

Westcotes Community Meeting

**Main Hall, East West Community
Project, 10 Wilberforce Road,
Leicester LE3 0BG
On Tuesday, 30 November 2010
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts:

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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

- De Montfort University
- Community Meeting Budgets & Enquiries
- Police Issues
- General Council Matters and Other Issues
- City Warden

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

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

- De Montfort University and Westcotes Ward
- Implications of the Comprehensive Spending Review for Leicester
- Elected Mayor Consultation
- Police Issues in the Westcotes Ward
- Ward Community Meeting Budget 2010/11

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell**

Making Meetings Accessible to All

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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

<p>De Montfort University Talk to representatives of De Montfort University</p>	<p>Community Meeting Budgets & Enquiries Make any general enquiries about matters in the Westcotes Ward or discuss how you can apply for funding towards a community project</p>
<p>Police Issues Talk to your local Police about issues or raise general queries</p>	<p>City Warden Service Talk to the City Warden about issues in the Westcotes Ward</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 meeting held on 21 September 2010 are enclosed 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. DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY AND WESTCOTES WARD

Professor Dominic Shellard, Vice Chancellor of De Montfort University, will be present at the meeting to discuss student accommodation and associated green space. Rick Moore, representing Jamie Lewis Residential lettings agency, also will be present.

6. IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW FOR LEICESTER

The Ward Councillors will lead a discussion on the implications of the Government's recent Comprehensive Spending Review for Leicester.

7. ELECTED MAYOR CONSULTATION

The Ward Councillors will lead a discussion on the consultation process

regarding proposals for an Elected Mayor in Leicester.

8. POLICE ISSUES IN THE WESTCOTES WARD

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will be present to discuss policing issues in the Westcotes Ward.

9. WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET 2010/11

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 provide an update on the 2010/11 Community Meeting budget.

Application 1

Applicant: King Richard III Infant and Nursery School

Proposal: Installation of Cycle Racks for children and adults

Amount: 2 Minipods (to store 7/8 bikes each) – £1,500

Summary: It is proposed to install a selection of cycle racks for the children and adults of the school, to enable them to keep their bikes safe throughout the school day. This idea was suggested by a number of parents and further research suggested that a cycle rack would inspire other children and parents to use this healthier mode of transport.

A travel plan was created, which outlined the School's intentions and research results collected from a large selection of parents, staff and pupils.

Staff also were very keen on this idea and, of those staff living close enough to cycle to school, a significant number would consider this if there was a safe and secure place to store their bikes throughout the day.

Various options for cycle racks have been investigated and a company found called 'Cyclepods', whose design for the racks appeared to be in keeping with the school's bright and inviting appearance.



Along with the installation of the cycle racks, it is planned to develop the safe use of bikes in the School's teaching. Ideally, it is hoped to invite in an external group of people who specialise in teaching bike safety to younger children and maybe link this up with a whole school 'Bike Safety Week', as well as linking in with the local police officers, who have offered to come into school and security mark the children's bikes.

It is aimed to complete all aspects of this project by the end of the spring term, to encourage children, parents and staff to ride their bikes to school during the nicer weather that the summer term usually brings.

Application 2

Applicant: Churches Together

Proposal: Churches Together Youth Club

Amount: £1,256.43

Summary: The Youth Club will meet at the Robert Hall Memorial Church Hall every Friday at about 8.00 pm after Christmas during term time. It will be aimed at secondary school children, who come from all backgrounds in the area. The Youth Club aims to teach them basic morals for life and create friendships for those who may not have any.

It is planned to spend the money requested on things such as instruments, craft material and games, which it is hoped will help people to work together, or just create friendships. It also is intended to have some relaxed time and some teaching.

The organisers say they will know it is successful if they see the young people working together and enjoying themselves. They feel that the Youth Club could really benefit some of the young people who perhaps do not have many advantages by providing them with bonds with other children.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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