

**The Highfields Centre
Melbourne Road
On Monday, 4 October 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:-

- Community Meeting Budgets & Enquiries
- Police Issues
- General Council Matters and Other Issues
- Curve Theatre
- City Warden

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Drug Prevention
- Highways Issues
- Spinney Ward Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Hanif Aqbany
Councillor Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury
Councillor Mohammed Dawood**

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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.
City Warden Talk to your local Warden about their work within Spinney Hills	Curve Theatre Find out about the latest programme of events at the Curve Theatre.
Community Meeting Budgets and Enquiries Speak to officers from the City Council about the community meeting budget process	

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 Spinney Hills Community Meeting, held on 28 June, 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. REDUCING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Representatives from Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Constabulary will be present to talk about ways of reducing anti-social behaviour.

6. DRUG PREVENTION

Officers from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team will be present to discuss drug prevention measures.

7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Officers from the City Council will be present to provide an update on Highways and Transportation Issues in Spinney Hills.

8. 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: Highfields Area Forum (HAF)

Amount: £2,666

Proposal: Highfields Area Plan

Summary: With the support of SRB 2 funding, HAF commissioned Waverley Consultants to prepare an Area Plan and this was completed in early 2004. Unfortunately, this coincided with the severe reductions to Leicester City Council funded services in this area and it was decided to shelve the Plan's launch.

Six years later and in the absence of any substantial updated information about the area, HAF have prioritised the updating of the 2004 Area Plan. This will involve employing a consultant over a 6 month period to:

1. Review the 2004 Plan
2. Update the information with current information
3. Arrange a series of meetings with major service providers to identify and assess their responses to the Plan
4. Produce a draft Plan for consultation with HAF members
5. Convene a day conference to discuss the Plan with key stakeholders, including local residents, agencies and businesses
6. Prepare a report, identifying priority actions and time scales for implementation
7. Circulate 200 reports to all local agencies and the relevant service providers and other key stakeholders.

Application 2

Applicant: Kim Gordon

Amount: £440

Proposal: Leicester Inter-Faith Gardening Work Project

Summary: Each year volunteers undertake practical gardening tasks in the grounds of different places of worship in Leicester. The project enables faith communities to work together.

Application 3

Applicant: DANSOM

Amount: £2,700

Proposal: Youth and Adult basketball

Summary: We want to run this Project for Basketball group including young people over 16 and adults up to 60 years and most of them are over 50. They will train once a week together in Highfields Centre for two hrs.. This project is partly for community cohesion so the adults and the young people can create good relation to each other and the adults are always there for the young people when they need help and advice. This project plays big role in health improvement and integration of the young and the adults.

The participants come from deprived areas of Spinney Hill Ward. Most of the adults are job seekers or income support. Most of the youths' parents are income support.

We will spend most of the money for the rent of the premises and small amount for equipment.

The above-mentioned group will benefit from this project and they will benefit as soon as the project starts and as long as it is going. We will inform you the progress of the project twice; at the mid-term evaluation and the final evaluation.

Application 4

Applicant: Essensual Rejuvenation Dance and Fitness (ER Dance)

Amount: £1,843

Proposal: Community Pod Village

Summary: What we would like to do is host a Community Pod Village event on 10th and 13th August 2010, in partnership with the local organisations and community groups.

The Pod Village is a brand new initiative that we have piloted in The Braunstone Area with huge success and support from local voluntary organisations & public sector.

We have been approached by a number of partners in the Spinney Hill area (Bouncing Fit) who have heard about the positive benefits of the Youth Pod events and want to help organise and deliver community focused events during the school summer holidays to target and engage with hard to reach Communities.

The pod villages are a mix of different size portable pop up shelters, each shelter host a different activity and includes something for everybody from DJing workshops, Cheerleading, Aerobics', Street Dance, Boccia (Disability Sport), Arts & Crafts partnership information and joined up working with the local Police (Contact - Will Cheshire). And Fire service (Contact-Dave Everett)

We monitor all the work we provide by photographic and video evidence, we record the total number of people who attend and we record age, ethnicity, sex and postcode for each participant of an activity. This enables us to evidence the success of each event.

The main target groups for the pod villages are disengaged young people, ethnic minorities and females.

We are also seeking to hold similar community-based activities in Evington and Humberstone. We have also applied to these wards separately for funding under the Ward Community Fund.

Application 5

Applicant: Muslim Burial Council

Amount: £1,968

Proposal: Multi-Lingual Educational Publication Project

Summary: To help us in preparing educational publications for the benefit of the various newly arrived communities (such as the Somali, Afghan and Iraqi etc) in accessing service provisions in relation to death and bereavement.

The publications will also help existing residents in recognising

the differences between differing faiths.

The publications will take the form of leaflets and more importantly a guide that will comprise of sections dedicated to eight major faiths and of people with no faith.

The publication will also be targeted to the statutory and voluntary agencies such as the police, Church's, Gurdwara, Mosques and Temples etc top assist them in understanding the 'other perspective.

MBCOL is a ' not for profit' Charity working with its main partner, Leicester City Council, Police, registration Service, NHS and the Ambulance service and more importantly the various faith communities.

9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Spinney Hills Community Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday 17 January 2011

Monday 4 April 2011

10. 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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