

Thurncourt Community Meeting

**Thurnby Lodge Youth & Community
Centre, Thurncourt Road, LE5 2NG
On Monday, 17 January 2011
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
 - Community Safety
 - Recent and Proposed Changes to Benefits
 - 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:**

- Update on Police Issues
- City Warden Service
- Community Transport
- Highways Issues
- Ward Budget 2010/11
- Discussion on Elected Mayor Arrangements

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor John Allen
Councillor Caroline Scuplak**

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>Health Through Warmth Scheme</p> <p>Officers from the Home Energy Office will give advice on how this scheme can help those vulnerable to the cold due to ill health</p>	<p>Community Safety</p> <p>Officers will be present to discuss concerns and issues relating to community safety</p>
<p>Recent and Proposed Changes to Benefits</p> <p>Information will be available on changes to benefits over the last year and proposed future changes.</p>	<p>Police Issues</p> <p>Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries</p>
<p>City Warden Service</p> <p>Talk to the City Warden about issues in the Thurncourt Ward</p>	<p>Ward Councillors and General Information</p> <p>Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries</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

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 4 October 2010 have been circulated 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. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Representatives of the Community Transport service will be at the meeting to give a verbal update on community transport opportunities in the City.

6. UPDATE ON POLICING ISSUES

Sergeant Danny Graham and PCSO James Edwards of Leicestershire Constabulary will be at the meeting to discuss policing matters in Thurncourt Ward.

7. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

The City Warden will be at the meeting to give a presentation on issues in the area.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Officers from Highways Maintenance will be present to will provide an update on issues previously raised by the Meeting and to answer questions on highways maintenance.

9. WARD BUDGET 2010/11

Appendix A

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. A copy of the Thurncourt Ward Meeting Budget as at January 2011 is attached for information.

b) The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:-

Application 1

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge & District Community Association

Proposal: Wheelchair replacement

Amount:	Item	Cost	Amount Requested
	Wheelchair A – self-propelled	£233.83 inc VAT	£250.00
	Wheelchair B – attendant propelled	£293.75 inc VAT	£250.00
		Total requested:	£500.00

Summary: The Association previously had provided two wheelchairs for use within the Centre in emergencies. They were used if people needed to transfer from their own powered chairs in order to access parts of the building they otherwise would not be able to use, (for example, the library, or the Annexe at the rear of the building).

The two original chairs have been scrapped, because of damage and general wear and tear.

The chairs will not only be used in the Centre, but will be available for use in the community.

An initial discussion on this application was held at the Thurncourt Community Meeting on 4 October 2010. At that meeting, the view was expressed that this was the type of application the Meeting was likely to support, but no commitment could be given until full information was known.

Application 2

Applicant: The Seabrook Club (Tuesday)

Proposal: To fund a coach to take senior citizens of the Seabrook Club on a trip in the spring

Amount: Estimated cost of coach: £350
Estimated entrance fees (50 x £3): £150

Summary: The funding of a coach in the spring to take members of the Tuesday Club at Ocean Road Community Centre to the bulb fields, or other place of interest. Receipts for the bus and entrance fees will be produced after the event.

No other funding has been sought, or obtained, from other organisations.

Application 3

Applicant: Mrs B Ayres

Proposal: Assistance with funding for the Tuesday Evening Bingo Club

Amount: Weekly rental of hall – £300

Summary: Funding is requested towards rental costs to avoid the cessation of the Club after many years. This will benefit members who have attended the club for many years from all over Thurnby Lodge estate.

The Community Association has purchased a quantity of bingo books, but rental costs need addressing for the coming year.

Application 4

Applicant: Leicester City Council – Road Safety Team

Proposal: The Parkway/Havencrest Drive – Proposed Road Traffic Accident Remedial Scheme

Amount:

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Provision of Give Way Sign on new Plinth Post with new Lighting Unit and Electricity Connection.	1,090	Estimate provided by street lighting	1,090
Provision of new Give Way Road Markings	160	Estimate provided by City Highways	160
Contribution to Road Safety Team to process the Traffic Regulation Order, including consultation, design and plan preparation, notice posting, dealing with objections, marking out of lines, updating records and arranging enforcement	800	Estimate based on similar recent TROs	800
Legal Services charges for making of the Traffic Regulation Order.	700	Estimate based on similar recent TROs	700
First advertisement in Leicester Mercury setting out proposals and inviting objections.	600	Estimate based on similar recent adverts	600
Second Advertisement in Leicester Mercury confirming Traffic Order has been made and implementation date.	600	Estimate based on similar recent adverts	600
Installation of road markings appropriate to the restriction introduced including charges by the contractor for setting out and for Sunday or Night time working.	300	Estimate based on similar recent TROs	300
Total	4,250		4,250

Summary: Following concerns raised about road traffic accidents at the junction of The Parkway and Havencrest Drive, officers from the Road Safety Team at Leicester City Council have investigated conditions at the site.

During the period 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2009, there were 4 recorded personal injury accidents at the junction which resulted in 9 slight casualties.

Three of the accidents involved vehicles travelling east on The Parkway colliding with vehicles on Havencrest Drive. There is an issue relating to the visibility of the junction. Due to the layout of the eastbound approach to the junction on The Parkway, drivers may be either unaware of Havencrest Drive or consider that The Parkway is the priority route. This could therefore result in drivers overshooting the junction. In addition, there are problem regarding visibility from The Parkway to Havencrest Drive due to vehicles parked very close to the junction.

The identified remedial measure to reduce the incidence of recorded personal injury accidents at the junction are :-

- a) to install a 750mm high Give Way sign to Diagram No. 602 on a plinth post along with an associated road marking to Diagram No. 1023 on The Parkway to improve driver awareness of the junction and that they must give way to other traffic.
- b) to implement waiting restrictions (marked by double yellow lines) at the junction in order to improve visibility.

The Road Safety Team is able to start the procedures to implement the scheme as soon as finance becomes available. It should take around eight weeks to install the Give Way sign and Give Way markings at the junction.

This is made up of one week to produce design drawings and issue the work to consultants / contractors accordingly. The rest of the time is taken up with implementation by consultants / contractors. The process to implement the Traffic Regulation Order is likely to take six months to complete and is dependant on the time taken to undertake the statutory legal processes necessary to make the Order.

The proposal, if implemented, will be deemed successful if the number of recorded personal injury accidents of the type to be treated at the junction reduces subsequent to scheme implementation.

Leicester City Council is currently in the process of preparing the third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) which will come into force from 1st April 2011. This is a document submitted to the Department for Transport and is a medium to bid for funding from Central Government. LTP3 will include a bid list of Accident Remedial Schemes, and the junction of The Parkway and Havencrest Drive will form part of that bid. However, the outcome of funding will not be known until summer 2011 and there is no guarantee in the current economic climate that funding for any scheme will be forthcoming.

**10. DISCUSSION ON ELECTED MAYOR
ARRANGEMENTS**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information contact

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