

Belgrave Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 11 July 2017

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: The Belgrave Neighbourhood
Centre, Rothley Street, Leicester
LE4 6LF

The meeting will be in two parts:

<p><u>Part one</u> A formal meeting to deal with standing items of business</p>	<p><u>Part two</u> An information and advice fair to meet with ward councillors and local service providers to discuss any issues or concerns</p>
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Ward Councillors

Councillor Mansukhlal Chohan

Councillor Manjula Sood MBE LL.D (Hon)

Councillor John Thomas

Conduct Guidance

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

If anyone does not comply with the guidance, they may be warned that they may be asked to leave the meeting.

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- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted ;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ 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

PART 1: FORMAL MEETING

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Action Log of the Belgrave community meeting held on 14th March 2017 is attached and Members will be asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

Any update on actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at this meeting.

4. WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK

Ward Councillors will provide an update on matters within the Belgrave Ward.

5. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications.

An update on the Ward Community Budget will be provided at the meeting.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

7. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To note dates of future meetings as follows:

Tuesday 28th November 2017

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Venues to be confirmed.

PART 2: INFORMATION AND ADVICE FAIR

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING.

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use:

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise concerns.	City Warden Report any concerns or raise general queries with your local City Warden.
TNS An opportunity to find out more about the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme	Ward Community Funding Attendees can find out about the ward funding application process	Community Group Events Find out about ward community group events and activities.

For further information, please contact

Angela Martin, Community Engagement Officer, tel: 0116 4546571
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Or

Anita James, Democratic Support Officer, tel: 0116 4546358 (Email:
Anita.James2@leicester.gov.uk)

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Appendix A

BELGRAVE COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2017

Held at: Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre, Rothley Street, Leicester

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Thomas (Chair)
Councillor Chohan
Councillor Sood

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Councillor Thomas, Chair for the meeting welcomed those present and led introductions.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
3.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The action log of the Belgrave Community Meeting held on 25th July 2016 was agreed as an accurate record.</p>
4.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - UPDATE	<p>The Chair invited Lee Warner, Head of Neighbourhood Services to address the meeting on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme which was looking at different ways of organising how services were delivered within neighbourhoods across the city.</p> <p>Lee Warner outlined the background; there had been initial engagement with ward councillors, residents & service users between June and July 2016 to help develop draft proposals for the transformation of the area. Data from the initial engagement was analysed to construct a draft model of proposals which was presented to City Mayor and Executive in August 2016.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft model took place during September and October 2016, involving a series of meetings with resident groups, stakeholder groups and community groups. The consultation period ran from Monday 12 September 2016 until Sunday 23 October 2016 and was carried out in two main parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A series of meetings, with resident groups, community groups and voluntary organisations

who use the facilities

- A form available in various locations across the area and online for people to provide individual responses and comments

There were a high level of responses and many were concerned about the proposal to relocate Belgrave Library to Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre. Key concerns were around the availability of sufficient space and the impact on existing services and activities as well as to ensure that existing activities and services could continue under the building changes proposed.

Taking account of the consultation and responses the decision was taken on 23 January 2017 that Belgrave Library shall not move into Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre at this time.

It was also decided to:

Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre

- Redecorate some areas of the building including the main hall.
- Work with centre users to consider the lunch club provision.
- Move adult learning classrooms into Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre to deliver more English language and other classes.
- Review room hire arrangements to free up more space for additional activities and to increase income.
- Explore car parking controls to improve availability for centre users.

Belgrave Library

- Retain the library service at the current location at this time.
- Review service operations in line with consultation feedback to improve efficiency.
- Install library and customer self-service terminals to provide additional access to council services.

Attendees at the meeting strongly expressed their concerns about the decision process, the role of local councillors in the consultation and decision process and sought assurances that the library would remain open.

It was reiterated that the decision had been taken as outlined and there would be investment into the library and Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre.

		<p>Lee Warner went on to explain the timescales for the implementation of the decision and the commitment to work with groups in the building such as the lunch club. It was noted that specialist services had been engaged from property services since the Belgrave Neighbourhood centre was Grade II listed. It was also noted there were some large festivals that took place at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre and the council would look to ensure building works did not coincide with those.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Lee Warner for speaking and brought the item to a close.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chair extended thanks to Laura for her sterling service to the community and expressed sorrow that she was leaving the Police.</p> <p>Sgt Rich Lane proceeded to give an outline of incidents that had occurred within the ward leading to several arrests.</p> <p>Residents raised issues about car parking and asked that the police target certain streets in the area of Brandon St and Martyn St, as part of Belgrave Day of Action operations. Sgt Rich Lane noted the issues.</p> <p>The meeting were reminded that there were several police community consultation events taking place across the ward, more details could be obtained from the police website.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about street drinking in Cossington Park. Sgt Rich Lane said that the police were aware of this situation and carrying out investigations.</p> <p>Residents referred to incidents where fires were being set near the gates of St Albans church. Sgt Rich Lane agreed to take details and arrange a visit to the area.</p> <p>Residents expressed their thanks to the police for the work they were doing within the Belgrave ward.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</p>	<p>There was no-one present from the City Warden service. Councillors requested an update to be provided to the next meeting.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about littering in the St Marks Vicarage area and around St Albans church.</p> <p>ACTION: Community Engagement Officer to relay</p>

		complaints to City Warden service.
7.	COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>The Community Engagement Officer announced that the deadline for budget applications from the 2016/17 budget had passed. Any applications lodged after 10th March 2017 would need to be resubmitted in the next financial year.</p> <p>As a number of decisions received prior to the cut-off date were still pending the final closing balance of the 2016/17 budget could not yet be confirmed.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer said that information relating to the budget would be made available on the council's website in the Ward Community Engagement pages.</p>
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Councillor Thomas apologised to everyone for the late cancellation of the last meeting explaining that it had been cancelled at the request of several residents.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02pm.</p>