

**The Tudor Centre,
Bewcastle Grove
On Wednesday, 6 October 2010
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Community Meeting Budgets and General Council Enquiries
- Police Issues
- Local Community Centres
- Challenge and Support Service
- City Warden Service
- Curve Theatre
- Domestic Violence
- The Future Jobs Fund
- One Pass

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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

- Ward Policing Priorities – Have Your Say
- Community Safety Good News
- Housing Service Environmental Works Update
- Highways Maintenance Update
- City Wardens – find out about your new service
- The Abbey Ward Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Harshad Bhavsar
Councillor Annette Byrne
Councillor Colin Marriott**

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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

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.
Local Community Centres Find out about the programme of events up until Christmas for community centres in Abbey.	Challenge and Support Service Find out about ways of engaging with hard-to-reach young people.
City Warden Service Come and meet the City Warden for Abbey.	Domestic Violence Find out about strategies to assist victims of domestic violence.
The Curve Theatre Find out about the latest programme of events at the Curve Theatre.	Future Jobs Fund Find out details of the funding which has been made available to create new jobs.
One Pass Find out about savings and reductions for services for those aged over 60.	

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 Abbey Community Meeting, held on 17 June 2010, have been previously circulated 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. POLICING PRIORITIES

Sergeant Michelle Zakoscielny will be in attendance to provide an overview of the policing priorities for the Abbey Ward.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY GOOD NEWS

Sergeant Michelle Zakoscielny will provide an overview of recent positive developments in respect of community safety.

7. HOUSING SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS UPDATE

John Thomson, Area Housing Manager for Beaumont Leys and Mowmacre will be in attendance to provide an update on the Housing Service Environmental Works.

8. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Officers from Leicester City Council will be present to provide an update on highways maintenance issues.

9. CITY WARDENS

Kimberley Stones, City Warden, will be present to inform residents of the recent work of the City Warden's team in Abbey.

10. ABBEY WARD BUDGET

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, Members Support Officer, will give an update on the latest position with the Community Meeting budget.

The following applications for grants have been submitted for consideration:

Application 1

Applicant: The Welcome Club

Amount: £500

Proposal: To take pensioners on a day out

Summary: This application is to take 40-45 senior citizens on a day out. All Members live in the Abbey Ward.

Application 2

Applicant: The Tuesday Social Bingo Club

Amount: £65

Proposal: A taxi/mini-bus for Tuesday Social Bingo Christmas Dinner.

Summary: We are going for a Christmas meal in early December and will be hiring a taxi/mini-bus to transport the group both ways. All 13 members will attend. All Members live on or around Mowmacre Hill, Beaumont Leys and Stocking Farm. We go for a meal each year, so I would be sending an invoice of the hired mini bus fare. All Members are elderly so having a mini-bus/taxi would be easier for us.

Application 3

Applicant: Thursday Social Bingo

Amount: £70

Proposal: Gift for all members of the Thursday Social Bingo Christmas Party

Summary: We are going for a Christmas meal in early December. Each year we pay out most of our money collected over the year. It would be nice to give a gift of chocolates or biscuits to each member. We have 24 members coming from Mowmacre Hill and the Stocking Farm Estate. If our application is successful, we would send in receipts of gifts bought. Most of our Members are elderly and enjoy their bingo, plus it is also a social evening and everyone gets on well together and also helps each other.

Application 4

Applicant: Friends of Abbey Park

Amount: £3,000

Proposal: Woodland Walk

Summary: This application is to improve access to the Abbey Park Pound which over looks the parks fountain and boating lake, by holding a woodland walk in October/November 2010. it aims to do the following:

1. To link with local schools for environmental education as part of a Younger Park Ranger scheme.
2. For community use as a tree trail, healthy walks and educational awareness.
3. To encourage local wildlife with habitat creation.
4. To work with apprenticeship schemes to encourage horticultural

teaching.

5. We aim to run a family event on a Saturday and Sunday in November to encourage healthy lifestyles to users, by planting bulbs and shrubs as part of the 'Community Bulb Planting Scheme' where we will work in partnership with LCC Parks Services by running a community fun day.
6. This will be evidenced by the event taking place.
7. Photographic evidence will be available.
8. We will also hand out community consultation questionnaires.
9. Ward Councillors will be invited to visit the area for a guided walk once the project is completed.

Application 5

Applicant: UR Choice Young People's Project

Amount: £4,843

Proposal: UR choice young peoples project start up in Abbey.

Summary: We are looking for funds to support us in setting up a new youth lead project within the Leicester North west area. We have already started work over the summer with support from the Beaumont Leys ward and would like to ask for some support to start delivering services within the Mowmacre Hill, Stocking Farm and Abbey Rise areas. We want to start with carrying out a community profile (including identifying current priority issues through statistics, mapping provision currently available and consulting with young people themselves). As well as working with local young people to develop ideas and run activities and sessions throughout the year. (we intend to use detached and outreach as our main methods, working closely with the city detached youth work team and stocking farm youth centre).

The money would be spent on establishing our selves as a project we need to extend our insurance, support young volunteers with training opportunities and expenses (travel and child care for young parents), to get internet and phone connection for the project along with other resources to support the project local room hire, printing, copying and stationery and sessional workers where needed (the majority of workers involved in the project work voluntary). Along with new and up to date CRB's and id. As well as a leaflet produced after the community profile and consultation with young people to advertise the project and get young people involved, promote understanding of young people and their issues, and promote other facilities for young people and services they can be supported by.

The project will be aimed at local young people 13 to 19 (up to 25 with support needs) we will start engaging with young people to

develop new projects and funding applications based on their ideas. We will aim to consult and engage with 200 young people in the first 6 months, with at least 2 young people lead funding applications for local programmes that address local issues and young peoples interests.

Application 6

Applicant: Stocking Farm Tenants

Amount: £655

Proposal: Stocking Farm/Abbey Rise Christmas Fete

Summary: A cultural Christmas event for all communities and ages, encouraging community cohesion and bringing the neighbourhood together.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT 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

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