

FOSSE COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2014

Newfoundpool Neighbourhood Centre, Pool Road, LE3 9GH

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
23.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Waddington, in the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor Cassidy was also present.
24.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	An apology for absence was received from the City Warden.
25.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	No interests in the matters to be discussed were declared.
26.	ACTION LOG OF LAST MEETING	<p>The Action of Log of the previous meeting held on 4 September 2014 was agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Councillor Waddington updated the meeting with the position concerning the petition to remove the stones at Rally Park.</p>
27.	YOUTH COUNCIL INTRODUCTION	<p>Representatives of the Youth Council were in attendance to inform the meeting of their activities in the Ward.</p> <p>It was noted that the area represented by the Young people included Beaumont Leys Ward and patchwalks had been held with the Councillors of that Ward to identify issues.</p> <p>Current activities included “mystery shopping” to monitor the effectiveness of Council Services.</p>
28.	FROG ISLAND/WOODGATE/WATERSIDE CONSULTATION - UPDATE	<p>Councillor Waddington referred to her Question put to full Council on 13 November 2014 in respect of the City Mayor’s plans for Frog Island/Woodgate/Waterside and draft timetable of improvements.</p> <p>The response, as a draft minute was circulated and it was confirmed that significant interest had been shown in the regeneration project at the recent pre-consultation event.</p>

		<p>It was suggested that further consultation events and ward meetings would be required to discuss the project, in particular in respect of the need to ensure an appropriate amount of school places.</p>
<p>29.</p>	<p>LOCAL PLAN PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Jevan Dhesi (Planning Policy Team) reported on the consultation exercise to determine the new Local Plan for Leicester. As background to the new Local Plan the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester was the tenth largest city in England • A provider of employment, shopping leisure and housing • A historic and green city – parks wildlife areas, conservation areas • Rich tradition of entrepreneurship • Highly acclaimed universities • Three major hospitals and premier sports clubs <p>It was reported that as Leicester was a growing city, how should this future growth be dealt with the need to find land for housing and high quality employment. An explanation of the purpose of the plan was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a statutory document that the Council must provide • The document would indicate where development could go in the future • The Plan would be used to determine planning applications on issues such as new housing, employment, shopping and green spaces. <p>The Plan was to be adopted in 2016 and the details of the consultation exercise were submitted. It was noted that the draft of the plan would initially be published following the first tranche of consultation and could be updated with any major changes before submission to the Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate. There would be a further independent public examination before adoption by the Council.</p>

Display materials were provided and the meeting was asked to consider a number of questions affecting the future of the city. The document had been split into three themes:

- A growing city (economy, housing, city centre)
- People and spaces (neighbourhoods, spaces, heritage, health)
- The environment (transport, climate change, green space and sport)

Some suggested key questions were included in the hand-out for residents and community representatives to consider. Copies of the Issues and Options consultation document were also made available

It was confirmed that the consultation would end on 31 January 2015 and residents were encouraged to respond to the points raised.

In debating the issues raised in the document, the meeting commented on the following aspects:

- The need to retain and maintain adequate open space.
- Improvement of the air quality in the city.
- Retention of heritage, with the Empire pub planning application being used to as an example, although noting that there was also significant support for the redevelopment of the site.
- The need to monitor and control absentee landlords, and to ensure that new housing was of a type that encouraged people to settle in the area, in preference to short-term lets.
- The need to ensure that the size and scale of new buildings at the Waterside regeneration project were appropriate to the area.
- Development of redundant areas and derelict sites for employment land.
- Greater support for the local shopping areas,

		<p>rather than policies that supported larger shopping centres and stores.</p> <p>It was noted that a further report would be submitted in due course following the results of the wider consultation.</p>
30.	NEWFOUNDPOOL FORUM	<p>Mark Charlton (DMU Square Mile Project) updated the meeting on the above.</p> <p>It was noted that a recent public meeting had been well attended and the support for a community Forum was strongly supported.</p> <p>The aims of the Forum to promote community pride and to deal with issues such as Anti-Social behaviour were discussed.</p> <p>Various community events were being arranged and support for the Forum and its activities was encouraged.</p>
31.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>PC Andy Goadby updated the meeting on Police activities.</p> <p>He referred to the current policy of designating him as a 'Beacon Officer' with the support of four PCSO's in the Ward. The revised structure allowed for more Police time on 'beats' as the desk time taken to investigate crime was now undertaken by a separate team.</p> <p>Crime statistics were updated and it was noted that an increase in burglaries had been recorded.</p> <p>The revised multi-agency working to tackle Anti-Social behaviour and reference was made to the previous item and the establishment of the Newfoundpool Forum.</p> <p>In conclusion, PC Goadby reported on the current police work to deal with the problems caused by people cycling on the pavements.</p>
32.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>The City Warden was unable to be present.</p> <p>Information on recent environmental and enforcement activities were circulated and noted.</p>

<p>33.</p>	<p>WARD MEMBER FEEDBACK</p>	<p>The Ward Councillors referred to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Ward maps were available, it being noted that the local elections on 7 May 2015 would be contested on the basis of the revised ward boundary. • A planning application for a hostel in the ward had been withdrawn following negotiations • Ward member surgeries were continuing every two weeks. • Fly-tipping problems and problems with alleys that required clearance had been reported and were being dealt with. Letters were being distributed to households affected.
<p>34.</p>	<p>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</p>	<p>The following applications were submitted and determined as indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 1190 Creative Clay £452.39 SUPPORTED • Ref 1231 Woodgate Senior Citizens Bingo Club £150 SUPPORTED • Ref 1144 Restorative Justice Programme £971 SUPPORTED • Ref ? First Aid Course £475 SUPPORTED • Ref 1276 Alleyway Improvements £3,000 SUPPORTED • Ref 1242 Pantomime Trip – Adventure Playground £860 SUPPORTED

35.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Noted as 18 March 2015, at Woodgate Resource Centre
36.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	FOSSE LANE PARK Concern was expressed at the current untidy state of the Park and it was agreed to investigate the issue and identify any necessary actions.
37.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.