

Rushey Mead Community Meeting

**St Theodore's Church, Sandfield
Close.**

**On Friday, 8 July 2011
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

Please note there will be no
information fair at this meeting.

6:30pm

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

- Police priorities
- GE Thorn Lighting update
- Summer play projects
- Watermead Park project update
- Funding bids

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti MBE
Councillor Piara Singh Clair MBE
Councillor Ross Willmott**



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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. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. 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.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting, held on 8 March 2011, 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.

6. GE THORN LIGHTING SITE UPDATE

The meeting will receive an update on the GE Thorn lighting site on Melton Road. Rt Hon Keith Vaz will also be in attendance for this item.

7. SUMMER PLAY PROJECTS IN RUSHEY MEAD

An officer will be present to discuss summer play provision in the Rushey Mead ward.

8. WATERMEAD CAR PARK UPDATE

The meeting will receive an update on the Watermead car park.

9. CITY WARDEN

The City Wardens will give an update on the work of the City Wardens in the Rushey Mead Ward.

10. LOCAL POLICING

An officer from Leicestershire Constabulary will give an update on their priorities and actions in the Rushey Mead Ward.

11. 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.

The meeting will receive an update on funding given by the Community Meeting and the budget for 2011/12.

The following budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Leicestershire County Netball

Amount: £745

Proposal: Back to Netball

Summary: Working in partnership with NGB Officer for Netball, Physical Activity Officer for Leicester City Council and the Community Development Worker at Surestart they wish to pilot a 10 week course for women (16+) to get back into Netball at a local venue near to them. The sessions target mums at the Surestart group and is open to the local community.

Funding would go towards a venue and a Netball coach, while the Children's Centre will offer free child care during the session to their parents who attend the Back to Netball group.

As an introductory offer for the 10 weeks the Back to Netball sessions will be £1 per Person, this will go up to £2 if the sessions are successful. The £1 charge will go towards funding and sustaining the sessions on a long term bases and contribute to a tournament event after the 10 week course.

Application 2

Applicant: Karod Kiran Arts

Amount: £1250/3 wards (Application also submitted to the Belgrave and Latimer wards)

Proposal: Diwali Get Together

Summary: Kardo Kiran Arts are planning an event of dance, music and celebrations on Sunday 30th October 2011 to mark the joyous festival of Diwali commonly known as the festival of lights. This will be a multi faith and multi cultural event, bringing people from all communities of Leicester to share in this joyous event.

The event would encourage and support the arts and cultural festival and in turn raise awareness and learning about other diverse cultures, customs and background.

Application 3

Applicant: Leicestershire Police

Amount: £500

Proposal: Rushey Mead Target Hardening Project

Summary: The Rushey Mead Beat team have begun a target hardening project within the area. Due to the location of the ward and the demographic make of the ward they have found there is an increased attraction to criminals to commit burglaries within the area.

In conjunction with pro-active police patrols and education they would like to offer free window/ door shock alarms. They are easy to install and give out a high pitch sound if the door/ window is broken or forced. A large amount of burglaries are though force/ smashed rear windows or doors.

Through using funding from various sources they hope to cover a large proportion of the ward.

Application 4

Applicant: Highfield Rangers

Amount: £2500

Proposal: Highfield Rangers Community Family Fun Day

Summary: Highfield Rangers Community Fun Day was celebrating 25 years of its existence on 29 May 2011. It is designed to promote community cohesion by delivering a series of activities primarily sports and live entertainment for families and the whole community. We organised storytelling, drama music and live performances from a range of local performers and sport events

We provided a platform for developing artists, plus those more established locally and nationally, so that audiences could witness the quality of performances available. Encouraging fledgling performers to recognize that in spite of personal difficulties, they still have something to contribute towards performing arts. Those attending were expected to reflect the diverse communities of Leicester, including newly arrived communities, which was encouraged through promotional and advertising efforts

The event was put on and due to serious, poor weather, the income anticipated to allow the event to break even, never materialised due to lack of numbers.

We are therefore, requesting support to enable us to pay creditors whose debts remain outstanding

Application 5

Applicant: The Friends of Watermead Country Park – Catherine Tregaskes, Secretary

Amount: £773

Proposal: The Friends of Watermead Family Discovery Day

Summary: The Friends of Watermead have been running the highly successful Family Discovery Day at Watermead Country Park for the past 5 years, with the event growing in scope and popularity each year. The event showcases to the local community what a fantastic resource Watermead park is. Last year was our biggest event yet with a large number of interesting, relevant and fun and inclusive stalls for people to join in with. The event is relevant to the whole of the local community as we can all visit and appreciate the park, and try our hand at the traditional and interactive activities.

The activities are of direct relevance to Watermead and will include use of a shave horse with traditional tools, willow weaving using materials that can be sourced from the park, alongside traditional story tellers and a range of local clubs and societies. The money we are requesting will be spent on running a Family Discovery Day event during the summer of 2011 (13th August).

The costs will be much less than we have asked for in previous years, as we have been able to borrow a marquee, and provision of toilets, a story teller and the play rangers are being funded from different budgets. The money requested will be used to provide first aid cover for the event as well as payment for some of the craftspeople and attractions such as a face-painter. Many more people will also give their time and equipment for free adding to the success of the event.

The success of the event will be measured by the number of people attending and participating in the activities as well as in the increased profile of Watermead in the local area and the wider city. We feel that this event would also provide an ideal opportunity for the ward councillors and committee to promote their work and meetings, so we would like to offer a display space in the marquee if required.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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