

Thurnby Lodge Community Centre On Monday, 5 July 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:-

- Highways and Transportation
- City Wardens Service – ‘One Clean Leicester’ and the new graffiti removal programme.
- ‘One Pass’
- Housing Issues
- Smoking Reduction
- Organ Donation Programme
- Police Issues

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Highways and Transportation Issues
- City Wardens
- Housing Issues
- Update on Policing Issues
- Sport Unlimited
- Ward Action Plan
- Ward Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor John Allen
Councillor Caroline Scuplak**

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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.
Organ Donation Campaign To receive information on the latest organ donation campaign.	City Warden Obtain information on the services available including the 'One Clean Leicester' and Anti-graffiti' programmes.
Smoking Reduction Find out about the latest campaign to encourage smoking reduction.	'One Pass' Find out about entitlements available to concessionary bus-pass holders.
Highways and Transportation Talk to officers about highways and transportation issues in Thurncourt.	

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

Members are asked to 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 Thurncourt Community Meeting, held on 26 April, 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. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Updates on local Highways issues will be considered as follows:

- 1) An update on the installation of the replacement bus shelter on Thurncourt Road/Bowhill Grove
- 2) An update on other Highways issues, including Nursery Road traffic calming.

6. POLICING ISSUES

An update will be given on local policing issues with reference to crime statistics for the Thurncourt Ward.

7. CITY WARDENS

The City Wardens team will give a presentation on the role of the City Warden locally and will inform residents of their action plan for the Thurncourt Ward.

8. HOUSING ISSUES

Neil Rouse, Neighbourhood Housing Manager, will be in attendance to provide an update to the Community Meeting on housing improvement work within the ward.

9. SPORT UNLIMITED

Officers from Sports Development, Leicester City Council will be in attendance to provide information on 'Sport Unlimited', a scheme to increase and retain participation for young people in a variety of sports.

10. WARD ACTION PLAN

Francis Connolly, Members' Support Officer, will present further work that has been carried out in updating the Ward Action Plan for Thurncourt, following discussions at the last meeting.

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.

The meeting will consider the following application for funding that has been received:

Thurnby Lodge Tenants and Residents Association – Community Newsletter-request for £500.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be Thurncourt Community Meetings on the following dates:

Monday 4 October 2010
Monday 10 January 2011
Monday 4 April 2011

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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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.

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Thurncourt Community Meeting

Appendix A

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Monday, 26 April 2010

Held at: Thurnby Lodge Community Centre, Thurncourt Road

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor John Allen

Councillor Caroline Scuplak

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.

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	City Warden Meet your City Warden and discuss environmental issues
Recycling Find out about waste management and recycling	Clockwise Credit Union Find out about the Credit Union's services
LINK Find out how you can be involved in scrutinising local health providers	

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.

37. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Scuplak was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Richard Harrold, Senior City Warden and Trevor Taylor.

39. 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.

Councillor Scuplak declared a prejudicial interest in the budget application for the Thurnby Lodge Carnival, as she was Chair of the Thurnby Lodge Forum. She stated that she would not take part in the discussion, but, with the full agreement of attendees, that she would remain in the room.

40. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Thurncourt Community Meeting, held on 25 January 2010, were agreed as a correct record.

With regard to the item concerning housing issues, Neil Rouse, Neighbourhood Housing Manager, explained that work has started on carriageway widening at the top of Rosshill Crescent and would then move to Drumcliff Road.

41. RAVEN YOUTH CENTRE

Callie Buchanan, Senior Youth Support Worker, explained the current programme and future plans for the Raven Youth Centre. He stated that there were three youth club nights, each with a different emphasis, such as a girls' drama group, basic cooking, or sports. Usage had increased recently. Callie also explained that a three-week summer programme was being prepared, and funding was being sought from the Positive Action for Young People fund. A summer football tournament was also being arranged with the Willowbrook Youth Activity Centre.

Initial behavioural problems were being overcome by the ground rules that had been established, and there had been a vast improvement. Issues with young people causing trouble from outside the ward were being dealt with by the police.

Members expressed concern about continuity of service at the Raven, and Callie said that a recent spell when the centre was closed was due to sickness.

Contingencies had been put in place so that it would not happen again. Members also asked what work had taken place to build links with the Willowbrook Activity Centre, and it was reported that discussions were taking place, but were hindered by funding issues. Graham Cornish from the Willowbrook Youth Activity Centre pointed out that they may have to close over the summer holiday due to funding, stating that it was not possible to bid for a 12-month programme.

The meeting discussed further issues, such as trips out, which would have to be heavily subsidised, use of the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, potential to reward good behaviour and respect, and the need for a new noticeboard to attract new users.

The Chair thanked Callie and offered an open invitation for him to take part in future meetings.

42. HIGHWAYS

Steve James, Transport Development Officer, gave an update on highways issues that had been previously raised. The main issues covered were:

BOWHILL GROVE

The Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines had been advertised, and would be followed by a three week objection period. Subject to no objections being received, the work could start at the end of May.

NURSERY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

Developers' plans had not been acceptable according to the Council's traffic calming policy. However, a new product on the market was being considered for the whole road. Responses from the residents' consultation had been mixed. A report would now be prepared for the Director taking comments into account. This was an opportunity to have traffic calming installed at no cost to the Council, as it was to be funded from contributions from the developer.

Issues regarding the impact of existing speed bumps in the vicinity, and the location of the proposed new ones were discussed. Residents were assured that no work would take place that had not been consulted on.

REINSTATEMENT OF PAVEMENTS ON SCRAPTOFT LANE

Inspection and reinstatement would be carried out when the works had finished. These works would be guaranteed for two years and any future problems could be reported to the Council who would pursue reinstatement with the utilities company concerned.

BUS SHELTERS

A bus shelter on Thurncourt Road/Bowhill Grove had been removed due to vandalism. It was low on the priority list for a replacement. A new shelter was to be installed on Colchester Road at the end of May. Some objections had been received to the proposals.

It was agreed that an officer should attend the next meeting to discuss bus shelter issues in more detail, including the criteria used when prioritising the installation of bus shelters.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

These had been piloted with a favourable impact. A report was to be submitted to Councillors recommending that they be rolled out city wide. Concerns about trees obscuring the signs on Scraptoft Lane would be reported and the trees would be trimmed. Otherwise, the signs were movable.

OTHER ISSUES

A resident asked whether the City Council had plans to reduce street lighting, as the County Council were already turning some lights off. It was confirmed that the City Council had no such plans.

The meeting discussed how the Council was dealing with pot holes. It was noted that some funding had been received from the Government and the Council had postponed some major schemes in order to pay for the unprecedented number of pot holes that needed repair after the cold winter. Residents could report them to the Council's main number, 252 7000, and they would be repaired quickly. In response to concerns, it was confirmed that money for pavement repairs was not being redirected to pot holes.

43. CLOCKWISE CREDIT UNION

George Puszczynski, from Clockwise Credit Union, explained the services on offer, stating that it was a community-based savings and loans co-operative, run by and for the community. It encouraged regular saving and offered small, affordable loans to people, including those who had been excluded by banks. By doing this, they allowed people to overcome problems caused by high interest short-term loans and loan sharks. Savings were rewarded by dividends, rather than interest.

Members welcomed the work of the Credit Union, recognising how they had assisted people in debt. They also noted that, due to the way people were advised, there was a very low level of write-off of bad debts. In response to public questions, George advised that, if there were sufficient volunteers in the community, a branch could be set up in Thurncourt.

The Chair thanked George for the information.

44. CITY WARDEN

Barbara Whitcombe, City Wardens Manager, gave an update on the work of City Wardens in Leicester. She introduced Darren Evans, the new City Warden for Thurncourt.

Barbara outlined current issues. These included the availability of litter pick kits for use on community tidy up days, and a new initiative for texting or emailing pictures of

problems to the Council's website for them to be dealt with. This website would also allow for "before and after" photos. If people did not have access to a PC, they could still call 252 7001 to report problems, or use PCs at libraries or the Thurnby Lodge Community Centre. Work was being done on a six-month action plan and Councillors would comment on this when it was available.

Residents asked if action would be taken on dog fouling, and it was reported that there was to be a summer campaign to tackle the issue. Wheelie bins on streets would also be targeted. Darren was also asked to contribute to the TARA newsletter and attend the next TARA meeting, Darren agreed to this.

Barbara encouraged people to report any environmental issues they came across so that they could be dealt with.

45. POLICE UPDATE

As no police officers were present at the meeting, this item was deferred.

46. WARD ACTION PLAN

Francis Connolly, Member Support Officer, introduced an updated Ward Action Plan following discussions at the last meeting.

Four priorities had been identified which reflected recent issues raised at meetings and changing needs in the ward.

- Highways and Transportation, including parking, poor pavements and other highways issues
- Crime and disorder
- Environmental improvements including litter and grass cutting
- Youth services, and employment and training

Francis explained that the plan would be updated for each meeting, and Councillors were keen to get more public input into the plan. Francis asked people to fill in surveys and to pass them on to people who may be interested in contributing to the action plan. These were to be sent out to local centres and the TARA. Any information submitted on each of the priorities would be taken into account.

47. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

Francis Connolly, Member Support Officer, explained that £17,000 in total was now available, consisting of £10,000 for the Ward Action Plan, £5,000 for the Community Fund and £2,000 for the Community Cohesion Fund.

Councillor Scuplak did not take part in the following discussion.

Francis introduced an application for £2,025 for the Carnival Day. The meeting discussed the costs for stewards and it was reported that this was good value, and an appropriate number of stewards. It was noted that each carnival had been

organised by a different community group, which had shown how active they were in the ward. Everyone present supported the application.

AGREED: that the application for £2,025 from the Community Fund be supported.

48. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was informed of a planning application for 15 dwellings on the garage and taxi firm site on Thurncourt Road. It was felt that this would be an enhancement of the area. It was reported that recently, documents had been found, outlining proposals from the 1970s for a sports hall on the ball court behind the Community Centre. The Community Association had expressed an interest in resurrecting the proposals, and asked for the possibility of Section 106 funding from the new development to be considered.

The meeting discussed the Willowbrook Park, and suggested that the park should receive official status, and the wetland be restored.

Concern was raised that grass was not being properly cut around recently-installed railings on Stornoway Road. Neil Rouse stated that these areas should be cut and trimmed. He agreed to raise the issue to get it done properly.

Mebis Bachoo from Sports Services reported that funding was available from Sport Unlimited for 12-19 year-olds' sports activities. Sports Services hoped to get involved with the Raven Centre. Mebis was invited to discuss this at the next meeting.

Residents raised further issues as follows:

- A flood information pack was available in the foyer of the Community Centre, which gave advice on how to deal with flooding.
- More grit bins were needed before next winter.
- The Community Centre hall needed to be refurbished to bring it up to date.
- Double decker buses that weren't accessible had started appearing on the 53 route. Arriva should be told to put accessible buses on.

49. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.

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Appendix B

Please read the Guide to the Community Fund before you fill in this form

Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

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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 Community Fund.

Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

- 1 JUN 2010

Section 1: Budget Proposal

RECEIVED
MEMBERS' SUPPORT

1. Name of Ward

THURN COURT

2. Title of proposal

PRINTING AND DELIVERING 3,000 TARA NEWS LETTERS TO HOMES IN THE AREA.

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

DENIS SMITH. TREASURER THURNBY LODGE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS. ASS.

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.

PRINTING COSTS. DELIVERY COSTS OF NEWS LETTER TENANTS AND RESIDENTS BY INFORMATION GIVEN. BY NEWS AND EVENTS IN THE THURNBY LODGE AREA. THE NEWS LETTER WILL BE DELIVERED IN JULY 2010 AND RESULTS OF FEED BACK WILL BE VERBALLY BY PROVIDING THIS SERVICE IT WILL HELP SENIOR CITIZENS DISABLED AND HOUSE-BOUND.

5. Have you provided supporting information?

Tick if yes

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

£500

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.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
PRINTING COST (LAST INVOICE ENCLOSED)	380	COST
DELIVERING 3,000 NEWS LETTERS (@ 4 PENCE EACH.)	120	COST
Total	500	

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

N/A

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

Name of contact person	MR DENIS SMITH
Your position in organisation or group	TREASURER.
Name of organisation or group	THURNBY LODGETENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASS.

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	DENIS SMITH
Your position in organisation or group	TREASURER.
Name of organisation or group	THURNBY LODGETENANTS & RES ASS
Address	
Phone number	
Email	

I have read the *Guide to the 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	MR. DENIS SMITH.
Signature	D. Smith.
Date	25-5-2010.

INVOICE

Leaflet 2 Us

INVOICE TLTAN_0409
DATE: APRIL 7, 2009

TO Thurnby Lodge TA
Thurncourt Road
Leicester

SHIP TO Thurnby Lodge Community Centre
Thurncourt Road
Leicester

SALESPERSON	JOB	SHIPPING METHOD	SHIPPING TERMS	DELIVERY DATE	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
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QTY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
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TOTAL DISCOUNT -----

PAID CASH ON DELIVERY NO
1002835

SUBTOTAL	380.00
VAT	-----
TOTAL	380.00

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