

EVINGTON WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

5 DECEMBER 2013

ACTION LOG

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
17	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	<p>Cllr Baljit Singh as Chair welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies –Chrissie Field, Housing, Diane Green and Penny Webb.</p> <p>No interests were declared, although Councillor Bajaj stated that in respect of the item relating to the Proposed Changes to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, he had previously met with Mark Wightman (Director of Marketing and Communications).</p>
18	ACTION LOG – 20 August 2013	<p>Agreed as a true record and noted. In respect of item 3/13, the request for monitoring of traffic on Church Road, this not yet been actioned.</p> <p>.</p>
19	WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT	<p>Councillors Bajaj and Singh provided an update on the issues they had been dealing with as the Evington ward councillors.</p> <p>Thanks and congratulations were given to the residents of Evington for the varied and excellent community events that they had organised. Special thanks were given to all who had contributed to Evington in Bloom.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note that a petition had been submitted requesting traffic calming on Headland Road near to Linden Primary School.</p>
20	PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY A&E DEPT.	<p>Mark Wightman, Director of Marketing and Communications, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust provided a briefing on the proposed restructuring of the A & E department at Leicester Royal Infirmary. He outlined the current difficulties the department faced in terms of volume of patients (currently 160,000 per year) which was increasing and explained original plans had been to move certain outpatient facilities to the General Hospital with a potential impact on the Evington Ward i.e. car parking. A new proposal had been raised which had additional benefits of being cheaper and involved the demolition of Langham Building and the building of a new A & E department in its place and therefore the potential issues for the Evington Ward had</p>

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		<p>gone.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed relating to the ongoing problems for residents who lived near to the General Hospital, because of the impact of staff and hospital users from parking on residential streets. The situation was particularly difficult for residents in Waterfield Close and Greenacre Drive. Mark explained that following meetings with the Deputy City Mayor and Highways Officers, measures to alleviate the problems, such as installing parking meters on Coleman Road (to limit parking) had been suggested.</p> <p>Councillors emphasised the need for continuing dialogue between the UHL Trust and Highways officers to find a resolution because the current situation for residents who lived near to the General was unacceptable.</p>
21	HEALTHWATCH	<p>Healthwatch – Barbara Czyznikowska and Jill Bridgen provided an informative overview of the establishment and purpose of Healthwatch in the Leicester area. Information leaflets and membership forms were distributed to the attendees.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to contact Healthwatch if they were experiencing problems with their G.P.s, dentists etc and also if there were interested in becoming involved with Healthwatch.</p>
22	COMMUNITY GROUPS – FEEDBACK AND UPDATES	<p>Representatives from the different community groups provided updates on the activities and events the groups had been involved in.</p> <p>It was proposed to set up a ‘walking bus’ at Linden Primary School; volunteers were needed and anyone interested in helping was asked to contact the school.</p> <p>Serious problems were being experienced on Downing Drive and Marydene Drive, from traffic at the start and the end of the school day at the City of Leicester College. Councillor Baja stated that he had received enquiries from residents and had been in touch with Highways Officers and the City Mayor. The Chair added that a letter would be sent to the college principal to arrange a meeting with officers and relevant parties to seek a solution to the problem. An attendee questioned whether car parking could be made available in the school grounds.</p>
23	LOCAL POLICING	<p>Police Sergeant Stuart Wood provided an update on</p>

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	UPDATE	<p>local policing issues. The police had run out of equipment such as timers and window alarms which were used as target hardening measures in vulnerable areas. This initiative would re-commence when they were able to get some more target hardening equipment.</p> <p>Councillors requested a written update from the police at future meetings.</p>
24	CITY WARDEN SERVICE	<p>Nicole Powell, the City Warden circulated a written news sheet outlining the issues she had been involved in.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that enforcement against spitting in streets was being considered as a new responsibility for City Wardens. The public were asked for their views as to whether they were in favour of wardens issuing fixed penalty notices to someone caught spitting in public places.</p>
25	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2013/2014	<p>Angela Martin announced the decisions that councillors had made on various funding applications. Angela explained that the following applications had been supported by the councillors:</p> <p>3011 – Ellwood Close Diwali Festival Lights – Street Party. Harshad Solanki - £500</p> <p>3012 – Development of Evington Park House Neighbourhood Centre. Friends of Evington/Helen Pettman - £1000</p> <p>3013 – Environmental Enhancements at St Paul’s Catholic School. Neil Lockyer, Headteacher at St Paul’s / Eco Roc - £500</p> <p>3014 – Christmas Get Together for Evington Senior Citizens’ Monday Club - £300</p> <p>3015 – Girls Only Night – Pauline O’Brien – Evington Youth Club - £500</p> <p>3016 – Asian Social Club – Devshi Modvadia - £500</p>
26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>Thursday 27 February 2014 at 6.00pm at a venue to be confirmed.</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 7.35 pm</p>		