

THURNCOURT COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2017

Held at: Ocean Road Community Centre, Ocean Road, Leicester, LE5 2ER

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Aldred (Chair)
Councillor Newcombe

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
54.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS	<p>Councillor Aldred, Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Andy East (Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader), Nicole Powell (City Warden) and Lee Warner (Head of Neighbourhood Services).</p> <p>Later in the meeting during item 3: Transforming Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Aldred declared an interest that she was the current secretary in the Community Association (CA) based in Thurncourt.</p>
55.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>The action log of the meeting 14 November 2016 was agreed as an accurate record.</p>
56.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES	<p>Laura Burt - Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) read the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) update provided by Lee Warner (Head of Neighbourhood Services). This update can be found at the end of this action log.</p> <p>Part of the update noted that, following the consultation the decision for the future of Ocean Road Community Centre would be to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore options for the disposal of the building including demolition or sale.• Work with groups to identify the best location for their needs. <p>Councillor Aldred stated that a proposal had been put forward to the City Mayor as part of the TNS by the Community Association (CA) on Thurncourt Road to take over the building. The CA were currently at the stage of looking if the proposal would be financially</p>

		<p>feasible.</p> <p>Residents made the following queries;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the CA take it over as a sale or rent? Councillor Aldred noted that there were several avenues to be explored however one of the main considerations would be a transfer of community assets. • The current expenditure per annum was queried. Councillor Aldred noted that figures could not be disclosed at this point, however the proposal seemed feasible. • What would the timescales be? Councillor Newcombe noted that further discussions with the City Mayor and Neighbourhood Services would take place. • If the CA was to take over, would space be available for the centres existing groups? Councillor Aldred stated that the aim of the take-over was so that the existing groups could continue to use the centre and also to generate further income.
57.	HIGHWAYS ISSUES	<p>Martin Fletcher (Head of Highways) gave an update on Highways issues in the ward and responded to queries from residents.</p> <p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The steps and ramp on Thurncourt Road had recently been maintained and repaired. • Laybys had been constructed on Bowhill Grove and Highways working with Ward Councillors and Housing had identified other areas for laybys in the ward. • On the corner of the Thurncourt Road shops, Highways had been prioritising the disabled parking area. • School run parking at Willowbrook School had been flagged as an issue. Martin noted that Highways would be visiting every school in Leicester City to identify how parking issues could be improved. • Highways were looking at current parking restrictions and zig zag yellow lines near schools. • Councillors had highlighted the possibility of having a crossing near the school. However, pedestrian survey results outside the school detailed that the number of people crossing was low and the crossing patrol felt that a

		<p>crossing would not help the situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans were in place to implement railings and verges on Thurncourt Road. The work plan was also looking at traffic regulations on that part of the road. • Speed surveys were carried out in several parts of the ward. Closer work with Councillors and emergency services would need to take place prior to schemes being implemented. • Due to a number of accidents, the junction of Scraptoft Lane and Bowhill Grove had the potential for a ghost island or change of road markings; however this would be put into the list of other works whereby the level of prioritisation would be considered. • At the previous meeting a resident reported an issue regarding the slabbing at Kirkwall Crescent, Martin requested that further information be provided to Highways on this issue. • The Council were considering stronger enforcement including camera enforcement penalty notices. Plans to also increase walking and cycling to schools were currently in progress. <p>Residents' concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several residents had concerns regarding speeding on Scraptoft Lane. • It was requested that Colchester Road to the 'Trocadero' (Uppingham Rd) be surveyed. Martin would obtain details and feed this into the list of jobs to be done. It was noted that the new programme of surveys were commissioned in each financial year. • Councillor Aldred noted that Councillors had had several meetings with the City Mayor, Highways and the MP regarding speeding in Thurncourt, it was noted that works were ongoing. • Thurncourt Road garages were reported to have many cars regularly parked on its grass verges. Martin noted that this was on the Highways priority list. Councillor Aldred noted the possibility of knee high railings or bollards.
58.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Laura Burt (WCEO) read the update which was provided by Housing, the update is attached to the end of this action log.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had concerns that the Ocean Road communal area had slabbing issues. Councillor Aldred requested the resident to email the details to Councillors and they would forward the information to Housing. • Lighting installations in communal areas was queried. Councillor Aldred noted that Housing were trying to install lighting in as many communal areas as possible over the next two years.
59.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>The City Warden provided leaflets which were distributed at the meeting, a copy is attached at the end of this action log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As several residents had concerns regarding dog fouling, Councillor Aldred requested that residents report directly to the City Warden. (Contact details are on the attachment).
60.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>PC Sarah George and PCSO Michael Smith-Curtis were present at the meeting. PC George gave an update on Thurncourt Ward Police statistics which is attached at the end of this action log.</p> <p>Resident's concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB issue near Thurncourt shops. The Police noted that they had spoken to many of the children and the ASB in this area was now minimal. • A representative from the Young People's Council (YPC) (and a resident) expressed concerns that too many youth services had been cut which inevitably impacted on other services such as the Police. In addition, limited funding was reported to be available for youth centres and therefore children did not have enough activities to take part in. The vulnerability of many young people was also reported. The YPC representative brought a youth consultation form to the meeting and encouraged attendees to fill them out. Councillor Aldred noted that copies could be made at Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre and left there as well as distributing some copies to the nearby shops. • A resident queried progress of the ASB issue regarding young people climbing into the flats above the Thurncourt Road shops. It was reported that PC Ben Orton had visited the flats and found that the culprits had been let in by a young person that lived in the flats. Andy

		East and Ben Orton were currently working on this and looking into options.
61.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>At the meeting Laura Burt (WCEO) gave an update on the Ward Community Budget.</p> <p><i>Following the meeting, the Ward Community Budget sheet was updated to reflect all applications received and considered in the 2016/17 budget. This information is attached at the end of this action log.</i></p> <p>If anyone required assistance with a ward budget application, it was noted to contact Laura Burt on 0116 454 1940 or email laura.burt@leicester.gov.uk.</p>
62.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:37pm.

Minute Item 56

Thurncourt ward meeting, Monday 13 February 2017

Re. TNS North East decision following consultation

I am writing with an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) project in the North East area of the city which includes Belgrave, Rushey Mead, Troon, Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt wards.

Following a public consultation between 12 September – 23 October 2016 proposals were taken to the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee for ten community buildings in the North East area of the city. The decision for these buildings was taken on 23 January 2017.

The decision for neighbourhood buildings in the Thurncourt ward is as follows:

Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre

- Retain the youth and community centre
- Increase use of the youth and community spaces to accommodate some relocated activities
- Explore ways of reducing centre running costs with existing partners

Ocean Road Community Centre

- Explore options for disposal of the building including demolition or sale
- Work with groups to identify the best location for their needs

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to work with local people to make these changes.

A report with details of the decision for all 10 buildings in the north east neighbourhood is available on the Council's website.

Thank you once again for your interest in the Transforming Neighbourhood Services project, and for your participation in the consultation process.

Lee Warner, Head of Neighbourhood Services

Housing Feedback to Thurncourt Ward meeting 13 February 2017

1) 2016-17 Environmental Improvement Budget Schemes

Further progress since the Ward Meeting on 30 June:

Parking schemes on Bowhill Grove and Roborough Green were both completed prior to Christmas.

Bungalow lighting scheme on Ocean Road and Homestone Gardens were completed for all those who responded affirmatively. Final responses are being done this month to be completed by the end of March 2017.

Additional lighting column fitted to footpath adjacent at rear of Stornaway Road bungalows (adjacent to number 52). This project was identified by the Ward Councillors and had been proposed for 2017-18 but was brought forward using funds left over from the bungalow lighting scheme above.

2) 2017-18 Environmental Improvement Budget Proposed Schemes

No change from my update for the last meeting in November 2016:

i) With a reduced budget for 2017-18, in conjunction with the Ward councillors we have changed focus from unaffordable parking schemes to cheaper knee rail fencing schemes to protect grass verges and greens where people are unlawfully crossing them and parking on them:

- Sunbury Green
- Corners on Homestone Gardens, Croyland Green, Milnroy/Cowley Way
- Flamborough Road
- Herthull Road
- Fastnet Road

ii) Bungalow Lighting, PIR bulkhead lighting to front doors – Longstone Green (27 bungalows)

iii) Strengthening of verge on the corner of Ocean Road (adjacent to the Neighbourhood Centre) regularly damaged by vehicles.

iv) New fencing to rear of Elmcroft Avenue bungalows along boundary line with privately owned properties.

3) Bin Chutes for Willowbrook View

Two bin chutes proposed for the flats above the shops to address current undesirable bin storage, in line with Fire Risk Assessment. It's been agreed. I'm waiting on Technical Services to complete the design process and then commission the work. Re-cyclable waste will be collected via orange bags which should be left out on collection day (Wednesday).

NICOLE POWELL



**Ward Meeting
Thursday 02/02/2017**

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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

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES:

- Littering
- Dog fouling & Dog Control Orders
 - 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
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Spitting
- Rubbish on private land

THURN COURT WARD



CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE

Since the last meeting 3 months ago the table below shows some of the issues I have been dealing with .

Customer Complaints	Love Leicester	CPN	Tickets Issued	Skips & Scaffolding
20	2	2	4	6

RUBBISH ON PRIVATE LAND

Rubbish on Private Land continues to be an issue in Thurncourt. However, working with residents and other agencies we are trying to get areas cleared as quickly as possible. The new CPNs are very effective.

DOG FOULING

Stencils around the area will be sprayed as soon as the weather allows me to. Dog fouling incidents is still under reported, PLEASE USE THE LOVE LEICESTER APP

Dog fouling orders have now been passed and FPNs can now be issued

FLYTIPPING

Fly tipping continues to be an issue. Regular patrols will continue in the area to try and catch those responsible. This fly tip was found all around the perimeter on Ocean Road Open Spaces. Reported on the 25.01.17 cleared by Parks Services on 27.01.2017. On going inquires



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001

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Thurncourt Ward Budget

Budget Carried Forward from 2015/16:

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION APRIL 2016 - APRIL 2017: £18,000

BALANCE REMAINING £1,074.00

Funding applications Total: £21,897 Total funding awarded: £16,925

Reference	Date	Application Type	Group Name	Project Name	Project activity	Comments	Total Requested Amount	Requested Amount to Thurncourt Ward	Supported	Funding Amount Agreed
AF215503	02/03/2017	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Gardening Club	Rotavator	Purchase of a rotavator		£1,000	£1,000	Yes	£1,000
AF215003	01/03/2017	Individual	Friday Bingo Club	Raffle Books	Raffle prizes for Bingo Group		£200	£200	Yes	£200
AF208634	10-Jan-17	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Easter Event	To organise an Community event over Easter. There will be activities for young people such as egg hunts and games.		£350	£350	Yes	£350
AF199328	13-Jan-17	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Thurncourt Ward Councillors.	To hold a First Aid Training Course for children in the Ward, aged 5-11years. The training will be delivered by the NHS ...		£300	£300	Yes	£300
AF198552	11-Jan-17	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Taxi Support Scheme	The project has been in operation for the past six years. It provides a one way subsidised taxi journey for elderly and ...		£750	£750	Yes	£750
AF181881	08-Nov-16	Joint with Evington Ward.	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Memorial Plaque	To fund a memorial plaque in memory Tyler Thompson.		£855.00	£428.00	Yes	£428.00
AF176918	25-Oct-16	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Christmas Light Switch On	The application is for the Christmas Light switch on event along Thurncourt Road. Highways will be erecting and removing the decorations at a cost of £518.97. At the event there will chocolate gift boxes for children that will be given out. The light switch is on will be on 25th November at 18:40pm.		£869.00	£869.00	Yes	£869.00
AF176902	25-Oct-16	Individual	Thurncourt Ward Councillors	Memorial Benches	The application is for two memorial benches to be placed on Willowbrook Park. Two families within the Thurncourt Ward have lost loved ones who enjoyed playing and spending time in Willowbrook Park. The benches will be a way of commemorating loved ones and a place for their family and friends to sit and remember.	LCC Parks services to order benches.	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Yes	£1,500.00
AF174636	17-Oct-17	Individual	Christ Church - Reverand Paul Savage	Chruch hall renovation	The renovation of the church hall is a significant project, with the reduction in Community centre provision, it will be a great resource, it is looking very tired and side panels are rotting, a new fire escape is necessary and new flooring in the hall and non slip flooring in the kitchen.		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	TBA	TBA
AF171835	08-Oct-16	Individual	Rowlatts Hill Allotment Society	Purchase Of Secure Storage Container For The Colchester Road Site	Purchase of a 20ft X 8ft X 8ft secure steel container to be sited at the Colchester Road allotment site		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Yes	£700.00
AF152472	26-Aug-16	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Christmas Topary Balls	To provide festive decorations along the main Thurncourt Road. We wish to display Christmas Topary balls outside the shops along Thurncourt Road.		£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF150465	22-Aug-16	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Christmas Event	A Christmas Event for the community , providing various activities for young people and families to enjoy.		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Yes	£3,000.00
AF147430	14-Aug-16	Individual	Hamilton Bowls Group	Summer Outing	Coach to steam train and lunch		£450.00	£450.00	Yes	£400.00
AF136243	15-Jul-16	Individual	Friday Bingo Club	Bingo Books & Raffle Prizes	To assist with the purchase of Bingo books also Raffle Prizes for the group members for our Christmas Raffle		£300.00	£300.00	Yes	£300.00
AF133722	08-Jul-16	Individual	Willowbrook Activity Centre	Kick-start Academy	Football sessions for young children		£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF626068I	07-Jun-16	Individual.	The 55th	Ongoing Improvements To The 55th	We wish to install cavity wall insulation to the main hall		£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF623318I	31-May-16	Individual	Thurnby Lodge Community Association	Annual Fun Day	The Thurnby Lodge Fun Day which is to take place on Saturday 2nd July is an annual event which has taken place regularly ...		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Yes	£3,000.00
AF621711I	26-May-16	Individual	Gareth Smith	Kick Start Soccer Academy	We provide sessions for children who have an interest in football.		£500.00	£500.00	Yes	£500.00

AF616657I	13-May-16	Individual.	Envoy Twirlers	Baton Twirling	We wish to buy equipment for our juvenile twirlers and help with funding for our athletes representing England in European Championships.		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Yes	£750.00
AF613696I	06-May-16	Joint with Humberstone & Hamilton	Thurnby Lodge Primary School Playscheme	Thurnby Lodge Summer Playscheme	Two weeks of various activities for 70-80 local children between the ages of 5-11.		£2,250.00	£1,500.00	Yes	£500.00
AF599840I	12-Apr-16	Individual	The 55th Community Group	New Ceiling/insulation	The 55th Community Group are seeking £1250 to further improve the insulation value of the building and reduce the carbon footprint. Around 500 residents from the local Ward benefit from the Centre and by running the Centre in a sustainable manor allows for a positive investment for the future.		£1,250.00	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,000.00