

# Thurncourt Community Meeting

**Thurnby Lodge Youth & Community  
Centre, Thurncourt Road, LE5 2NG  
On Monday, 18 July 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:-**

- Summer Play Schemes & Activities
- Digital Switchover
- Drug & Alcohol Action Team
- City Warden
- 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:**

- Drug & Alcohol Action Team
- Highways Issues
- Housing Issues
- City Warden Service
- Update on Police Issues
- Ward Community Budget 2011/12
- Arrangements for Future Meetings

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Luis Fonseca  
Councillor Rob Wann**

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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><b>Summer Play Schemes &amp; Activities</b></p> <p>Find out what play schemes and activities are planned for the Ward this summer</p>	<p><b>Digital Switchover</b></p> <p>Information will be available on the switchover to digital television</p>
<p><b>Drug &amp; Alcohol Action Team</b></p> <p>Meet officers from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and find out what services they can offer</p>	<p><b>City Warden</b></p> <p>Talk to the City Warden about issues in the Thurncourt Ward</p>
<p><b>Police Issues</b></p> <p>Talk to your local Police about issues or raise general queries</p>	<p><b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b></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. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Members are asked to 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 Thurncourt Community Meeting held on 28 March 2011 have been circulated. 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. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM**

Officers will be at the meeting to talk about the services offered by the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

**7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Officers will be present at the meeting to discuss highways issues in Thurncourt Ward.

**8. HOUSING ISSUES**

Officers will be at the meeting to discuss:-

- a) the programme of works proposed under the Capital Receipts Initiative;

- b) the methods of payment available following the closure of local rent offices; and
- c) disorder experienced in the vicinity of older persons' bungalows on Thurnby Lodge estate; and
- d) any other housing issues of concern to residents.

## 9. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

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

## 10. UPDATE ON POLICE ISSUES

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will provide an update on Police issues in Thurncourt Ward.

## 11. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2011/12

**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 present an update on the 2011/12 Community Meeting budget.
- b) The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:-

### **Application 1**

Applicant: Gulam Mohammed Lockhat

Proposal: As Salaam Women's Events

Amount: £151

### **Summary:**

This application was considered at the meeting held on 28 March 2011, when a grant of £249 was agreed, (minute 49(b) referred). It also was agreed that, as insufficient funds remained in the budget at that time to support the application in full, consideration should be given at this meeting to whether the balance of the funds requested could be granted. This would be a further £151.

- a) Funding towards the cost of hiring the hall at Christ Church, Nursery Road to hold a monthly meeting and provide refreshments for Asian women living in Thurncourt Ward

In the last few years there has been an increase in the number of Asian families, particularly Muslim families, moving into the area. Approximately 90 such families have been identified in and around the area. Whilst men can meet up and network, there are limited opportunities for Asian women to do this. As most have only just moved to the area and are dispersed, there is a degree of isolation. With increasing unemployment, there is an even greater risk of isolation as incomes for families are reduced and the cost of maintaining contacts becomes more difficult.

To address this, As Salaam has begun a programme of meetings aimed at Asian women in the area. These take place on the first Sunday of each month and refreshments are provided. They enable mutual support networks, such as sharing child minding or school runs, to be established.

To date, a number of individuals have borne the cost of room hire and have provided refreshments. Once fully established, it is intended to make a nominal charge for this activity. The charge will need to be nominal to ensure that those with a limited income are not discouraged from attending.

Approximately 30 – 40 women attended the first couple of events.

- b) Funding towards the cost of hiring Thurnby Lodge Community Centre for an Eid party for women and children in the area

This will be an annual event, after Ramadaan and is a way of getting all the Muslim women and children in the area together for a celebration. The cost of the food, etc will be met entirely from donations, so this request is only for funding for the hire of the Community Centre.

These proposals will help build a community spirit and confidence, especially amongst Asian women, as a precursor to them and As Salaam playing a part in improving an understanding of cultures and helping to promote good citizenship and cohesion.

As Salaam relies on donations but will pay for refreshments and, if possible, pay the balance of the accommodation charge. This will keep the cost to individuals to an absolute minimum. At previous events, participants have been asked to make a donation if they could. This practice will continue if possible so as not to discourage attendance.

## **Application 2**

Applicant: Gulam Mohammed Lockhat

Proposal: Outing for Young People who are part of As Salaam

Amount: £300 for the hire of a single deck coach  
(based on quote received from Confidence Coaches)

### Summary:

This application was considered at the meeting held on 28 March 2011, (minute 49(a) referred). It was agreed that, as insufficient funds remained in the budget to support the application at that time, it should be deferred to this meeting.

The request is for funding to cover the cost of hiring a coach to a theme park or the seaside in the summer.

In the last few years there has been an increase in the number of Asian families, particularly Muslim families, moving into the area. Approximately 90 such families have been identified in and around the area.

As Salaam provides supplementary education for approximately 62 children, using facilities at Thurnby Lodge Community Centre. The classes operate 5 days per week. The cost of tutors and accommodation is met from donations and fees.

It is proposed to take some of these children, many of whom are from families on low incomes and benefits, to a theme park or on a trip to the seaside. The cost of entrance to the theme park or seaside attraction will be met through a small charge and from donations from the community. Charges will be kept to a minimum, in order not to discourage attendance.

### **Application 3**

Applicant: Silver Threads Monday Club

Proposal: To take club members on a day trip to a place of interest

Amount:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Actual or Estimate?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Bus	370	E	370
Contribution towards entrance fees	130	E	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£500</b>		<b>£500</b>

### Summary:

This application was considered at the meeting held on 28 March 2011, (minute 49(c) referred). It was agreed that, as insufficient funds remained in

the budget to support the application at that time, it should be deferred to this meeting.

The proposed day trip would be available to all Club members and other senior citizens from Thurnby Lodge.

No funding has been sought from other sources.

#### **Application 4**

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Tenants and Residents Association

Proposal: Driver Assessment and Wheel Clamping Course (Minibus use)

Amount:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Actual or Estimate?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Membership	12	A	12
Driver Assessment x 2	66	A	66
Wheelchair Clamping Course	36	A	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£114</b>		<b>£114</b>

#### **Summary:**

This application was considered at the meeting held on 28 March 2011, (minute 49(f)(ii) referred). It was agreed that, if volunteers came forward before this meeting, this application would be approved through the Ward Members' delegated authority, but that if no volunteers could be found in that time, the application would be resubmitted to this next meeting.

As the Council has not been advised of any volunteers, the application is resubmitted for consideration.

The application is for two drivers to have driver assessment and wheelchair clamping courses, to enable them to hire a mini bus from Leicester City Council Community Transport for monthly outings to various places of interest.

If successful, this will be extended to all other groups at the Community Centre.

#### **Application 5**

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Forum



Proposal: Thurnby Lodge Annual Carnival Day

Amount:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Actual or Estimate?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Advertising	150	A	150
B/Bates Rides & Stage	540	A	540
Trafficator Disco/Sound System	250	A	250
St Johns Ambulance	110	A	110
Climbing Wall	550	A	550
SureStart (Arts, Crafts, Healthy Eating, Face Painting)	1,200	A	1,200
Photographer	200	A	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,000</b>		<b>£3,000</b>

Summary:

An estate Carnival Day on Thurnby Lodge Park – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
The Thurnby Lodge estate schools, youth club and local associations  
Thurnby Lodge Community Association also had been approached for funding

### **Application 6**

Applicant: Mr Pat Darby

Proposal: Thurnby Lodge Rangers Football Club

Amount:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Actual or Estimate?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
Football Nets	250	A	250
Football Strip (Numbered and Badged)	420	A	420

10 New Footballs	130	A	130
26 Tracksuits (2 teams)	520	A	520
<b>TOTAL</b>	£1,320		£1,320

Summary:

To assist in the running and management of Thurnby Rangers Football Club, which is based on Willowbrook Park, off Dakyn Road, in Thurncourt Ward.

The Club has provided opportunities for young people to develop their skills as footballers over a period of 25 years, having been established in 1976. However, it has reached a critical stage and relies for its existence on goodwill and financial support that is mainly provided by its original founder, who has contributed a great deal of money and time to maintaining the grounds.

The Club is currently represented in the East Midlands Counties Division.

**Application 7**

Applicant: Rowlatts Hill Allotment Association

Proposal: Rowlatts Hill Allotment Society Centenary Celebration

Amount: A grant has been requested for the costs associated with clearing and renovating the site, plus publicity and the hire / purchase of gazebos, tables, chairs and toilets.

A total of £600 has been requested, split between Coleman Ward and Thurncourt Ward according to the ratio of plot holders. This Meeting is therefore asked for £200.

Summary:

The Centenary Event will be held at the Blakenhall Road site, which is the largest of the Society's three sites, on Sunday 14 August 2011, from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm.

The event will be attended by plot holders and their friends and families, plus local people, as the Society plans to publicise the event widely. Sir Peter Soulsby, (the City Mayor), has been invited to open it.

The success of the event will be measured by the number of people who attend it and the number of empty plots that are let as a result.

## **12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

As Thurncourt Ward and Humberstone & Hamilton Ward share various issues of interest, it has been suggested that some joint Community Meetings could be held during the coming municipal year.

It is suggested that the first meeting of the year should be held separately, (ie, one in each Ward), then the second and third could be joint meetings and the final one would be separate.

For the joint meetings, one could be held in Thurncourt Ward (possibly the first of the joint meetings), and one in Humberstone & Hamilton Ward.

Dates and venues for these meetings have not been decided yet.

## **13. 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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