

EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Evington Park House, Cordery Road, Evington, Leicester

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
14.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Bajaj – Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.
15.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	There were no apologies for absence.
16.	ACTION LOG	The Action Log from the meeting held 17 June 2014 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.
17.	WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT	<p>Members of the community were asked to note the Councillors' Ward Report.</p> <p>The following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evington's borders were to increase following the electoral boundary review.• Attendees were asked to note that there will be a project to place signage on Evington Lane to show the historic village.• There were requests from residents for a pilot scheme of road markings on Grocot Road, to allow better wheelchair and pushchair access.• Concerns were expressed that contractors with heavy machinery caused broken slabs on Hextall Road & Grocot Road resulting in public injury. The contractors had been contacted to deal with this matter. <p>Several events which took place in Evington were highlighted as a success including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City of Leicester School re-opening on 29 Aug 2014.• The Conference organised with the Sikh community at the Town Hall.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Evington Fete was now bigger and better. Congratulations were given to all involved in the event. • The replacement of Evington library heating system. • Those involved in the refurbishment of the War memorial.
18.	HANDYPERSONS' SERVICE	<p>Tariq Latif, leader of the Handypersons' service presented information on the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees were asked to note that the Handypersons' service carried out small maintenance jobs and minor repair work on domestic properties in Leicester. • The service was mainly provided at a reduced cost for persons over 60 years old, disabled, single parents or low income families.
19.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE - HEADLAND ROAD	<p>The Chair gave an update of Highways issues in the Evington Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the community were asked to note that a draft report of the speed cushions test on Headland Road would be sent to the City Mayor shortly. • Additional concerns relating to speeding traffic, parking issues and pavement walking access were noted. Further recommendations of speed bumps for the speeding traffic and a drop off/ pick up area by the school were proposed. • Councillor Singh requested that a 'Patchwalk' be arranged with officers to identify problems within the area. • Following two more accidents on Ethel Road, concerns were expressed for the need of a crossing outside the Tesco store. Attendees suggested various ideas such as; a layby, a speed monitoring camera or a zebra crossing as a way of tackling the issue.
20.	GREEN BINS AND	Kimberley Stones, from the Recycling and Waste

	WASTE SITE	<p>team gave a presentation on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items which could be recycled and the various methods of recycling. In addition, information was provided on disposing of garden waste, composting and Household Waste Recycle Centres (HWRC). • The Recycling & Waste team were asking residents to donate items which could be re-used, rather than disposing of them. These re-usable items could then be given to those in need. <p>For more information on the service, residents were advised to contact the Recycling & Waste team on – 0116 454 1002.</p>
21.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PC Rob Evans gave an update on local policing issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a significant reduction in the level of crime in the Evington Ward. • Progress had now been made with previous parking issues near Whitehall school, monitoring will continue. • It was reported that there were plans to set up a police operation near the park, to address anti-social behaviour issues. • Residents were asked to note that by Feb/ March 2015, there would be some changes in Policing. It was also noted that by this date, Neighbourhood Policing Officers would have a greater presence in the Evington area. • There was a request for more information to be provided on recent changes in 'domestic abuse' laws. It was suggested that a representative from the Domestic Violence Team be invited to a future meeting.
22.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Nicole Powell, City Warden distributed information leaflets on City Warden issues in the Evington Ward and responded to queries and comments raised by the attendees:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that dog fouling stencils be put down near houses on St. Denys road, following issues with dog littering. • Residents were asked to note that the Santander branch would be closing in December. There were currently discussions with the Nottingham Building Society regarding the possibility of opening a branch or agency in Evington.
23.	UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY	<p>Friends Of Evington</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Evington, was a charity and had received money from the Heritage Lottery Fund. • Improvements had been made to the kitchen in Evington Park House, some money for this work had come from the Ward Community Fund. • The Friends of Evington produced the 'Evington Echo' and their website was also being developed. • The war memorial project was still ongoing. There had been successful co-operative working between the Council and volunteers. • Storytelling in schools in respect of World War One had also taken place. • Evington in Bloom and Britain in Bloom – the results of the competition were awaited. <p>An attendee commented that the aim originally expressed in the Ward meeting was to restore pride in Evington and she now felt that the community had achieved this aim.</p>
24.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2014/15	<p>Punum Patel, the Community Engagement Officer presented an update on the Community Meeting Budget.</p> <p>The attendees were asked to note:</p>

		<p>1132: Quilling and Paper Craft Class Applicant: Mrs Audrey Matthews Amount Requested: £200 Result: Funding of £200 was previously agreed through the fast track process</p> <p>5042: Children’s Activity Sessions Applicant: For Families Amount Requested: £500 Result: Funding of £200 was previously agreed through the fast track process</p> <p>1133: Install 30 Linear Metres tanalised knee rail fencing Applicant: Downing Drive Friends and Neighbours Amount Requested: £1942 Result: Deferred pending more details</p> <p>1125: Link Between Linden’s Forest School and the local community Applicant: Linden Primary School Amount Requested: £2500 Result: Deferred pending more details</p> <p>1181: Continued Activities for the Evington Youth Group Club Applicant: Evington Youth Group Amount Requested: £2500 Result: Funding of £2500 supported</p> <p>1161: Room Hire Applicant: Asian Gardeners Amount Requested: £600 Result: Funding of £600 supported</p> <p>1171: Local Cinema Screening Applicant: Community Services Amount Requested: £250 Result: Funding of £250 supported and approved at Ward meeting</p>
25.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Noted that future Community Meetings had been arranged as follows:</p> <p>Monday 15 December 2014 at Judgemeanow Community College - 6.00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 6.00pm</p>

		The City of Leicester was suggested as a possible meeting venue for the Wed 11 Feb 2015 meeting.
26.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees were informed that it was anticipated that there would be a Christmas tree erected again this year in Evington village. The cost of the tree was already covered but additional funding might be sought to cover the cost of an electrician.
27.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.49pm