

**Gateway College, Colin Grundy
Drive, Hamilton, Leicester
On Wednesday, 11 November
2009
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00pm – 6:30pm

**Meet your Councillors and
local service providers
dealing with:-**

- Gateway College
- Police
- Highways and Transportation
- The Armadale Centre
- The Unit Youth Centre
- general council matters and
other issues

6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Get involved in your area and
planning for the future**

- Gateway College
- Police
- Highways and Transportation
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor John Mugglestone
Councillor Barbara Potter
Councillor Ramila Shah**

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Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

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PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

Ward Councillors and General Information	Police Issues
Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.

The first part of the agenda covers formal items which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Shah will be chairing the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the previous Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting, held on 12th August 2009, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.

5. GATEWAY COLLEGE

To receive a presentation on the newly completed Gateway Sixth Form College.

6. LOCAL POLICING

The Local Policing Team to give an update on local policing issues.

7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Officers to give an update on Highways and Transportation issues raised at the previous meeting.

8. BUDGET

Appendix B

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Peter Cozens, Members Support Officer will present the following funding proposal: -

Community Fund

Hamilton Highlanders Basketball Club

£495

Cost of Court Hire at Hamilton Community College

The views of the Community Meeting are sought.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 12 August 2009

**Held at: Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre, Armadale Drive,
Leicester.**

Who was there:

Councillor John Mugglestone
Councillor Barbara Potter
Councillor Ramila Shah

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and service representatives.

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Manor Farm Obtain Information on Manor Farm Project	Assistive Technology Obtain Information
Youth Services Obtain information on local Youth Services	Highways and Transportation Obtain information on services available

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.

42. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Potter was elected Chair for the meeting.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Nick Goffin, Principal, Gateway College, who had indicated that he would be prepared to host a future meeting at the new College.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at this time.

45. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2009 were confirmed and agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment: -

Minute 32 – Declarations of Interest

To note that Councillor Shah is a member on the Board of Governors of Gateway College, not Hope Hamilton School as stated in the minutes.

46. MANOR FARM

Alan Gratrix, Chair, Manor Farm Community Project attended the meeting and gave a brief history of the project and its aims. The project was formed out of the Humberstone Community Forum, the aim being to protect the land at the farm as it is now. Mr. Dilks was the current tenant of the farm that was owned by the City Council, on a tenancy basis. The land was designated as public open space and comprised 18 acres of open space plus several buildings, a strong archaeological interest. There was a lot of interest locally to retain the land for Community use, following on from a couple of surveys that had been undertaken, funded by Grant-Aid that had been obtained. £12,000 had since been secured from the former Humberstone, Hamilton and Thurncourt Area Committee to undertake an in-depth survey.

Councillor Mugglestone questioned how the link with Gateway College had been progressing and Alan stated that the project had been working closely with Nick Goffin, Principal at Gateway College, and it was generally agreed that it was something to be proud of to have Gateway College in this area.

It was reported that the new Gateway College was complete and would be operational from September. The College were not however able to hire out rooms at the present time, due to issues around VAT, but it was anticipated that this would be reviewed at the earliest opportunity. It was further stated that surely conditions had

been imposed at the outset to ensure that the community were able to use the new facility and it was confirmed that this had been the case. It was suggested that the issue of community use be discussed with Nick Goffin.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

47. SURE START

Les Price, Area Manager-Early Prevention for this area of the City attended the meeting and stated that for the past 18 months he had been engaged on provision of Children's Centres.

The Government had granted £1.8 million to the City Council to develop 5 Children's Centres across the City to complete the network. Currently the Skills and Apprentice Bill was going through the Parliamentary process and if passed would put the control of Children's Centres under the control of Local Authorities.

Les stated that Hamilton had been in the frame to have a Phase 3 children's Centre and much work had been carried out around how such a Centre would fit in and where it would best be located. Les stated that the approved Phase 3 Children's Centre sites across the City were: -

Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School
Kestrels Field Primary School
Lansdowne Neighbourhood Centre
Mayfield (former) Children and Family Centre
St. Saviours Road (building currently linked to Highfields Children's Centre)

After looking at a number of sites Kestrels Field School Site was selected and include in a recent report to Cabinet. Completion of the Centre was due by 2010, although it was possible this could be delayed. Several of the factors in choosing Kestrel's Field had been the very supportive Head Teacher and Chair of Governors. The Centre would be housed in a purpose converted mobile building, necessary due to constraints on the Council capital Budget. Positives were that there was a real possibility under the Primary School Strategy to help ensure that the Children's Centre would get a permanent access in the newly developed school.

Les stated that the Kestrels Field Centre would be one of 7 Children's Centres across the City that would not be put up for tender to be managed by external management. Les further stated that National Government guidelines were suggesting Voluntary Sector input to the provision of services and therefore local authorities should be considering voluntary sector management of Children's Centres. Should this approach be taken each Centre would still have a Management Committee that would maintain local accountability as this was an essential, management did not have to be local to the Centre.

Les was thanked for his presentation. Contact details were given as follows: -

les.price@leicester.gov.uk
jane.hammond@leicester.gov.uk

0116 223 2358
0797 6347946

Concerns were expressed as to the potential problems of yet more traffic on Maidenwell Avenue and it was stated that these concerns would be addressed later in the meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted and that the local community be kept up to date on developments regarding the management of Children's Centres.

48. TESCO HAMILTON - DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor Mugglestone informed the Community Meeting of information received from Tesco.

Tesco stated that there had been limited activity with the scheme for a couple of months due to personnel changes within Tesco. It was intended to transfer the scheme to the new development manager in September.

Tesco had discussed the requirements and specifications for the relocation of the Hope Hamilton Unit and plans were being drawn up detailing the location and size of that building at present. Tesco confirms that the Hope Hamilton Unit would be located at ground floor level by the pedestrianised area.

Plans were not available to be circulated as detailed design concepts were being drawn up following further design discussions with the City Council. Tesco stated that at this stage there was nothing new to see in terms of overall layout that had not been seen previously.

Tesco were now intending to liaise with the City Council on the final proposals before a planning application was submitted during early autumn. The overall concept of the development was broadly similar to the plans previously seen.

Tesco would be circulating details as soon as they were available.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

49. YOUTH SERVICES

Gerry Burke, Area Youth Manager, Haldene Broomes, Armadale Centre and Abdul Gafar attended the meeting and updated the Community Meeting on Youth Services in the area.

Gerry stated that his team was tasked to look at the local youth provision and to provide floodlights for the Ball Court at Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre, for which funding was currently being sourced.

Haldene stated that provision at the Armadale Centre was currently 4 evenings per week, although there was no provision on Fridays and Saturdays. Funding had recently been secured to re-furbish the centre and the computer suite had been upgraded. Work was ongoing to develop the centre to make it more attractive.

A member of the public stated that there had been little publicity locally regarding activities at the Armadale Centre and that, as a local facility, publicity would be welcome. Haldene stated that leaflets had been left in local shops and in shops in other areas. The Chair stated that there appeared to be a breakdown in communication between local people and local facilities that needed to be advertised more.

A member of the public stated that the Armadale Centre was currently closed and he questioned the number of youths using the facility and stated that one of the key factors in the provision of successful youth provision was the reliability of that provision. Haldene stated that 35-40 youths attended some sessions whilst 15 or so attended others.

It was stated that the Hope Hamilton Voluntary Unit was a local provision and was open all year and included some summer provision.

Abdul Gafar introduced other youth workers that worked locally and who had got together to make contact with young people in order to assess their needs and put provision in to run beyond September. Abdul stated that youths who had previously benefited from previous provision were being encouraged to come back and meet members of the team and go out and visit 'hotspots' and speak to young people and ask what they want so that appropriate resources could be put in place.

A local resident stated that there was also a unit based locally, run by volunteers in the community, that operated on Friday nights at present throughout the summer until the end of September. The unit went out to find young people to work with, targeting anti-social behaviour issues, and then worked with other groups and shared facilities.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted and that a report on progress on youth activities in the area be brought to a future meeting.

50. LOCAL POLICING

Pc. Katie Burnham, beat officer for Humberstone and Hamilton attended the meeting and provided an update.

Speeding traffic on Netherhall Road and Ivychurch Close had been looked at with the result that 85% of traffic on Netherhall Road had been found to be exceeding the

speed limit. Measures to address this would be undertaken in liaison with the City Council, but in the meantime a temporary measure would be an electronic sign informing motorists of their speed.

It was further stated that there had a recent high number of burglaries in the Humberstone area. Advice on preventative measures was available from the Police.

51. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - FEEDBACK

Mark Wills, Head of Transport Strategy attended the meeting to respond to issues that had been raised at the previous meeting, and a subsequent meeting held locally around traffic issues.

Netherhall Road/Ivychurch Crescent

Mark stated that following recent concerns ad-hoc enforcement of traffic on Netherhall Road had been instigated, as outlined by the Police earlier in the meeting. The City Council had now been asked to prepare a Traffic Calming Scheme for Netherhall Road and Ivychurch Crescent, although this scheme was in the early stages and it was not yet possible to state what measures would be incorporated into the scheme. Consultations would take place

52. COMMUNITY MEETING - BUDGET

Peter Cozens, Members Support Officer reported that, for 2009/2010 only, all unspent monies from the Community Meeting Budget 2008/2009 would be carried over to the current year.

It was reported that the previously funded Humberstone Carnival had recently been held and had been a great success.

Peter reported that the following bids had been submitted:-

Community Fund

B1 Twilight Group – **£550**
Senior Citizens Residential

RESOLVED:

that the bid of **£550** be supported and an additional **£200** be also made available to the group, subject to receipts being submitted.

B2 *Sense Experience* **£3,000**
Access to Heritage and Culture at Village India
And Experience Gujarat Festival

*It was noted that this bid had been **WITHDRAWN** as it had been agreed to deal with the request on a Corporate basis.*

B3 Armadale After School Care
End of year Celebration/Healthy Cooking

RESOLVED:

that the bid of **£500** be supported.

Community Cohesion Fund

B4 'New Shoots' Gardening Club

RESOLVED:

that the bid of **£210** be supported.

Youth Facilities

It was reported that discussions had taken place prior to the Community Meeting where it had been proposed to allocate **£5,000** to part fund the provision of floodlights at the Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre Ball Court.

RESOLVED:

that the proposal to allocate **£5,000** to part fund the provision of floodlights at the Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre be supported

53. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Play Facilities in the Area

Peter Cozens reported that it was proposed to bring all relevant people together and discuss play facilities in Humberstone and Hamilton Ward and to see how these could be improved.

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Meeting would be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th November 2009, venue to be confirmed.

55. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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Ward Community Cohesion Fund Proposal Form

Please read the Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund before you fill in this form

Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

*If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete Section 2: Delivery agency as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the **Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund**.*

Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.

Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Name of Ward

Humberstone and Hamilton

2. Title of proposal

Hamilton Highlanders Basketball Club

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Tom Fletcher

4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

Introduction. The project will establish a sustainable, participative and community-based basketball club in Hamilton. The club will be called Hamilton Highlanders – an historical reference as the origins of Clan Hamilton are reported to be in the area – and will be based at the Hamilton Community College. We will offer basketball opportunities to all ages and genders, irrespective of background in an area where these opportunities are not currently readily available. The club will be based on the model of Arden Basketball Club, a very successful club that has been running in Solihull for 25 years, and with which I coached for the last four and a half years before moving to Leicester. We will run four sessions, two on a Wednesday night and two on a Thursday night, for the following groups: minis, age 8-12 (years 5,6,7); age 12-14 (years 8,9); age 15-16 (years 10,11); and 16+ and adults. **I would like a one-off investment from the Community Fund to help establish this club.**

There is a need for this project on at least three fronts, which are addressed and evidenced in turn below: community need, sporting need and leadership and development need.

- Community need: as one of two 'Urban Extensions', Hamilton is a rapidly expanding community which is searching for a sense of identity. The club will help those who participate in it to feel a sense of attachment to the area, which is the motivation behind the name. The new area also requires provision of sporting opportunities.

- Sporting need: the area does not perform well against sports indicators for either adults or young people. The Active People Survey shows that only 15% of people in Humberstone and Hamilton are participating in physical activity for at least thirty minutes three times a week, compared to 18.2% in Leicester city, and figures as high as 24% elsewhere in Leicestershire (Harborough). For young people, the Crown Hills School Sports Partnership is one of the worst performing in the country: 85% of pupils (66% in yr 10 & 11) participate in two hours of sport per week, compared to 90% nationally; only 18% participate in sports clubs, compared to 32% nationally; and only 8% of pupils are involved in sports volunteering or leadership, compared to 16% nationally.
- Development need: in the parliamentary constituency of East Leicester, 25% of people have no qualifications, which puts it in the bottom 20 of over 650 constituencies. 33% of pupils at Hamilton Community College have special educational needs. Only 45.2% of young people in Humberstone and Hamilton achieve 5 A*-C at GCSE, compared to 67.5% in all of Leicestershire and 65.3% nationally. The club will not be able to deal with this directly, but we will help people get coaching qualifications and volunteering opportunities which boost their CVs. We can also give them confidence, while encouraging them to engage in their studies and providing them with positive role models.

How the money will be spent. My proposal is that the money from the Community Fund is spent on the first tranche of court hire fee, payable to Hamilton Community College. The reasons for spending the money like this, and why this is the best use of the council's money, are twofold: firstly it is fundamentally necessary to found the club and to begin providing the opportunities for people that we are proposing; secondly, this is one expenditure line in the club's budget where the money is guaranteed to stay within the local economy as it is being spent at the school. This extra revenue can, in turn, help the school to improve facilities for the people of Hamilton. This is why I believe it is a good investment for the Community Group.

Who will benefit. The club will be open to anyone in Humberstone and Hamilton. Both young people and adults who either have an existing interest in basketball or, more importantly, are interested in learning to play will benefit from this club. Furthermore, anyone who has an interest in volunteering could also benefit from involvement in other activities such as project management, website maintenance, article writing, graphic design and administration.

When they will benefit. The proposal is that the club holds its first session on Wednesday 13 January 2010, after the schools come back from the Christmas holidays. People will then continue to benefit from it indefinitely as the club establishes itself in the area for years to come.

How we will know the project has been successful. Ultimately, we will know that the project has been successful after one year, when the intention is that the club is sustainable and operating from a sound financial base. For the purposes of this funding, we will know the project has been successful when the club begins operating. To be clear, the key determinant of success will be the number of members we achieve, the target is for 45. There is more information about this in 'The Sustainability Plan' section of the delivery plan document attached. There are also targets and outputs contained in that document, which align with the priorities of Sport England and the Crown Hills School Sports Partnership. These targets provide quantitative measures of success that the club will monitor. The club will be producing quarterly reports and an annual report, which will report to the council on the club's performance.

5. Which Ward Community Cohesion Fund criterion or criteria does your proposal support? Please give details of how it does this for each criterion (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Criterion no.	Details of how your proposal supports the criterion
1a	The club will create opportunities for people from different cultural backgrounds and communities to meet, to build knowledge and understanding and share problems
2a	The club will provide appropriate "things to do" for young people from different communities e.g. social, cultural, sporting and educational activities

2b	The club will create opportunities for young and older people to meet and share experiences
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6. Have you provided any supporting information?

Tick if yes

7. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

£495.00

8. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Court hire at Hamilton Community College.	£495.00	Actual.
Total	£495.00	

9. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

A bid for funding to Sport England is also being submitted; this is for £1,064. It is proposed that the money from Sport England will cover the costs of promoting the club, registering the club and players with England Basketball and buying equipment.

The club will continually seek opportunities for funding, from both public and private sources.

10. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Tom Fletcher
Your position in organisation or group	Chairman & Head Coach
Name of organisation or group	Hamilton Highlanders
Address 10 Heritage Way Hamilton Leicester LE5 1QF	
Phone number: 0116 276 2641	Email: t_m_fletcher@hotmail.com

Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)

11. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Tom Fletcher
Your position in organisation or group	Chairman and Head Coach
Name of organisation or group	Hamilton Highlanders
Address 10 Heritage Way Hamilton Leicester LE5 1QF	
Phone number: 0116 276 2641	Email: t_m_fletcher@hotmail.com

12. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Community Cohesion Fund* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Tom Fletcher
Signature	
Date	31 October 2009

Please send this completed form back to:

Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, Leicester, LE1 9BG.
Fax No: 0116 229 8827