

Abbey Community Meeting

**Stocking Farm Youth and
Community Centre,
Marwood Road
On Wednesday, 19 January 2011
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:-

- Policing Issues – information from the police relevant to your area
- Local Community Centres
- City Wardens Service
- The Phoenix Film and Digital Media Centre
- Health Through Warmth
- BIFFA Update
- General Council Enquiries

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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
- Health Through Warmth
- BIFFA update
- Housing Service Update
- City Wardens Service update
- Grant applications

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.
The Phoenix Film and Digital Media Centre Find out about the latest programme of events at the Phoenix.	Local Community Centres Find out about what is happening at your local community centres.
City Wardens Talk to your local warden about their work in Abbey.	Biffa Meet and talk with representatives from Biffa Leicester.
Health Through Warmth Officers from the Home Energy Office will give advice on how this scheme can help those vulnerable to the cold due to ill health.	

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 Abbey Community Meeting, held on 6 October 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. WARD POLICING PRIORITIES - HAVE YOUR SAY!

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. HEALTH THROUGH WARMTH

Officers from the Home Energy Office will be present to provide advice on how the Health Through Warmth Scheme can help those vulnerable to the cold due to ill health.

8. BIFFA UPDATE

Representatives from Biffa Leicester will be present to provide an update on services within the Abbey Ward.

9. HOUSING SERVICES UPDATE

John Thomson, Area Housing Manager for Beaumont Leys and Mowmacre will be in attendance to provide an update on Housing Services in the Abbey Ward.

10. CITY WARDENS SERVICE UPDATE

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

11. 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.

Steve Letten, Members Support Officer, will give an update on the latest position with the Community Meeting budget. The latest budget statement is attached.

The following applications for grants have been submitted for consideration:

Application 1

Applicant: St Margaret's Church Leicester City Council

Amount: £4,284

Proposal: Renewing the Central Heating Boiler in the Vestry Hall

Summary: The central heating boiler that serves the Vestry Hall has failed

and a new boiler was urgently required. The Hall is used by the church for social occasions (i.e coffee mornings, choir rehearsals, and in January 2011 as a refuge for 8 homeless men once a week). It also has toilets and these are heated by the same system. The Vestry Hall is used nearly every day, as it's the kitchen, which is also part of the hall. The failure of the existing heating boiler has caused a lot of problems, especially in the cold weather we have been experiencing.

Application 2

Applicant: UR Choice Young People's Project

Amount: £4,843

Proposal: UR Choice Young People's 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 people's interests.

12. 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

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