating to the A50 resurfacing issues, this had been actioned by the council as a priority.

		<p>Councillor Waddington reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents had petitioned to oppose a Burger van on Garland Crescent and the applicant had withdrawn his application to trade there. • Ashton Green – Morris Homes had commenced building and the first homes should be available September 2017. The second phase of land was out to tender and 5 companies had shown an interest. The Ashton Green development would include affordable housing too. • Defibrillators and appropriate signage had now been installed on all of the City parks.
5.	COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION	<p>Councillor Waddington advised that the Council would be starting a further consultation to review the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.</p> <p>As a result of funding cuts from government the Council had already conducted a consultation exercise during August and September 2017 and were now asking residents again for their views on how best to make savings in the scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme currently paid a maximum of 80% towards the council tax for people of working age who qualified, • The council tax reduction scheme helped people on a low income pay their council tax and was a means tested discount, <p>Full details of the consultation were available on the council's website and everyone was encouraged to participate and provide feedback.</p>
6.	BEAUMONT LEYS MUSLIMS	<p>Beaumont Leys Muslims gave a short presentation of their plans for the Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>See attached slides at end of notes</p>
7.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>The Housing Officer gave a brief update and overview of projects within the ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continued on Harris Close, Scalpay Close and Iona Close including removal of rubble, slabs and re-tarmacking. • Overgrown shrubbery and tree removal continued. • Calvert Close – internal painting to flats. • There were 24 voids this was partly due to a housing block on Oronsay Close coming back into Council ownership and properties waiting

		<p>to be relet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB cases had reduced significantly with no major cases currently. • Evictions – one since March 2017.
8.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	The City Warden was unavailable to attend and provided a written update attached at end of action log.
9.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>A representative from Leicestershire Police was unavailable to attend however a written update was provided which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2017 Sergeant 161 Ian Parker was pleased to become the new dedicated neighbourhood Sergeant for the Beaumont Leys beat, he replaces 1588 Yakub Ismail. • In July PC 4384 Jane Dolby will be returning to the beat after a year's acting Sergeant duties. • 2 of the current Beaumont beat PCSO's will shortly be moving on to Safeguarding PCSO roles and the beat team will have 3 student PCSO officers. • In response to the terrorist related incidents over the past few months in London and Manchester, the beat teams have been providing extra visible reassurance and patrols at and around prominent places such as the Glenfield Hospital and the Beaumont Leys shopping centre. • There is currently one Problem Solving Plan (PSP) aimed at tackling knife crime - 'Operation Anvil' - due to an increase in knife related incidents. Proactive operations and enforcement days are planned with input at local schools. • PC 2991 Craig Smith-Curtis sends thanks for the funding provided for the joint services day planned for Tuesday 8th August at the Beaumont Shopping centre from 10am onwards. • Total crime across the force has risen with Beaumont Leys beat seeing a 19% rise but there was no significant rise of any one particular crime type. Statistics noted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 2016 – 128 offences / February 2017 – 152 offences ○ March 2016 – 158 offences / March 2017 – 160 offences ○ April 2016 – 144 offences / April 2017 – 161 offences

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 2016 – 155 offences / May 2017 – 195 offences ○ These figures contain a high proportion of low value shoplifting, fraud and cyber related offences. Hate crime offences and ASB have seen reduction in reporting. ● Current beat surgery locations and frequency are being reviewed for effectiveness and accessibility. Other viable opportunities are being explored to improve how we communicate and, engage with our diverse local communities.
10.	COMMUNITY WARD BUDGET	<p>The CEO reported the opening balance for the new financial year was £19690.</p> <p><u>Applications considered prior to the meeting:-</u></p> <p>Beaumont Leys Policing Team – application to fund Community and Public Services Day on 8 August 2017 – Supported to the amount of £985</p> <p>Beaumont Leys Library – application to fund ticket subsidies for Sylvia South drama performance – Supported to the amount of £140</p> <p>Beaumont Leys Muslims – application to fund Eid Community Fun Day – Supported to the amount of £450</p> <p>Community Safety Team – application to fund guardrails on Barnsdale Rd Footpath – Supported to the amount of £400</p> <p>Saturdads – application to fund Saturdads Birthday BBQ - Supported to the amount of £475</p> <p>Saturdads – application to fund Saturdads Day Trip to Beach – Supported to the amount of £480</p> <p>Leicestershire Police – application to support project for prevention of vehicle registration plates theft – Supported to the amount of £500</p> <p>Abbey Ward Branch – application to fund a Children’s Christmas Party and a Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Supported to the amount of £500</p> <p>Malawi Association UK – application to support Celebrating Malawi Achievements - Supported to the amount of £500</p>

		<p>Leicester Ivorian Association – application to support Celebrating Cameroon National Day – Supported to the amount of £100</p> <p>Cooke E Learning – application to fund a Celebration Event – Supported to the amount of £500</p> <p>Stokeswood Allotment Society – application to fund provision of equipment for a Craft Fair – Supported to the amount of £1500</p> <p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting:</u> Castle Hill Country Park Play Area – application to support funding to provide inclusive piece of play equipment for all levels of physical ability - £2634 Supported</p> <p>Take Me Home – application to fund Project Ubuntu: 3 events aimed to bring communities together – Supported to the amount of £500</p>
11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	None.
12.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Dates of future meetings noted as follows:</p> <p>Wednesday 4th October 2017</p> <p>Wednesday 7th March 2018</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.20pm.</p>



Beaumont Leys Muslims

One Community United in Prayer

Mission

‘Contribute to building Beaumont Leys as a Cohesive and Inclusive community which works together to help meet the educational, religious and community centric needs of residents and workers in the area.’

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Who are Beaumont Leys Muslims (BLM)?

- * **BLM was formed by local residents to meet the needs of the growing Muslim community and unmet needs of the wider community.**
- * established by local Beaumont Leys Muslim residents in 2010, to serve the local Muslim community in Beaumont Leys.
- * operating for over 6 years in the Beaumont Leys Area and incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- * Governed by a Board of trustees responsible for the management and administration.
- * Day-day activities overseen by its Operational Committee
- * 11.3% of the residents in Beaumont Leys were Muslims (Census in 2011). Estimated that the percentage is nearer 15% now.
- * Manage HFNC (successful applicant of LCC Asset Transfer process)

What is the need required by the local community?

1. Provide a place of congregation for prayer and Islamic education for Muslims in Beaumont Leys

Some of these needs are common with the needs of all residents irrespective of religion or race, such as:

2. Promote educational projects for the benefit of the public Homework Clubs & English Language Classes.
3. Provide facilities for social welfare, for recreation, or leisure time occupation of young people, elderly, disabled and other residents in Beaumont Leys
4. Assist those in financial hardship with facilities and services, such as food banks

What are our aims?

The strategic aims connected to the charitable objects of BLM are:

- 1) To establish a community space for meeting the needs of the local community, especially in relation to the educational and religious needs for Muslims residing and working in Beaumont Leys.
- 2) To establish a nursery and adult learning projects for residents of the Beaumont Leys area.
- 3) To engage with the diverse communities in Beaumont Leys in a common effort to uplift the area and bring into use community infrastructure via acquisition of the Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre and delivering social welfare projects for the young and old.
- 4) To assist residents of Beaumont Leys suffering from financial hardship with the establishment or support for the establishment of a food bank.

As can be seen, BLM is an outward looking charity that genuinely has set its Mission and aims to benefit all residents of Beaumont Leys irrespective of their race, religion or social background. Only 1 out of their 4 objects relate to benefits to Muslims.

Our Track record so far:

Since its inception over 6 years ago, BLM has:

- * Established a facility for 1,000 residents of Beaumont Leys every week over the last 6 years to help their religious needs
- * Planned and delivered a fun day open for all residents of Beaumont Leys during the Eid festival over the last 2 years with over 300 participants
- * Cleared the Homefarm Square with snow ploughs during the abnormally heavy snowfall in the winter of 2015 for the benefit of all residents coming to the Homefarm Square for Children activities, Housing enquiries, GP Surgeries, Pharmacy, Supermarket and other shops.
- * Supported informal counselling to over 80 Beaumont Leys residents over the last 6 years to help them with their personal and family problems
- * Supported over 100 Beaumont Leys residents with signposting to agencies for advice and guidance on housing, money matters and benefits

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- * Held an Open Day for local non-Muslim residents to find out about BLM activities at the Hall as part of the National Visit My Mosque Open Day.
- * Hired and maintained the Hall without any complaints by users
- * Complied with the health and safety policies in maintaining the Hall during their occupation of it over 6 years
- * Adopted energy saving measures by turning off lights and unwanted heaters
- * Serviced the kitchenette and Hall area, for which it was responsible during the last 6 years
- * Managed the access of the users for 5 sessions of prayer everyday of the week for the last 6 years
- * Managed the keyholders successfully for the main doors at the rear of the site for daily access over the 5 years of use

Centre Usage: Existing Services & Stakeholders

- * ESOL classes: 3 classes being run by LASALS at different times during the week, which utilise 3 rooms during the week
- * Supplementary Education Classes: NorthWest Leicestershire Group deliver classes at the weekend
- * Madrassa Classes: 2 classes of Madrassa teaching run by GOLE on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and additionally, on Monday to Thursday.
- * Daily Prayers Facility: BLM utilise the Hall for 5 times a day, for every day of the week throughout the year.
- * Office Hire: The Restorative Justice East Midlands and St Matthews Solutions hire an office at the centre. These are dedicated spaces which are let out on a long-term hire.
- * Occasional Hire: In addition to the above, the same stakeholders and sometimes other members of the public occasionally hire rooms for one-off purposes.

CAT Objectives

BLM has set specific objectives for the CAT, which build upon its Strategic aims and charitable objects. These are:

- * **To retain existing services for residents by retaining the use by all stakeholders for their projects currently being run at the centre**
- * **To continue to provide a 5 times a day prayer facility for local Muslims**
- * **To improve environment sustainability of the Centre**
- * **To attract new community projects and groups to use the Centre to help meet the needs of the local residents and workers.**

Services to be delivered in 2 phases:

The first phase is to establish services that have the most urgent and immediate need.

Phase 1

- * 1. Prayer facility for local Muslim residents
- * 2. Learning for Life courses
- * 3. Foodbank for all local residents, with signposting service
- * 4. Pre-School for upto 24 children
- * 5. Supplementary School for children
- * 6. Madrassah Classes for children
- * 7. ESOL courses
- * 8. Advice and Befriending services for local residents
- * 9. Office facilities for stakeholders

Phase 2

BLM will work with other third party organisations to setup new projects.

These are listed as follows:

- * 10. Learning for Work courses, including IT and Business Startup courses
- * 11. Coffee Mornings for the Elderly
- * 12. Health related Surgeries/Advice sessions
- * 13. Financial Advice Surgery
- * 14. Recreational Services for young people – Youth club
- * 15. **Setup of** targeted resident user groups on the above areas to assist in gaining grants for **small projects being run by local residents with their special interests**, which may be one-off projects or regular sessional activity. Initially offering incentives for initial activities.
- * 16. Increase of Casual and Community Hire among local residents.

Current Usage Statistics & next steps:

Currently HFNC only has a 6% utilisation rate

- * BLM aim will increase to increase utilisation rate to 18.7% in the first year and the services delivered will increase as detailed in the above two phases.
- * LASALS and other adult learning providers have already indicated that they would like to run further adult learning courses. This will result increase in the use of 3 rooms for at least 12 hours a week.
- * Interest expressed by Action Homeless for 20 hours (min) of use for one of the large rooms.
- * Action Homeless have also agreed to support the setup and running of the Foodbank from the Kitchen room. This will bring the kitchen into use, which is currently unused.

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- * Utilisation may increase over time based on demand and uptake of places by existing stakeholders.
- * During phase 2, the usage is projected to increase to 21% of all lettable hours, but 100% of all the rooms will be utilised at some point during the week. BLM will increase its utilisation of the Hall from the current short period hire (15 minutes x 5 each day-1.15hours) to 35 hours per week.
- * 3 pre-school nurseries have expressed an interest in hiring the Pre-school rooms, which will bring them into use for at least 20 hours per week initially. This
- * Phase 2 will be in year 2 of the management of the centre.

Up and coming events:

Eid Fun Day 25th/26th June open to the public



Eid Fun Day

Open to All

FREE ENTRY
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WHERE: Home Farm
Neighbourhood Centre

WHEN: #Eid2017
(25/26th June)

WHAT TIME:
10.30-16.00

FREE BURGER

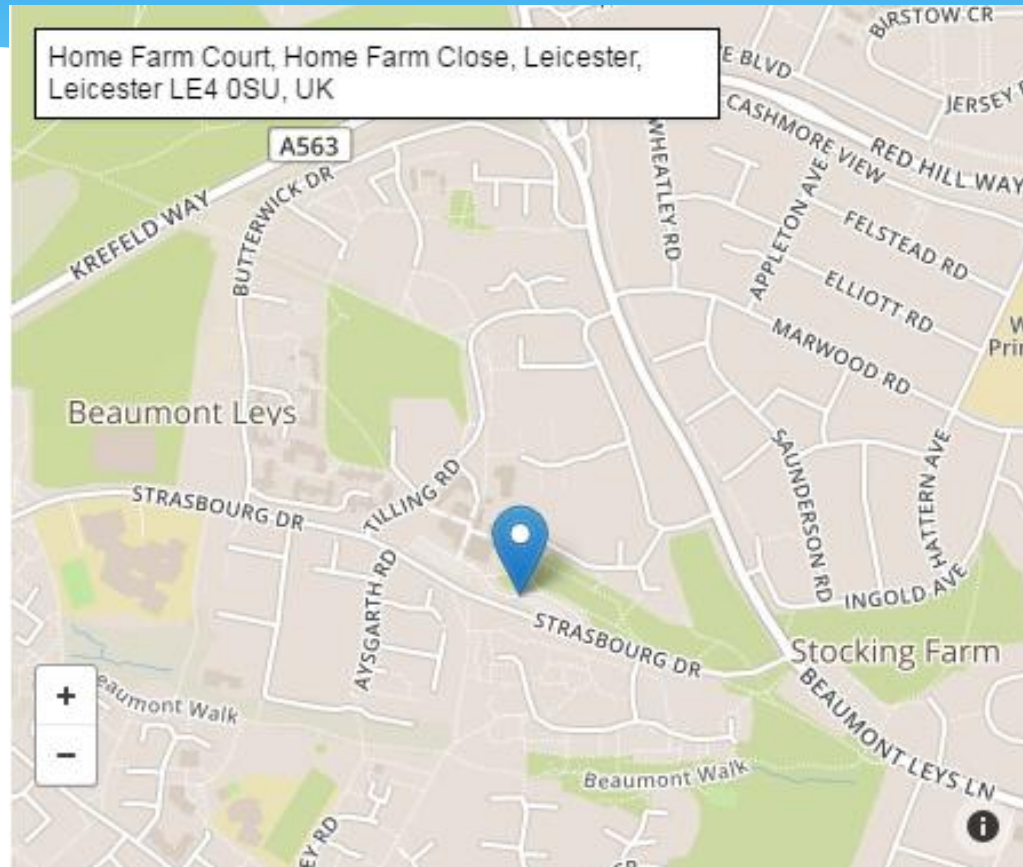
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The poster features a purple background with a starry pattern. At the top, the title 'Eid Fun Day' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below the title, there are several images: a blue and yellow inflatable slide, a red and orange inflatable archway, a soccer ball on a green field, a fire performance on a stage, and a sign that says 'Open to All'. In the bottom right corner, there is a close-up photo of a smiling young boy. The poster also includes several circular stamps that say 'FREE ENTRY' and a 'FREE BURGER' logo.

Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre



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Q&A's

* ANY QUESTIONS?

* FEEDBACK

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These are the main issues that the
City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

Enforcement work on the following
issues:

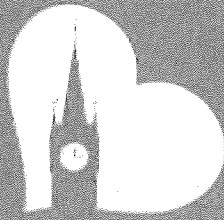
- Littering
- Dog Control – Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dog exclusion zones
 - Bins on the Street (Domestic and Commercial)
- Free Distribution of Printed Material
 - Fly-Posting
 - Small Scale Fly-Tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for Sale on the road
- Repairing Vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents
 - Street Litter Control Notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Untidy Alleys and Gardens

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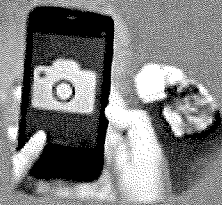
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LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

As a city resident there are plenty of things you can do to help keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy:

- Bring your bin in after collection day
- Book a bulky waste collection if you need to get rid of large items
- Use a bin - don't drop litter
- Clear up after your dog
- Look after your home and garden
- Report problems like littering, fly tipping and graffiti
- Join in with local community clean-up events



LOVE OUR APP

- 1.Download it - Our free app is available for Android, Windows, Blackberry and iPhones. Simply visit your app store and search for Love Leicester.
- 2.Spot it - Whether it's graffiti, litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or another environmental problem, you can let us know about it.
- 3.Report it - Take a picture of the problem and upload it using the app. You can tag the location and include other details so we can fix the issue quickly.
- 4.Fix it - When you submit your report the details and picture will be sent to the right team who can fix the problem. They'll also be able to post a picture of what they've done.

If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001

Updates

Lomond crescent

I was receiving on a weekly basis reports of fly tipping here by residents I investigated and wrote to the people I believe were involved and since 21st February no more complaints have come in regarding this .



Alley ways

The alley serving Trigo close and Amadis road which had fly tipping in has been cleared and no more reports of any fly tipping there has been reported.



Patch walk

I attended the patch walk with the mayor and other agencies within the council we visited areas of concern around the Beaumont leys ward. I am working with cleansing to try and clean up Milton crescent and surrounding roads some of which are asra housing.

