

Westcotes Community Action Log: as at 20 March 2013

Meeting held Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at 7.00 pm

Councillors attending –
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Russell (Chair)

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1/13	Introductions	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.	All to note	Not applicable	Not applicable	Item closed
2/13	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Connelly	All to note	Not applicable	Not applicable	Item closed
3/13	Action Log	See items 37/12 and 41/12 above	See items 37/12 and 41/12 above			
4/13	Proposed Extension of the Residents' Parking Scheme	All invited to respond to the consultation on proposals for the extension of the current residents' parking scheme	All			

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		<p>All to note that, if the majority of respondents do not want an extension to the parking scheme, it will not be introduced.</p> <p>Clarification to be sought on whether the Council is required to consult businesses on these proposals</p> <p>Ways of improving signage to short term parking bays to be considered</p> <p>The impact of any extension made to the scheme to be carefully monitored</p> <p>It to be determined whether the contents of petitions submitted in relation to the original parking scheme can be made public</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Ward Members</p> <p>Traffic Management Officers / Ward Councillors</p> <p>Traffic Management Officers</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>			
5/13	Police Issues	Residents to note that:-	All to note			

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	Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been approximately 47 burglaries in homes (one less than this time last year); • 32 new alley gates had been installed in conjunction with the Council's Community Safety Team; • Burglaries in premises other than dwellings had increased from 19 during this time last year to 32. Much of this increase was due to premises being entered through the roof; • There had been 7 robberies, (the same number as this time last year); • The theft of motor vehicles had increased to 14 from 8 this time last year, mostly due to motor bike theft, for 				

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		<p>which someone had been caught;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thefts from motor vehicles had increased from over 40 this time last year to 66, much of which was from the Watkin Road area; • A new system of recording anti-social behaviour meant that it was no longer possible to provide figures for the Ward; • It was hoped that the camera used on Bede Park would be returned once it was no longer being used elsewhere; • Agreement had been reached on the division of responsibilities for the CCTV camera with arm in Bede Park; • The recent Yarn Bombing event on Great Central 				

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		<p>Way had been very successful and helped reduce the perception of criminal activities there;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shift patterns of the Neighbourhood Team had changed, so officers would now be on duty at the times they were needed most; and • A problems were being experienced due people's lack of awareness at cashpoints. <p>Parking problems in Tarragon Road to be drawn to the attention of the parking enforcement team.</p> <p>All to note that the rules on street drinking had changed, so blanket bans could no longer be used. Police could remove alcohol from people under a Designated Places Order if those people were</p>	<p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ongoing</p>			

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		<p>under the influence of alcohol or behaving inappropriately.</p> <p>Telephone number 101 was now only a national police non-emergency number, as other agencies were no longer involved with it.</p>	Ongoing			
6/13	City Warden	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of fly tips had been investigated; • Graffiti removal and litter picks had been undertaken as part of the recent Yarn Bombing event (see 5/13 above); and • Investigations were being made in to community events that could be held in Bede Park, (for example, sports days), to encourage positive use of the Park. 	All to note			

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		<p>Anyone wishing to join the Friends of Bede Park was invited to contact Val Smalley, c/o Tin Drum Books.</p> <p>Shops around Bede Park to be discouraged from giving out carrier bags.</p> <p>Morsebags also to be asked if they would be interested in having an occasional stall, (for example, on the quad area near Tesco).</p> <p>Reasons for delays in clearing fly tipping to be investigated.</p>	<p>Anyone interested</p> <p>City Warden</p> <p>City Warden</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>			
7/13	Update on Suggested Enhancements for Parks and Green Areas in Westcotes	<p>Work to be done to determine whether S106 contributions for green space due to be paid in the next few months can be used to buy land to extend Bede Park.</p> <p>Expenditure of the s106 funds to start as soon as possible and further work to be done</p>	<p>Play & Youth Development Officer</p> <p>Play & Youth Development Officer / Planning</p>			

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		<p>when more funds received.</p> <p>Consultation to be undertaken with interested parties, (such as residents, young people and the Friends of Bede Park).</p>	<p>Officer</p> <p>Play & Youth Development Officer</p>			
8/13	Planning and Development Matters	<p>Residents to note that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for the Code development on Upperton Road had been deferred from the last Planning & Development Control Committee to look at alternative energy; • Early indications were that the Supplementary Planning Document on Student Accommodation was having an effect; • The land at the rear of the Kenning site (by the bridge arches) had been sold to a developer, but could not be used for student accommodation; 	All to note			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was believed that the large poster on the side of a building in Western Boulevard contravened planning regulations; and • Hazel trees near Upperton Road had been coppiced as part of their management. <p>The application for the Code development would be reported to this meeting when it was considered by the Planning and Development Control Committee.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to whether a condition can be added to any planning permission given for a supermarket at the Code site that staff should be recruited locally.</p> <p>It to be determined whether a planning application has been</p>	<p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>			

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		received to convert a bus shelter on Western Boulevard in to a café.				
9/13	Ward Community Budget 2012/13	<p>£1,742 of the grant awarded to Loren Burton (ref 3250) returned to the 2012/13 Ward Community Budget. (£5,758 therefore retained for this project.)</p> <p>If further funding for project 3250 is found to be needed, this to be considered for approval from the 2013/14 Ward Community Budget.</p>	<p>Members Support Officer to action</p> <p>Members Support Officer to action</p>			
9(a)/13	Budget – Be Together Project (3252)	All to note that a grant of £500 has been approved to the Polish Mums and Children’s Centre	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to applicant			
9(b)/13	Budget – 2Funky Music Festival (3253)	All to note that a grant of £500 has been approved to 2Funky Arts Ltd	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to			

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9(c)/13	Budget – Green Lifeboat River Clean-Up Project (3255)	Application by Adrian Lane, (Senior Riverside Officer, Leicester City Council), supported	Members Support Officer to process £800 to be paid to applicant			
9(d)/13	Budget – Using Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Week (3256)	Application by Gandal Media supported, subject to active promotion of the event being done in the ward (eg, a stall at the library, supermarket(s), and schools)	Members Support Officer to process £460 to be paid to applicant			
9(e)/13	Budget – International Food Festival (3257)	Application by Arthur Manger from the Manor House supported	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to applicant			
9(f)/13	Budget – Holiday Club (3258)	Application by Arthur Manger from the Manor House supported	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to			

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9(g)/13	Budget – Summer Schemes Toddler Times	Application by Rambha Odedra (Senior Community Librarian, Westcotes Library) supported	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to applicant			
9(h)/13	Budget – Riverside Festival (3260)	Application by Festivals and Events section of Leicester City Council supported	Members Support Officer to process £5,945 to be paid to applicant			
9(i)/13	Budget – “The Westcotes” – Free Newspaper	Application by David Weight supported	Members Support Officer to process £500 to be paid to applicant			
10/13	Any Other Business	The thanks of Ndi Igbo were passed on to the meeting for the funding provided for the Irji	All to note			

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		Festival. This had been a very successful event.				
		Dates of future meetings to be circulated as soon as possible.	Democratic Support Officer			
The meeting closed at 9.26 pm						