

EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014

Judgemeadow Community College, Panoramic Cafe, Marydene Drive,
Evington, Leicester LE5 6HP

Councillor Baljit Singh – Chair
Councillor Deepak Bajaj

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Singh welcomed everyone and led introductions.
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies received from local resident Mrs P Sloane and Nicole Powell, City Warden.
3.	ACTION LOG	The Action Log from the meeting held 27 February 2014 was noted.
4.	WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT	<p>Members of the community were asked to note the Councillors' Ward Report. This included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congratulations were given to Evington resident, Margaret Sherriff who had recently been awarded an OBE for services to literature.• Councillor Singh was now Chair of the Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission (NSCI). This had a very wide remit.• Concerns were expressed that the number of cases that councillors were being asked to help with were related to benefit claims. In particular there were problems when payments were stopped whilst people were being assessed.• There were additional concerns relating to school appeals and in particular where children were not being allocated a place at their local schools due to the school being over-subscribed.• Attendees were asked to note that four speed

		<p>cushions would be installed on Headland Road. It was expected that this work would be carried out before September.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Linda Holmes, Youth Operations Manager gave a presentation on the Leicester City Council Youth Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees were asked to note that there had been a significant change within the youth service during the past year and there had been some reductions in the budget. The service had tried to maintain service delivery and operate more effectively and efficiently. • They had just been through a commissioning process and some youth work had been commissioned out to new providers. • There was however no direct service delivery in the Evington Ward although the service would try to allocate commissioned activities into every ward. • The Chair expressed serious concerns that although there were established youth centres in Evington Ward, they had not been consulted as to how these centres could be used. Linda explained that the commissioning process had been an open process and there had been an opportunity for Evington to bid for some money. • The youth service could help the Evington Youth Centre with support to the curriculum, support with training etc but their financial resources were very limited. • Mrs Pauline O'Brien from the Evington Youth Centre remarked that she had attended all the meetings but had not received any response. The youth centre had lost three leaders. The county council had agreed to support a youth worker for the girls but this would mean excluding the boys. • It was noted that there was a youth service provision in the city centre and the Coleman Ward, but this did not benefit Evington.

		The Chair requested that a meeting be arranged with the councillors, Linda, Councillor Dempster (Assistant City Mayor for Children, Young People and Schools), Shilen Pattni (the Neighbourhood Services Manager) and Mrs O'Brien to try to negotiate some peripatetic support for Evington.
6.	GREEN BINS AND WASTE SITE	There was no presentation on this item as an officer was unable to attend the meeting.
7.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	There was no policing update as no representatives from the local policing unit were present.
8.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Nicole Powell, the City Warden was unable to be present at the meeting. An update of the issues that she had been dealing with was circulated.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed that three of the expected agenda items could not be delivered because the appropriate service representative was not present. A request was also made for the information fair to be re-instated at the Evington Community Meeting.</p> <p>Action: the Chair to raise the concerns with the Chief Operating Officer, Andy Keeling.</p>
9.	COMMUNITY REPORT AND UPDATE	<p>Members of the community were asked to note the community report which was presented by Allan Hayes, Chair of the Friends of Evington. The community report is attached to the back of the action notes.</p> <p>Attendees also heard that there had been a petition in relation to the Santander Branch on Downing Drive. This was due to close but Santander had agreed to keep the branch open December.</p> <p>The meeting also heard that there would be a Peace Event on 4th August at 6.30pm, attended by the City Mayor, for the opening of the War Memorial.</p> <p>There was some discussion relating to the broken clock at Evington Library. A quote for £2500 to replace the clock had been received and it was reported that the City Council had said that the replacement of the clock was not a council responsibility. Leicester Libraries however did not have the funding to pay for the replacement. The Chair sought clarification as to who owned the building and asked officers to check and try to</p>

		<p>negotiate a solution.</p> <p>Action: the Neighbourhood Development Manager / Community Engagement Officer to check on ownership of the building and see if a solution can be negotiated.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2014 / 2015</p>	<p>Anita Clarke, the Community Engagement Officer presented an update on the Community Meeting Budget.</p> <p>The meeting was asked to note:</p> <p>Rowlatts Hill Over 60 Club - annual trip to the coast. Funding of £500 was previously agreed through the fast track process</p> <p>Friends of Evington – small kitchen re-fit. Funding of £500 was previously agreed through the fast track process.</p> <p>Jane Obern – Mums and Tots anniversary – 30th celebration of the group’s opening. Funding of £300 agreed through the fast track process.</p> <p>Applications considered at the meeting:</p> <p>John Sloane: Evington Village Fete – funding of £2014 requested to pay for tent and conveniences.</p> <p>Funding of £2014 supported.</p> <p>Harshad Solanki -41st birthday celebrations – funding of £500 requested for the hire of hall plus food and music.</p> <p>In response to queries from attendees, the meeting was asked to note that the celebrations were for the Shree Sarvodaya Samaj.</p> <p>Funding of £250 supported.</p> <p>Rambhaben Shah- Prem Group – funding of £1000 requested for an elderly group to take up yoga and ESOL.</p> <p>Funding of £500 supported.</p> <p>Chandrakant Patel – Meesha 88 – funding of £4295 requested for the purchase of equipment, staffing and</p>

		<p>courses.</p> <p>Funding bid deferred.</p> <p>Jane Ushwell, Parks Services – Poppies and wildseeds on arboretum, Piggy Hollow and Goodwood Road verges. Funding of £400 per ward requested from Evington and two other wards.</p> <p>Funding of £400 supported.</p> <p>Members of the public requested that in future, there should be more information relating to the funding applications detailed in the agenda.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Community Engagement Officer to progress the funding applications as agreed 2) the Community Engagement Officer and the Democratic Support Officer to arrange for more information on funding applications to be included in future agendas.
11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Concerns were expressed that the proposed yellow lines on the corner of Coleman Road and Greenacre Drive had not materialised and that the situation there was very dangerous.</p> <p>Action: Neighbourhood Development Manager / Community Engagement Officer to investigate.</p>
12.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Future meetings will be held on:</p> <p>Wednesday 10 September 2014 Monday 15 December 2014 Wednesday 11 February 2015</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 6.00pm</p>
13.	CLOSE OF MEETING	<p>The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.</p>

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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

- Work within schools

Enforcement work on the following issues:

- Littering

- Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dogs exclusion from land

- 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

EVINGTON WARD



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PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING



LITTERING & DOG FOULING

Littering & Dog Fouling patrols continue in hotspot areas. There has been a reduction of Dog Fouling Reports on New Haven Road. The area has been leafleted and stencils have been sprayed to highlight the issue and we have noticed a positive response.

FLY-TIPPING

There has been an increase in fly tipping in the area and work continues to catch those responsible.

BIRD FEEDING

Bird Feeding is still an issue on Cordery Road and extra patrols have been arranged along with a leaflet drop.

NUISANCE PARKING

There has been a slight increase of vehicles for sale on the highway. However since using the new notices we have seen a very positive response and cars are moving from where they are parked. Along with this the people selling the cars are being educated at the same time.

NEW ENFORCEMENT POWERS

We now have the powers to deal with blocked alleyways and rubbish on private land. If you feel the Warden service could help with an issue you have please contact the City Warden service.

BUILDING MATERIALS ON THE HIGHWAY

We have had some great results with unlicensed building material on the highway. Below is the incident which took place on Rectory Gardens, this was cleared within 24hrs of contacting the resident.



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1. Evington Park House Neighbourhood Centre

The Friends of Evington and the Neighbourhood committee continue to look at ways to encourage community useage of the house, and thank the ward for £1000 grant to enable this process to happen. The following new groups (new since the grant) are running:

Community lunches - Saturdays from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Food is free and people may also join in with other groups that meet at the same time (or just a little earlier)

Craft group - Saturdays 11.30 onwards.

Cartoon drawing group - Saturdays 11.30 onwards, starting 21st June.

Yoga group – now back in the house on Wednesday evening.

History and Heritage group (monthly)

Also next Saturday, there will be a big picnic in the park, see enclosed poster. There will be sport and other fun activities as well as usual Saturday activities.

I have been in correspondence with Environmental Health people concerning the kitchens in Evington Park House and they have kindly agreed to come and give Friends of Evington help so that we can progress from having to bring in ready prepared food for the community lunches to being able to prepare food on site. We are grateful for the £500 grant from Evington Ward to help with upgrading the mini kitchen in Evington Park House. Once the city council have repaired a rotting beam, then this can progress too. I hope that initially changes to the larger kitchen will be small and just about following the food and hygiene legislation.

In the future, Friends of Evington will be providing free tea, coffee, sugar etc. in the 'community kitchen' so that all groups using Evington Park House can access this to make their own refreshments. (There isn't enough storage space for all the groups to have separate cupboards. We hope to continue to organise fair ways of sharing with existing and new groups.)

2. Evington in Bloom. The Evington in Bloom team are responsible for leading on the presentation of the judging days. The various 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups and community groups do the work in their areas, supported by the various City Council staff. There are the following 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups: Friends and Neighbours Downing Drive, It's Your Neighbourhood Evington Village, Grace Works (based at Wycliffe United Reformed Church) It's Your Neighbourhood, Goodwood and Friends of Piggy's Hollow. The community groups helping with the 'In Bloom' project are too numerous to list, but if Friends of Evington can develop an Evington in Bloom Information Centre, more information will be available.

The East Midlands in Bloom judges will be coming in the afternoon of Tuesday 8th July. Last year they were introduced to too many people on the route, so I am sorry there will be less opportunity to see the judges as they go round this year, and of

course in 2 hours, they can't see everything. Things we know they won't see will be presented in pictures in our portfolio. At the end the people involved in helping will have the opportunity to come along for refreshments in Evington Park House and meet the judges informally after the judging. This year, Chris Hossack will be acting as the guide and taking the judges around.

On the 8th July we will ask the judges for feedback for our judging in the national 'In Bloom' competition in the morning of Friday 1st August. They will follow the same route (could be subject to change).

The big developments for our 'In Bloom' project this year have been: The refurbishment of the War memorial as a combined project between Leicester City Council and the community, through the War memorial project committee chaired by Cllr. Baljit Singh. The refurbishment project is going well and nearly complete. For the social side of the project, we await on the outcome of a bid to the Heritage Lottery people, and I have been promised news on Wednesday, tomorrow.

3. Evington Echo

The June/July 2014 issue of the Evington Echo in print is now available and gives lots of information about things that are going on in Evington and future events. As the paper only comes out once every two months, it obviously doesn't include everything. In order to focus clearly on the aims of this community newsheet, it is now under the umbrella of Friends of Evington to promote Community capacity building, sustainable development and helping socially and economically disadvantaged communities in and around Evington. In effect, this makes very little change to the Evington Echo in print which has always had news articles and about groups and events in Evington.

The change that will soon happen will be to have a better Evington Echo website so that news, community activities, etc. can be shared straight away. (Evington Echo on line). The Evington Echo has been fortunate to be accepted as a Media hub by the Media Trust and have been having training sessions with them. The Media Trust "support charities and communities to use the power of the media to change lives." They help communities with training, consultancy, film production and volunteer services. Echo people have been involved in consultancy and our next training session will be to help volunteers who wish to be involved in our information gathering/interviewing about the impact of war on their families. (Part of our WW1 project).

Helen Pettman