

Thurncourt Community Meeting

**Thurnby Lodge Youth & Community
Centre, Thurncourt Road, LE5 2NG
On Monday, 4 October 2010
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

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

- Health Through Warmth Scheme
- Housing Issues
- Highways & Transportation
- Environmental Improvements
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues
- Community Meeting Budgets and Enquiries

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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

- Housing Issues
- Highways & Transportation Issues
- City Wardens
- Update on Police Issues
- Thurncourt Ward Action Plan
- Ward Budget 2010/11

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

Health Through Warmth Scheme Officers from the Home Energy Office will give advice on how this scheme can help those vulnerable to the cold due to ill health	Housing Issues Speak to officers about any issues regarding to Council-owned housing
Highways & Transportation Speak to officers about highways and transportation issues in Thurncourt	Environmental Improvements Find out more about environmental improvements in the area
City Warden Service Talk to the City Warden about issues in the Thurncourt Ward	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues in the Ward, or raise general queries
Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	

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

The minutes of the Thurncourt Community Meeting held on 5 July 2010 have been circulated and Members are asked to approve 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 ISSUES

- a) Chrissie Field, Leicester City Council's Area Housing Manager for Humberstone and Rowlatts Hill, will be present at the meeting to talk about her role.
- b) Suzanne Collins, Property Lettings Manager with Leicester City Council, will give a presentation on the Council's Choice Based Lettings system.

6. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Officers will be at the meeting to discuss Highways and Transportation issues, including:-

- a) Road Re-surfacing – Leicester City Council's general policy, including short-term pothole repairs and longer-term resurfacing works;
- b) Traffic Calming in Nursery Road;

- c) Accidents at the junction of The Parkway and Havencrest Drive; and
- d) Relocating the unused bus shelter in Bowhill Grove

7. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

The City Warden will be present at the meeting to give an update on issues in the area.

8. UPDATE ON POLICING ISSUES

Sergeant Daniel Graham of Leicestershire Constabulary will be at the meeting to discuss policing matters in Thurncourt Ward and provide a breakdown of crime statistics for the Ward.

9. WARD 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.

- a) The Members Support Officer will give an update on the latest position with the Community Meeting budget.
- b) The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:

Application 1

Applicant: Application completed by Shelly Osborne, Community Development Worker, Thurnby Lodge Children's Centre

Proposal: Parents get active in Thurnby Lodge!

Amount:

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Venue Hire (£9.10 per hour)		£273.00
Instructor Costs (x2 per week @ £20hr)		£600.00
Equipment		£300
Free Child Care		In Kind
Free Walk Leader Training		In Kind
Total		£1,173

Summary: Four week taster sessions were organised at Thurnby Lodge Children's Centre and free child care was offered to the parents during each session. These sessions saw 15 regular parents each week and a waiting list of parents wanting to be part of the sessions.

Taking these sessions forward, the parents would like a more long term solution on their journey to lead a more active lifestyle so linking in with Leicester City Council's 3x30 Pledge Campaign.

The Ward funding would go towards two weekly sessions in Thurnby Lodge over a period of 15 weeks. The money will go towards a larger venue to enable more parents to attend these sessions. In turn the Children's Centre will continue to offer free child care during one of these sessions, to overcome the barrier of child care. The two sessions we are looking to fund are Aerobics, to be held at the Thurnby Lodge Neighbourhood Community Centre, and the third session will be a led buggy walk, where parents and their children can take part. We will be looking for a parent to take a Walk Leader course (at no cost to them) to then deliver this session weekly from the Sure Start Centre. This will mean parents attending these three sessions will be hitting their recommended 3x30, which will enable them to receive the rewards associated with this scheme. The parents have agreed to contribute £1.00 per session, so this would go into a pot for the group to continue to sustain the sessions after the Ward funding has finished.

The funding also will help towards venue hire, equipment for the group and Instructor costs.

The success of this application can be monitored through the 3x30 pledge campaign as users can be tracked at each completed stage over a 36 week period.

If this application is successful, the work to get the sessions up and running would happen straight away. These sessions will be open to all the community in Thurnby Lodge, with the option to parents from Thurnby Lodge Sure start Centre to use the free crèche facilities if required.

Application 2

Applicant: Christchurch PCC

Proposal: Refurbishment of Chairs at Christchurch, Thurnby Lodge

Amount: £1,500 + VAT

Summary: The church chairs at Christchurch are badly in need of re-foaming and re-upholstery. Most of the chairs are fraying and splitting at the corners of the seats. The foam has virtually disappeared. Anyone using the church, (eg, the usual congregation, weddings, funerals, baptisms and the Sunday School), will feel the benefit immensely.

We are trying to raise funding through voluntary contributions and table top sales. So far we have raised approximately £500. Should we be successful in our bid we would like to offer to the Ward Community Meeting free use of the church hall for any future meetings, which may benefit all concerned over a period of time, negotiable between the parties concerned.

10. THURNCOURT WARD ACTION PLAN

The Members Services Officer will provide an update on the Thurncourt Ward Action Plan.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Further Thurncourt Community Meetings will be held as follows:-

Monday, 17 January 2011

Monday, 4 April 2011

The Information Fair at each meeting will start at 6.00 pm and the main meeting will start at 6.30 pm.

The meetings will be held at Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre, Thurncourt Road, LE3 2NG.

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.

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