

# Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

**Christ the King Church, Beaumont  
Way (next to the shopping centre)  
On Wednesday, 1 September 2010  
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:-**

- Sure Start
- Domestic Violence
- Grounds maintenance and parks
- Housing and housing repairs
- Youth Services
- Community and Healthy Living Centres
- Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre
- Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
- One Pass
- Anti Graffiti
- City Warden
- Beaumont Leys Library
- Homechoice
- Multi Access Centres
- General Council matters and other issues

There will also be partners present from:

- Police
- Smoking Cessation
- Stamp it Out (anti harassment)

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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

- Housing and Environmental Improvements
- OnePass
- Domestic Violence
- Police Update
- Street Based Anti Social Behaviour Team
- Ward Budget Applications

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Vi Dempster  
Councillor Keith Lloyd-Harris  
Councillor Paul Westley**



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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>	<b>Police Issues</b>
Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>Housing &amp; Housing Repairs</b>	<b>Grounds Maintenance &amp; Parks</b>
Staff from the local housing office will be able to provide information on services available	Raise queries / concerns about any grounds maintenance issues.
<b>Community &amp; Healthy Living Centres</b>	<b>City Warden</b>
Get details of the services which are available at local centres	Speak to your local city warden to raise any local environmental issues
<b>Sure Start</b>	<b>Multi Access Centre</b>
Speak to representatives of the local Sure Start to find out what's available in your local area	Find out about the Multi Access Centre that provides services to help people get back to work
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre</b>
Representatives from local youth services will be in attendance	Get details of facilities available at the Leisure centre
<b>Anti Graffiti</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>
Information will be available about new initiatives to.	Find out about support available to victims and ways of tackling domestic violence.
<b>Beaumont Leys Library</b>	<b>One Pass</b>
Details of Library services will be available.	Obtain details of this new pass for older people which can provide discounts for goods and services.
<b>Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit</b>	<b>Beaumont Leys Library</b>
Information will be available about Anti-Social Behaviour Services.	Find out about local library services.

<p><b>Home Choice</b></p> <p>Officers will be present to give information about the new way of allocating Council houses.</p>	<p><b>Smoking Cessation</b></p> <p>Find out about the services available to help give up smoking.</p>
<p><b>Stamp It Out</b></p> <p>Learn about this campaign which aims to highlight the problems of harassment.</p>	

**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**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the previous Beaumont Leys Community Meeting, held on 2 June 2010, 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. HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

John Thomson, Neighbourhood Housing Manager will provide an update on housing and environmental improvements that have been carried out in the area.

**6. ONEPASS**

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer will provide a presentation on the Onepass which provides discounts for goods and services for older people.

**7. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Shobhana Patel, Community Safety Development Officer will provide a presentation on services available in relation to Domestic Violence, including services available to victims and what people can do if they suspect it of

happening to people they know.

**8. POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Rich Jackson and PC Martin Birch to give an update on recent Police initiatives, successes and current developments.

**9. STREET BASED ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM**

Jenny Skelding, Challenge & Support Unit Coordinator will provide a presentation on tackling anti social behaviour in the area.

**10. BUDGET**

**Appendix B1**

**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.**

Steve Letten Member Support Officer will give an update on the current position with regard to the Community Meeting budget.

The following budget applications will be considered at the meeting.

B1) Summer Football Project – to confirm funding previously agreed.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **For further information contact**

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# Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

**Your Community, Your Voice**

## **Record of Meeting and Actions**

**6:00 pm, Wednesday, 2 June 2010**

**Held at: Christ the King Church, Beaumont Way (next to the shopping centre)**

Who was there:

Councillor Vi Dempster
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Councillor Keith Lloyd-Harris
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Councillor Paul Westley
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Constabulary



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City Council

## 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.

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>	<b>Police Issues</b>
Local Councillors were present to talk to or raise general queries with.	Local police were present to talk about issues or general queries.
<b>Housing and Housing Repairs</b>	<b>City Warden</b>
Staff from the local Housing Office were present to provide information on services available.	The City Warden was available to raise any concerns about local environmental issues.
<b>Sure Start</b>	<b>Grounds Maintenance and Parks</b>
A representative of the local Sure Start were in attendance.	Officers were present to talk about parks issues and introduce the plans for a wetland at Castle Hill Country Park
<b>Speedway Consortium</b>	<b>Unity Boxing Club</b>
Representatives were present to give information about the latest developments with the planned speedway and other sports facilities.	Representatives were present to explain the work and success of the club
<b>Barleycroft Healthy Living Centre</b>	<b>One Neighbourhood Magazine</b>
Representatives were available to discuss services	Information was available about this publication

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.

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Westley was elected as Chair for the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Toby Day.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and/or declare if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them. No declarations were made.

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The meeting was asked if there were any comments or clarifications on the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

## **5. COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE**

Sergeant Rich Jackson and PC Martin Birch gave an update on the policing ward priorities, as described in their newsletter. Sergeant Jackson pointed out that there had been a significant reduction in the numbers of incidents of core crimes in the last quarter. He highlighted issues and progress as follows:

**DRUG MISUSE:** Work had been very successful. Arrests had been made, high value items seized and a cannabis factory found. Work was being done on a house eviction. A car driver had been remanded following being found with cash and heroin. Community contacts had assisted with these successes. Thanks from residents were expressed, as it had previously been difficult to raise the issue with young people.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING AND SMOKING:** residents had been reporting issues and a designated van to tackle antisocial behaviour was soon to patrol key areas.

**MOTORCYCLES:** There had been a press release on the issue of nuisance motorcycle use. Several motorcycles had been recovered and destroyed. There was a single point of contact for reporting incidents. These had been sporadic this year, and an improvement on previous years, and it was felt that joint working with Highways officers to restrict access to certain areas had achieved this successful result.

Philip Thomson from Highways reported that two features had been installed on the Black Pad and rear of Osprey Road. These were lockable bollards and a horse stile.

Councillor Dempster stated that it had been agreed that three features would be installed, and Philip reported that there were three, as one existing feature had been left in and funds were limited. Councillor Dempster asked that residents who had raised the issue should be consulted again to ensure that the features had achieved the desired outcome. Philip agreed to write to these people asking for their feedback.

#### **WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:**

It was reported that various activities were taking place to interact with young people, such as football events and attendance at youth clubs. A drama group had been set up at Babington College, which gave young people who were at risk of offending an understanding of the criminal justice system and the consequences of their actions. This activity also counted towards GCSE work.

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**

Work had been done to raise the profile of domestic violence, as there was a high incidence in Beaumont Leys. There was a single point of contact for this issue and officers were leading on policies and procedures to tackle the issue, including offering support, bringing to justice, prevention and management. Dedicated officers attended incidents and wore head cameras to record for potential future prosecution. These officers were accompanied by a representative from Women's Aid and had support packs for victims.

#### **SUMMER BURGLARY:**

Residents were reminded to be vigilant and lock all doors and windows during the summer. There had also been a trend of bicycle theft and it was advisable to revise security of outbuildings where they were kept.

The Chair thanked the officers for their hard work and success. He noted the importance of the community working together with agencies and the police.

### **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT TEAM AND THE FUTURE JOBS FUND IN BEAUMONT LEYS**

Leo Daniels, Neighbourhood Housing Manager, gave an update on the Future Jobs Fund, explaining that it assisted 18-24 year-olds by offering placements if they had been unemployed more than six months. This allowed them to gain skills and a work ethic, and a reference. Over a thousand young people had been taken on the programme in Leicestershire and the City Council had taken on 100, some of which were working on projects in Beaumont Leys, such as clearing Home Farm car park, Cross Hedge Close, Tilling Road and Bluegates Road. Work had also been done at Babington College to clear woodland for use as an outdoor classroom. It was hoped that some of these young people would gain apprenticeships with the Council. Leo reported that there was sufficient funding to retain the scheme for a year, but its future was uncertain following government decisions.

### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS BUDGET**

Leo Daniels, Neighbourhood Housing Manager, explained the Environmental Works budget, stating that £142,000 had been allocated to Beaumont Leys and Abbey for

projects to tackle large environmental projects that affected housing land and property. He stated that he aimed to set up a group of people, including residents, to work up ideas on how to allocate the funding for submission to the next meeting.

Councillor Westley stated that he, as Cabinet Lead had approved this funding across the city, and hoped that residents would get involved in preparing ideas for appropriate projects. Leo stated that this funding could also act as a catalyst for regenerating certain parts of the ward and bring in additional funding.

## **8. BARLEYCROFT HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

Carlym Sandringham invited residents to a fun day and health event at Barleycroft Healthy Living Centre on 9 August. There would be a range of fun activities and health promotions. The Chair encouraged all to support this event.

## **9. CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK**

Helena O'Brien, Conservation Officer, introduced a proposal to create a wetland on an extensive area of the Castle Hill Country Park. This would replace low quality grass land and introduce reed beds, ponds, meadow and trees to provide a habitat for a variety of wildlife, and also be a pleasant area for visitors. It would contribute towards the City's biodiversity plan. There would be a feasibility study and public consultation. Funding would be largely sought from Biffa.

It was noted that there was to be a walk in the area on 9 June, meeting at Astill Lodge Road. The Chair expressed his support and enthusiasm for the scheme.

## **10. CITY WARDEN**

Matthew Davidson introduced himself as the new City Warden for Beaumont Leys. He stated that he would deal with litter, flytipping, dog fouling and other environmental issues. He asked residents to keep him informed of issues. He also reported that a recent project had taken place to reduce the number of abandoned trolleys.

The Chair welcomed Matthew and asked that he give updates on his activities at future community meetings.

## **11. BUDGET**

Steve Letten, Member Support Officer, introduced applications for funding that had been submitted. He reported that three applications were received after the agenda was published, and papers were circulated at the meeting for these. He reported that, at the last meeting, it had been agreed to part fund the Police/ Mash Up bid with £1350 from the 2010-11 Ward Action Plan budget.

New applications were considered as follows:

**Installation of sleepers to stop cars parking on grassed area at Paterson Close - £1069 from Community Fund**

A resident outlined the problems and dangers faced at the site. Members agreed that such work was needed, but wished to defer consideration of the application for an investigation into whether the funding could come from other Council budgets. A representative of Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association stated that residents should work with the Association to support each other with such issues.

RESOLVED:

that consideration of the application be deferred to allow for investigation into whether the work could be funded from other Council budgets.

**Tuesday Friends Projects, Church of Christ the King – Summer outings for young parents and isolated older people - £1500 from Community Fund**

It was noted that this was deferred at the last meeting for the submission of a more coherent bid. Reverend Ford gave details about the bid, stating that it offered links between local people, as some of the young people were helping out with the older people's activities. Members discussed whether it would be more appropriate for activities for homeless families to be funded directly by the Council, but acknowledged pressures on the budget. It was agreed that the Chair would contact the Director of Housing Strategy and Options on this matter.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £1500 be allocated from the Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**Unity Boxing Club, ABA affiliation - £546 from Community Fund**

Ajmal Butt gave an update on the success of the club, noting that ABA affiliation would offer a development path for users, even to the Olympics. The club was currently full and there was further demand. Several high profile professionals were working with the club. The meeting noted that boxing had increased in popularity and the Council had recently funded a Boxing Development Officer post, recognising boxing's benefits and positive impact.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £546 be allocated from the Community fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**Boxercise4health, Boxercise to music courses - £1000 from the Community Fund**

Residents and Members expressed support for the application, and it was noted that this fitted with the Ward Action Plan priorities.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £1000 be allocated from the Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for

Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**UR Choice Young People's Project, Youth Lead project start up - £4,300 from Community Fund**

Representatives of the project were present and explained the vision of the project, stating that they would investigate what young people wanted in the area and set up activities. The vision was for a venue for a youth café offering a variety of facilities and services. In the long term they aimed to set up a trading arm to bring in income. Members expressed full support for the project, stating that it fitted in with the Ward Action Plan priorities. They asked that the Youth Service should offer facilities such as photocopier to the volunteers. Kim Thorrington offered these services to the group. A suggestion was made that Oak Farm Neighbourhood Centre could be considered as an appropriate venue.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £4300 be allocated from the Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**Leicester City Colts/Leicester City Ladies FC, training and equipment - £2422 from the Community Fund**

It was noted that 50% of the funding was being requested, as other wards were also being approached. Councillor Dempster suggested to Ian Dix that to ensure sustainability, support and advice could be sought from Wayne Allsop from Sport in Schools and Hamish MacDonald from Leicester North West Integrated Services.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £2422 be allocated from the Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**Cycling training scheme - £1400**

This application was reported verbally and recommended for approval, subject to checks of the application. It was considered to be necessary to agree in principle to allow for funding for the summer holidays. The application was for equipment such as tabards, locks, refreshments and for the training. The aim was to increase cycle safety and reduce the impact of cycle crime. Members considered that it fitted in with the Council's aims for a sustainable city.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported, subject to final checks and £1400 be allocated, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Residents were invited to a consultation and community engagement event at Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association on 26 June 11am to 4pm. This event would celebrate one year of the facility being open and to find out what was being done well and what should improve.

### **13. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.



# Appendix B1

## Ward Action Plan Budget Proposal Form

Please read the **Guide to the Community Plan Budget** 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 Community Plan Budget**.

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

B.leys

2. Title of proposal

Steve Walsh and Muzzey Izzet's summer football Academy

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

LCC sports services, Steve Walsh and Muzzey Izzet

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 and detailed, 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.

To build on the success of last years programme throughout the city and to again provide a summer football academy camp in co-operation with Steve Walsh & Muzzy Izzet Soccer Academy with the objective of providing local young people with skills based activities which achieve a level of social cohesion and diversionary activity within the Beaumont leys area. The project is aiming to break down the barriers young people may face in accessing quality structured sporting provision in the area. The football camps will provide quality structured coaching that will help tackle antisocial behaviour and vandalism in the area by providing structured activity and specialist coaching. The academies will bring together a variety of young people from across the ward and have them socially interacting with each other and developing positive relationships.

Coaching and other activities will be done in partnership with Steve Walsh & Muzzy Izzet Soccer Academy.

Up to 40 young people per day will benefit, along with associated benefits to

family members and subsequently the wider community. The football summer academy will introduce young people to a healthier lifestyle and get them actively involved in physical activity.

We will know the scheme has been successful by improving access to sporting provision which in turn will help the levels of antisocial behaviour and vandalism drop as there will be structured activity to divert youth from negative activity.

We will know the wider community will also benefit as they will see the positive activity and reduced antisocial behaviour and vandalism reportings across the area. Judging from the great reports that were received from this programme last year the programme had a good impact on the young people and it was something they felt was needed in the area.

5. Which priority or priorities in the Ward Action Plan does your proposal support? (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Priority number and priority description (taken from the Ward Action Plan)	
2	Issues relating to anti-social behaviour, often ascribed to young people who feel they have too little to do.
3	Vandalism – again ascribed to lack of activities and facilities for young people

6. Have you provided any supporting information?  Tick if yes

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

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?
Up to this value for specialist coaches( 3 FA qualified and Steve Walsh and Muzzey Izzet) inc expenses, admin and coaching	£1800	Estimate
Training equipment	£100	Estimate
Advertising etc	£350	Estimate
Trophies and Medals	£250	Estimate
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2500</b>	<b>Estimate</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

Partnership arrangements with Steve Walsh & Muzzy Izzet Soccer Academy  
We have worked closely in partnership with Steve Walsh & Muzzy Izzet Soccer Academy and brokered a deal in which they will provide a variety of prizes and giveaways to young people who attend the academies. We have also brokered a partnership deal that there will be ex-players present who will make guest appearances and offer advice and support within the programme. The young people from the ward will be able to meet their favourite players and interact with them.

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

Name of contact person	Surj Virk
Your position in organisation or group	Sports Regeneration Manager
Name of organisation or group	Leicester City Council
Address Sports Services A12 New Walk Centre Leicester LE1 6ZG	
Phone number 0116 252 6786/07870 558 714	Email <a href="mailto:Surjeeven.Virk@leicester.gov.uk">Surjeeven.Virk@leicester.gov.uk</a>

**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	Surj Virk
Your position in organisation or group	Sports Regeneration Manager
Name of organisation or group	Leicester City Council
Address Sports Services A12 New Walk Centre Leicester LE1 6ZG	
Phone number 0116 252 6786/07870 558 714	Email <a href="mailto:Surjeeven.Virk@leicester.gov.uk">Surjeeven.Virk@leicester.gov.uk</a>

11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Action Plan Budget* 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	Surjeeven Virk
Signature	Surjeeven Virk
Date	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2010

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