

ABBEY COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2014

TUDOR CENTRE, BEWCASTLE GROVE, LEICESTER, LE4 2JU

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	Cllr Riyait – Elected as Chair. Everyone was welcomed and the Chair led introductions. Apologies – Norman Rochester No interests were declared.
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2014	Agreed and Noted Matters arising - None
3.	CITY WARDEN SERVICE	Matt Davinson, City Warden gave an update on progress made in the area since the last meeting and distributed information leaflets to those present. A snapshot of recent complaints was given, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fly Tipping – the main problem in the area especially around Greengate Lane, Drummond Road, Corporation Road, Thurcaston Road, usually involved single items but the team cleared items as soon as possible.• Litter Picks – McDonalds had been approached to organise a cleaning day in conjunction with St Peter's School, volunteers were welcome to assist and the City Warden team would be providing the litter picking equipment. The event would take place on Friday 6th June 2014.• TARA centre had arranged a litter pick day in the area of the Sports ground/Wood copse at the bottom of Bewcastle Drive which was very successful.• A resident raised concerns about drains on Cashmore Drive being blocked which flooded onto pavements during heavy rain. The City Warden agreed to investigate and pass on to the Highways team.• Dog Fouling, despite only 2 direct complaints to the city warden team this was a big issue in the area and there had been many complaints to Councillors and local tenant associations. Anyone with concerns

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		<p>or information on dog fouler's was asked to contact the team so action could be taken. The Neighbourhood Development Officer referred to an initiative with the Dog Trust that raised awareness and suggested a similar event could be held in the Tudor Centre.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City Warden arrange "Stencilling" in the areas worst affected, 2. The City Warden arrange a letter drop in a number of the worst affected areas: Border Drive, Bedale Drive and Appleton Avenue, 3. The Neighbourhood Development Manager to arrange an awareness day at the Tudor Centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents were invited to report any issues to the City Warden service whose details were on the leaflets distributed.
4.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>The local Police and Community Support Officer gave an update on local policing issues and reported crime statistics were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglaries in the area were lower and in general had been on the decline since Christmas. Residents were asked to be vigilant and ensure properties were secure, in particular windows, to reduce the risk of burglaries • In relation to drugs - Operation Tiger had seen a number of warrants acted on in the Beaumont Leys area leading to arrests and remands. The Neighbourhood action team were proactively tackling drug dealers and making it more difficult to get drugs. • There had been a number of motorbike thefts and incidents concerning rally and quad bikes on the parks. Residents were invited to report any concerns direct to the police or through the Crimestoppers number. • A resident raised concerns about bikes speeding on pavements and cars speeding along Parker Drive. PCSO agreed to take back the comments and residents were asked to report incidents of speeding. <p>The Chair informed the meeting that traffic calming measures would be introduced to Halifax Drive and</p>

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		Marwood Road to include a 20mph zone and ongoing consideration would be given to traffic calming in other areas.
5.	COMMUNITY WELLNESS TEAM	<p>The Community Wellness Team gave an outline of their roles and the work being done in the ward. The team were asking local residents about their interests, providing links to others with similar interests and help with starting up projects. The team could provide start-up funding for new groups up to £250. The team were based in the Healthy Living Centres and since their start in November 2013, 451 people were now involved and 16 live projects were ongoing, these included a Photography group, a Knit and Natter group, 2 garden projects and a cycling project. There were lots of daytime events and the potential for evening events too although currently only 1 group met in the evening.</p> <p>All were invited to a Pop Up Art Event at the Tudor Centre on Thursday 5th June which would give free taster sessions of things to come at the Healthy Living Centre.</p>
6.	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	<p>Officers from the Environmental Health team gave an overview of the services they provided to the city which included the Food Safety Team, Noise Team, Pest Control Team and Dog Warden Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the Noise Team the meeting were informed they dealt with noise nuisance, in particular persistent problems. The Noise Team were able to install monitoring equipment to help investigate claims and residents were encouraged to keep a log of issues and report any problems they were having to the team. • In relation to pest control the recent incidents in Marwood Road had been dealt with, it was reported there had not been any rodents for a month and the team continued weekly visits to lay bait. Only 1 resident continued to have concerns. The source of the rodents could not be defined, the building had a comprehensive drain and smoke system and the team had some difficulty with access but any issues that might arise were reported and issues from drains were also dealt with. The fascia's, soffits and down pipe access points were blocked and would be replaced by the end of the year.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the land behind the flats on Marwood Road were to be addressed. • The Housing Manager informed the meeting that some residents had contributed to the rodent problem by leaving rubbish outside. The Housing Team were looking to deal with all issues that could attract rodents. • Councillor Byrne asked if a complaint about flies in one of the sheltered housing flats had been resolved. The meeting was informed that the situation had improved, the flies were fruit flies and it was identified that the vent mesh needed to be repaired to stop entry.
7.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Ela Krychowska-Hall, Area Housing Manager provided an update on Housing issues in the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour was lower than previously, and early intervention was preventing issues from escalating. • The team were working closely with the police in particular regarding drugs raids, police were providing the addresses to the council and if convicted the council were pursuing eviction proceedings and banning tenants from the housing register for 5 years, this was acting as a huge deterrent. <p>The following improvement projects were planned for the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A programme of works over the next few years would see court yards at the back of Thurcaston Road resurfaced, 3 had already been done and it would create safer spaces especially for children to play. • Pytchley Close – the area was very overgrown; the laurel bushes would be cut back to an acceptable height. • Jersey Road – planned to re-landscape around the flats. • Colsterdale Close – seating to be improved and area landscaped. • Sanderson Road – some residents would receive new fencing. • Cannonsley Walk – external walkways to be

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		<p>Painted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops around Bewcastle Grove and Marwood Road – both were to be improved.
8.	LUNCH CLUB	<p>Hetha Copland, Neighbourhood Development Manager, informed the meeting of the new lunch club that had been formed in the Tudor Centre, the lunch club met every Friday and provided a lunch for 50p. The club was an opportunity to meet new people and families and children were welcomed. Volunteers were sought to help run the club which would also be run throughout the school holidays.</p>
9.	BUDGET	<p><u>Grants “Fast Tracked” since last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornerstone PCC (Church of England) (5011) – Grant of £500 • All Nations Church (5016) – Grant of £500 • Joy Sullivan, Parks Officer (1057) – Grant of £122.07 <p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester City Ladies Junior Football Club (5008) – Proposal to promote and deliver coaching sessions in the local community. Application for £1,500 – Grant of £1,500 Supported. Action – Mitun Dabhelia Community Engagement Officer to liaise with applicant and arrange meeting with Sports Development Team to look at building more sustainable funding for club. • Friends of Belgrave Cemetery (1033) – Proposal as part of World War I commemorations the group wish to expand the range of activities and events that currently take place. Application for £2000 – Grant of £2000 Supported. • Restorative Justice Initiative Midlands (1044) – Proposal to train 50 women from Abbey ward on Restorative Justice and conflict resolutions from 1st July 2014 to 30th September 2014. Application for £1,905 – Grant of £1,905 Supported. • Ample Aerosolicz (??) – Proposal to create a legal Graffiti Wall in Stocking Farm. Application for £426 – Grant of £426 Supported.
10.	ANY OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair informed those present there would be a public meeting in the Tudor Centre on Saturday 7th

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	BUSINESS	June 2014 at 10.30am. The meeting would discuss ongoing concerns about the Biffa plant and the smell it caused which had become a major issue and had been ongoing for a long time. The meeting would be attended by the local MP, ward councillors, a representative from Biffa and an Environmental Officer. Residents were encouraged to attend.
11.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next community meeting to take place on: Tuesday 26 th August 2014 at 6pm, venue to be confirmed in due course.
The meeting closed at 8.10pm		