

# Westcotes Community Meeting

**Church of the Martyrs' Community  
Hall, Westcotes Drive  
On Thursday, 3 December 2009  
Starting at 7:00 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**7:00pm – 7:30pm**

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

- Environmental Issues
- Police Issues

**7:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Get involved in your area and  
planning for the future. There will be  
presentations and discussions on:**

- Environmental Issues
- Police Issues
- Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Andy Connelly  
Councillor Sarah Russell**



## **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

### **WHEELCHAIR**

Meetings are held in a variety of community venues. We will only hold meetings in venues where there is suitable access for wheelchairs. If you have any concerns about accessing a venue by wheelchair, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on the details provided.

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# INFORMATION FAIR

## 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

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b> Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	<b>Police Issues</b> Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>Environmental Issues</b> Talk to the City Warden about street environment issues in the area	

**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**

Councillors will elect a Chair for 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**

The minutes of the previous Westcotes Community Meeting, held on 8 September 2009 have been circulated. 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. UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The City Warden will be present to give an update on recent environmental initiatives in the area

**6. POLICE ISSUES**

Bernard Greaves, of the Leicestershire Police Authority, will be present to talk about the work of the Authority.

In addition, a local Beat Officer will be present to give an update on local police issues.

**7. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET**

**Appendix A**

**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 be providing an update on the 2009/10 Community Meeting budget.

The following budget application has been received:

- Angie Beale / Jit Pandya – Community Allotment Project - £3,963 divided between Castle Ward / Westcotes Ward / Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields Ward  
**Appendix A1**

**8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Appendix B**

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Help us to make improvements!**

Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

### **For further information contact**

Elaine Baker, Democratic Services Officer or Peter Cozens, Members' Support Officer, Resources Department, Leicester City Council, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 9BG

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# Appendix A1

## Ward Community Fund Proposal Form

Please read the **Guide to the Ward Community 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 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
2. Title of proposal
3. Name of group or person making the proposal

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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.

The community project that we are currently involved in is a community allotment project. Since April last year we have been working very closely with the University's Police Beat Officer 4500 Gail Warden and her manager Sergeant Steven Hutchings and have worked on several successful collaborative projects and initiatives in the Riverside area to tackle issues of anti-social behaviour caused by students and people from the local community. This has resulted in a significant drop in crime and anti-social behaviour in the Riverside area.

The project that we are currently working on is a community allotment project working together with students and members of the local community to encourage healthy living and being self sufficient due to price increases on food due to the economy.



We have managed to find funding from De Montfort University to rent an allotment plot on Meridith Road (Rowley Fields Allotment) near the Walkers Stadium which is close to the University; this funding will cover the rent for the plot for the next eight years. It is hoped that students from the University together with local residents will work together in the the space allocated and grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Once the produce is ready which will be Autumn 2009 and Spring/Summer 2010 not only can it be given to the local residents and students but also to local schools, places of worship and care homes for the elderly. We have also thought about having a stall on campus one day a week and give the produce away for free to both staff and students and having a donation box where people can donate as little or as much as they can afford to go back into buying more seeds.

It is hoped that this project will be ongoing once it is established and will have student volunteers each year with the new student intake and also constant support from local residents.

In terms of its success, this is reliant on the amount of support a core group of student and local community volunteers give. If the group can commit to a day a week then we truly believe that this community project will grow into fruition and be ongoing as long as there is the support for its care and maintenance.

5. Have you provided supporting information?

Tick if yes

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

£3,963.00  
multiple bid  
split  
between the  
above  
mentioned  
three wards

7. 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.



The below quote has come directly to us from Paul Howgill from Groundwork UK and are actual costs.

Project	Item	Unit	Quantity	Nett Price		
1. Raised beds and paths	Sleepers	each	48	£23.00	£	
	Wood 8x4	each	30	£15.00	£	
	Top soil	ton	9	£30.00	£	
	Membrane	sq metres	100	£1.00	£	
	Cement	bag	24	£3.50	£	
	Millwaste	ton	6	£30.00	£	
	Washed sand	ton	6	£30.00	£	
	Slabs 2x2	each	140	£3.75	£	
	Slabs 3x2	each	10	£4.00	£	
	Screws	box	3	£4.50	£	
	Paint	each	5	£9.00	£	
	<b>Sub total</b>					<b>£2</b>
2.Tools	Digging spade	each	4	£16.00	£	
	Digging forks	each	4	£16.00	£	
	Trowls	each	2	£5.00	£	
	Hoe	each	2	£12.00	£	
	Racks	each	2	£12.00	£	
	PPE	Gloves	each	20	£0.80	£
	Boots	pair	10	£14.00	£	
	Overall	each	10	£12.00	£	
	Waterproofs	each	10	£9.00	£	
	<b>Sub total</b>					<b>£3</b>
3.Seeds	Potatoes	3 kgs	4	£3.00	£	
	Seeds	each	30	£1.00	£	
	Seeds	each	20	£2.00	£	
	plants	each	60	£2.00	£1	
<b>Sub total</b>					<b>£2</b>	
4.Composts etc	Compost	bag	10	£5.00	£	
	Groworganic	bag	5	£5.00	£	
	Blood Fish	bag	5	£16.00	£	
	Lime	bag	5	£10.50	£	
<b>Sub total</b>					<b>£2</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>£3,</b>	

8. 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

We have applied for funding to the following organisations and are awaiting decisions:

- Hinckley Road Joint Action Group
- Police Property Act Fund
- De Montfort University have already paid a £150 pounds for rent for the next few years and we will be asking them again for any additional funding towards this project.

If we are successful with all of our bids it will be an equal split of £660.50 between the six organisations that we have applied to for funding.

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

Name of contact person	Angie Beale/Jit Pandya
Your position in organisation or group	Saint Andrews Tenants & Residents Association Chairperson-Coordinator/De Montfort University Student Community Development Officer
Name of organisation or group	Saint Andrews Tenants & Residents Association/De Montfort University
Address 6, Martindale Close, St Andrew, Leicester, LE2 7HJ/De Montfort University, Room 1.78 Gateway House, Leicester LE1 9BH	
Phone number 0116 2471411/0116 257 7709	Email angie2003@hotmail.co.uk/jpandya@dmu.ac.uk

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

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

Name of contact person	Angie Beale/Jit Pandya/Paul Howgill
Your position in organisation or group	Saint Andrews Tenants & Residents Association Chairperson-Coordinator/De Montfort University Student Community Development Officer/Allotments 4 All Officer
Name of organisation or group	Saint Andrews Tenants & Residents Association/De Montfort University/Groundwork
Address Address 6, Martindale Close, St Andrew, Leicester, LE2 7HJ/De Montfort University, Room 1.78 Gateway House, Leicester LE1 9BH/ Environ, Parkfield, Western Park, Leicester, LE3 6HX	
Phone number	Email
0116 2471411/0116 257 7709/0116 222 0259	angie2003@hotmail.co.uk/jpandya@dmu.ac.uk /phowgill@environ.org.uk

11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Community 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	JIT PANDYA
Signature	JPANDYA
Date	12-05-09

Please send this completed form back to:

Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

Fax No: 0116 229 8827

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# Appendix B

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Date: 26 November 2009

## **WESTCOTES COMMUNITY MEETING DISTRIBUTION**

Dear Sir/ Madam

### **WESTCOTES COMMUNITY MEETING – ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

I write to inform you that two items have been added to the agenda for the Westcotes Community Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 December 2009, as follows:-

- a) Andy Thomas, Head of City Development (Regeneration and Culture), will report the results of the recent consultation on residents' parking; and
- b) the Street Pastors will make a presentation on their work.

If you have any queries regarding this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact either me or Peter Cozens, Members' Support Officer, tel: 0116 229 8815 (e-mail peter.cozens@leicester.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

*Elaine Baker*

For Director, Democratic Services

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