

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024

Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	ACTION LOG	

Minute Item 1

ACTION LOG

Beaumont Leys Ward Community Meeting:

Tuesday 9th April 2024

6pm – 7.30pm



Leicester
City Council

Present

Cllr Hemant Rae Bhatia
Cllr Hazel Orton (Chair)
Cllr Paul Westley
Insp Deborah Hubbard
Sgt Marc Overton
Punum Patel – Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO)

Apologies

None

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair, Cllr Orton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.No declarations were noted	
2.	Councillors Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Councillors including highways works due to take place, patch walks, clean ups and working with Kelbrook Close residents,No Actions to note	
3.	Local Policing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Local Police - Appendix 1Information on the number of e-scooters confiscated requestedCllrs to speak with new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) re e-scooter policyInformation on funding for CCTV at Home Farm Square requested. Police to raise at next Joint Area Group (JAG) meetingResidents to keep reporting incidents through Love Leicester App, 101 and online at www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime Report a crime Leicestershire Police (leics.police.uk)	Police Cllrs Police Residents
4.	Highways update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting noted an update from Highways – Appendix 2Request for parking wardens to visit bottom of Farrier Lane during school run hoursRequest for two dedicated parking wardens for the wardParking enforcement statistics requested for the wardSchools to encourage pick up points, potentially at the old Babington SchoolInconsiderate and obstructive parking, parking on double yellow lines – residents to take photos and email to parking-enforcement@leicester.gov.uk or via the Love Leicester app	Parking Parking Parking Cllrs Residents

6.	Housing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from Housing - Appendix 3 ▪ Cllrs to arrange to meet with Mandy Smith re personal incident raised at meeting ▪ Residents to keep note of any further issues and take directly to Cllrs to investigate 	Cllrs Residents
5.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted an update from the City Warden - Appendix 4 ▪ Residents to encourage use of Bulky Waste collection service. Information can be found at: www.leicester.gov.uk/your-environment/recycling-and-waste/bulky-item-collections/ ▪ Meeting to be arranged by Beaumont Park Womblers to encourage others to join ▪ Residents to send their potential/preferred litter bin locations to Cllrs 	Residents / Cllrs Cllr Orton Residents
7.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update Opening balance: £9540.00 Number of applications supported: 12 Balance remaining: £265.00 	

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Appendix 1 - Policing Update

Joint consultations with EMH housing officers have been conducted in and around the Linney Road area in relation to reports of issues with a particular neighbour in the area, as well as the ownership of an XL bully in a flat with no licence. Future consultations are being planned and will be advertised via social media and neighbourhood link.

A Drugs warrant was successfully conducted on the Astill lodge estate with one male detained and the property cleared. After receiving intelligence, the warrant was gained quickly and executed with a huge success and £70,000 worth of cannabis seized for destruction

The beat team conducted a knife sweep along the Black path as part of a nationwide wide operation in tackling knife crime, no weapons/knives found which is great news and great engagement from members of the public.

Recent reports of youths on motorbikes reappearing in the Upper temple road area, the beat team are very aware and have already conducted house to house and are working on identifying the address and people involved to stop this behaviour before it escalates further as it has in previous years.

We have had joint consultations with community leaders where it has been highlighted issues in and around the Home Farm shopping centre, where we have increased our patrols and presence in the area and had discussions with local shop keepers and leaders from the mosque, enquiries are ongoing in relation to crime reports generated from our visits and offenders IDs are being sought through policing channels.

After community concerns in relation to the explosion at Kelbrook close in January 2024 an arrest has been made, residents have been visited in relation to safeguarding concerns and discussions are being had with the Leicester City Council. The male is currently on police bail with conditions not to enter the area of Kelbrook and not to contact any victim involved in this incident. Further engagement with residents taking place in relation to community tensions/concerns in line with the CIA.

Our priorities

1. We have received several complaints around drug dealing in and around the area which is locally called the "Black Path"
With people feeling unsafe in the area

Our actions

. Officers have conducted both high visibility and plain clothes patrols in the area.
Meetings have also held with a housing provider to discuss concerns of drug dealing from an identified address.

We have applied for a temporary CCTV camera to be placed in the centre of the area and are awaiting it's deployment by Leicester City Council.

2 Drug warrants have been executed this month, linked to the supply of Class A in the area.

2. We receive numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in and around the Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre the Library and Market caused by several youths.
Along with the illegal use of E scooters

Our actions

Extra Dedicated Patrols of known hotspots are being completed

Work is ongoing with the shopping centre, Leicester city ASB team and housing department and youth engagement.

Several banning notices have also been issued.

The market is now permanently closed.

Due to multiagency agencies and the commitment of the centre management a new youth club aimed at 12- to 19-year-olds has been granted funding and is due to open at the end of March.

This will give the youths something extra to do and a safe place to hang out.

3. Increase in reports of theft from Motor vehicles, in the area of Heathley Park

Our actions

We have stepped up patrols in vicinity, plain clothed and uniformed officers.

Beat surgeries have been held by Pcso's.

There have only been 1 reported Vehicle crimes on the Heathley Park Estate since the 1st of January 2024.

Education/ crime prevention advice is planned.

Appendix 2 - Highways Update

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 12 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway - 392 orders
- Footway - 93 orders

In the coming financial year, we have Duncombe Road resurfacing works programmed and have Ashton Green Road resurfacing as a priority scheme, subject to further funding.

Flooding & Drainage

We were asked by Cllr Bhatia to visit St. Mellions Close, to look at surface water run off issues. We are liaising with our Estates and Building Service colleagues, who manage the fields behind St. Mellions Close, regarding possible options to divert the water.

We will update the ward Councillors as soon as we have agreed a way forward.

School Streets

Stokes Wood Primary and Buswells Lodge Primary both participated in this years Big Walk and Wheel.

Buswells Lodge also participate in the Walk to School initiative with 57% of the school participating and of those pupils, 82% have walked, cycled or scooted to school since the beginning of the school year.

Wolsey House also participate in Walk to School with 45% of the school participating and 88% of those pupils travelling to school actively.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to move forward with a school street for Wolsey House on Orton and Hobson Roads, as the school don't have the resources to manage it and neither do the council. We investigated the possibility of a local residents group managing the closure, but are currently trying to work through how to manage the insurance and any potential litigation if there were to be an accident.

Our Civil Enforcement Officers continue to visit all schools in the ward to discourage problem parking at school run times and issue penalty charge notices where appropriate:

School	Last Visit	Next Visit
Alderman Richard Hallam	01/03/2024	June
Stokes Wood	15/02/2024	June
Beaumont Leys	07/03/2024	June
Buswell Lodge	12/03/2024	June
Babington	06/03/2024	June
Heatherbrook Primary	20/12/2023	May
Beaumont Lodge Primary	07/03/2024	June

*You will appreciate that we do not want to give the exact dates of the next programmed visit.

Traffic Regulation Orders

Bennion Rd – Area surrounding football club

We did not receive any objections to the proposal to install double yellow lines on Bennion Road and Astill Lodge Rd, near to the DMU/Beaumont Park Football Club.

We will be marking up in April, with a view to installing the lines in May.

Major Utility Works

National Grid have major works starting soon on Krefeld Way and in the vicinity of the shopping centre, including Rutherford Road. They will be starting on the 15th April and are planned to be finished by the end of June.

Other Schemes

Bennion Road Cycleway Scheme

We still have carriageway resurfacing works outstanding on:

- Bennion Rd
- Anstey Lane
- Beaumont Way

We currently have this planned for the school summer holidays. Further information will be sent to ward Councillors once finalised.

Appendix 3 - Housing Update

Environmental Budget 2024/25

We are just putting together the final proposals for projects to put forward however there is only £66k for the West District which includes Mowmacre Hill/Stocking Farm and New Parks.

Staffing

No issues - a new Sheltered Housing Officer , Alex Morton started on 18th March. He will be in training for the first 2 weeks & will then be based at Barnett Janner House.

System Issues

Due to the Cyber Attack officers have been without their systems for over a week. Slowly staff are being reset on their PC's but it is in priority order across the Council. We are still not fully back on , some staff are waiting to be reset. Once everything is back up and running we are aware that it will take at least a couple of weeks to catch up. Staff have been using the time to visit their patches to pick up any issues.

Appendix 4 – City Warden Update

There have been 24 fly tip investigations

Community Protection Warning Notices have been issued for untidy land

Fly Posters removed off street furniture and fines issued

At this moment unfortunately there is not a dedicated City Warden for Beaumont Leys, however we are actively trying to get this matter resolved.

Please bring any issues you are facing to the Council's attention by using the "Love Clean Streets app – Love Leicester". The app is easy to use and you can report litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or any other environmental problem. The advantage is that you can take a picture of the problem and upload it, tagging the location and including other details so the appropriate team can fix the issue quickly.