

Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

**Christ the King Church, Beaumont Way
(next to shopping centre)
On Wednesday, 20 July 2011
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:-

- Healthy Living Centre
- Community Library
- Leicester Speedway
- Police
- City Warden
- UR Choice
- Housing Office
- Soft Touch Arts
- Tomorrow Together
- Parks Team

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Policing Update
- Wot Box Youth Access Project
- Summer Community and Sports Activities
- Tomorrow Together
- Funding applications

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Vi Dempster
Councillor Sundip Meghani
Councillor Paul Westley**



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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.
Healthy Living Centre Find out about services available at your local Healthy Living Centre	Community Library Find out about Library services.
Leicester Speedway Representatives will be present giving details of facilities at the Speedway	City Warden Speak to your local city warden to raise any local environmental issues.
UR Choice Youth Workers and young people will be at the meeting from this project	Housing Office Staff from the local housing office will be able to provide information on services available.
Soft Touch Arts Community Arts Project Team	Tomorrow Together Community Enterprise helping women into work
Parks Team Raise any queries about parks / grounds maintenance issues with officers	Wot Box Youth Community Access Project

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

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.

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 Beaumont Leys Community Meeting, held on 2 March 2011, 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. POLICING UPDATE

An update will be given on recent Police developments and successes.

6. WOT BOX YOUTH ACCESS PROJECT

Appendix B

An update will be provided on the activities available for young people over the summer holidays.

7. SUMMER COMMUNITY AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Appendix B

An officer will outline summer sports and community activities.

8. TOMORROW TOGETHER

Appendix B

A report on women into work community based project.

9. BUDGET APPLICATIONS

Appendix B

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 following budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Leicester City Ladies / Leicester City Colts Football Club

Amount: £1,250 (joint bid, also going to Abbey Ward)

Proposal: To provide more coaches and training equipment to extend the club objective to more young people.

Summary: The funding would be used towards the hire of playing fields at Beaumont Leys, the purchasing of football equipment, kits, hire of coaches / referees, club administration and end of year awards.

Application 2

Applicant: Cornerstone PCC (Church of England) with Churches together in North West Leicester.

Amount: £500

Proposal: To hold a community picnic in the grounds of Alderman Richard Hallam School, Avebury Avenue.

Summary: Funding has been obtained from the Diocese of Leicester. Fosse Ward is being asked for £1,000 as the event is held in that ward and is within 1 mile of most of the ward population.

Abbey Ward is being asked for £500 as about half its population is within one mile of the event and St Patrick's and St Luke's churches are involved.

Beaumont Leys Ward is being asked for £500 as its population inside the ring road is within 1 mile of the event and Christ the King church is involved.

The event aims to build on the events held over the previous four years, and to reintroduce major attractions to encourage the 11 to 15 years old to return. The event is free. No charge will be made

for those who attend except for refreshments. Funding will be put towards the hire of a marquee, additional publicity, archery attraction, remote control cars, inflatable slide, inflatable gladiator and laser clay pigeon shooting.

Application 3

Applicant: Soft Touch Arts

Amount: £830

Proposal: To design and paint a mural in the Home Farm / Strasbourg Drive underpass.

Summary: The project will take place for one week during July of August 2011, and will involve 60 young people aged 13-19 in the designing and painting of a mural. Experienced arts workers will support the young people to create the design and to execute it using a variety of painting techniques. Young people will be recruited via publicity and outreach, Facebook and referrals by organisations working with young people in Beaumont Leys. The project will target young people who are difficult to engage in more traditional out of school activities and who may be engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Funding would go towards staffing and overhead costs, transport, materials and certificates.

Application 4

Applicant: Val Kindred (Leicestershire County Netball)

Amount: £745

Proposal: To pilot a 10 week course for women (16+) to get back into Netball at a local venue near to them.

Summary: In partnership with NGB Officer for Netball, Physical Activity Officer for Leicester City Council, and the Community Development Worker at Surestart, the project will target mums at the Surestart group and also open those sessions up to the local community to attend. The project would also link with the City Council's 3x30 Pledge Campaign – a commitment to do three 30 minutes workouts per week for rewards. The Back to Netball session can be counted as one of the three 30 minute sessions. There would be an introductory offer for the first lesson of £1 per person, but it would cost £2 per person thereafter.

The funding would be put towards venue hire, netball coaches, the design and printing of promotional material, free child care for

attendees during sessions, and equipment for pilot lessons.

Application 5

Applicant: UR Choice Young Peoples Project

Amount: Equipment including storage cabinet, coffee making machine, toaster, toasted sandwich maker and table clothes. £400

Sign and banner £200

Cutlery crockery glasses mugs pots and pans £300

Training crbs volunteer expenses £600

Sessional support worker £2400

Food and cleaning products (condiments etc to get started) £300

Contribution to net, phone, copier, insurance £450

Rent 6 months £840

Total= £5490

Proposal: Youth and Community Café at Home Farm

Summary: The Youth Group would like to open a community café which will be open to the general public. This will be run with support from youth workers and will be open in the evenings and at weekends for young people to drop in. There will be opportunities for young people to obtain food hygiene certificates and other work experience and personal development.

This will also provide local young people with somewhere to go, to receive support and advice along with opportunities for getting involved in developing their own ideas for projects within the area and some real experience of the world of work.

It will be open initially for two sessions a week, one for community and one for young people. Once it is up and running and young people have gained their food hygiene certificates, it is intended to open the café more days in the week. The café will be advertised throughout the community with flyers, local partners and local media.

The funding will be used to cover kitchen improvements and equipment, training, advertising and provisions.

Application 6

Applicant: Food Parcel Scheme Partnership / Carlym Sandringham
Amount: £250
Proposal: Food Parcel Scheme
Summary: This is a partnership project to help people in emergency situations by supplying them & any children with food and basic personal hygiene items. This scheme will run in parallel with the Local Domestic Violence Committee.

Application 7

Applicant: Ms. Haj Kaur
Amount: £500
Proposal: Fireworks event
Summary: A contribution is sought towards the Mowmacre Bonfire and Fireworks Event. This is an opportunity for young people from across the area to become actively engaged in a local community event – to break down territorial / neighbourhood boundaries and barriers which deny young people the opportunity to actively engaged in the development of Communities in which they live.

This is part of a range of initiatives to raise young people's awareness of the dangers associated with bonfires and fireworks.

Young people will be involved in the organisation of the event from the very beginning, as part of a structured education programme. They will undertake the planning, organising, publicising, and delivery of the event. This would include baking cakes for sale, making jewellery / crafts for sale, designing graphics for the publicity and liaison with the professionals who would deliver the fireworks display.

Approved under fast-track process:

1. Heathley Park Residents Association

Amount: £380
Proposal: Funding towards Heathley Park 7th Annual Gathering

Funding was used for entertainment, food, soft drinks and disposables, publicity for 300 A4 posters and funding towards tombola prizes.

2. Beaumont Ward Vehicle Crime Prevention Initiative

Amount: £490

Proposal: Funding towards a crime prevention initiative to raise awareness of thefts from / of motor vehicles.

Crime prevention packs were distributed in order to educate residents regarding this type of theft. The packs will include vehicle crime prevention leaflets, ultra violet pens to mark equipment such as Sat Nav's and CD players, 'No Valuables' vehicle window sticker and air freshener to remind vehicle owners to remove items from show and to alert criminals that no valuables have been left in the vehicle, and a Sat Nav cleaning tag to remove the sucker mark that Sat Nav's can leave behind on vehicle windows.

Any remaining packs would be issued out to other parts of the Beaumont Ward. A full report detailing the initiative success will be completed after the event and relayed to the Councillors.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An additional item has been added to the agenda, as follows:-

CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN COUNCIL HOUSING

An officer will be at the meeting to discuss the programme of works proposed
Receipts Initiative

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Beaumont Leys

Appendix A

Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

3:30 pm, Wednesday, 2 March 2011

Held at: Christ the King Church, Beaumont Way (next to the shopping centre)

Who was there:

Councillor Vi Dempster

Councillor Keith Lloyd-Harris

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and service representatives.

<p>Ward Councillors and General Information</p> <p>Local Councillors were present to talk to or raise general queries.</p>	<p>Police Issues</p> <p>Local Police were present to talk about issues or raise general queries.</p>
<p>City Warden</p> <p>The local City Warden was available to discuss issues affecting the local environment such as litter, graffiti and dog fouling.</p>	<p>Library</p> <p>Staff from the local library were available to give details of the services on offer.</p>
<p>Local Involvement Network (LINK)</p> <p>Details were available about how residents could get involved in presenting their views about local health services.</p>	<p>Multi Access Centre</p> <p>These centres provide advice and support for unemployed people, to help them find jobs.</p>

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.

36. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Dempster was elected Chair for the meeting.

An additional item on One Clean Leicester would be added to the agenda.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Westley.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and /or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

There were no declarations.

39. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous Beaumont Leys Community Meeting held on 12 January 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

40. POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Rich Jackson updated the meeting about recent Police activities and successes. He noted that the main issues that the Police were tackling were drugs and drug dealing in Butterwick drive and anti-social behaviour in the Astill Lodge Road Area. With regard to the drugs issues, it was noted that 18 warrants had been issued and these efforts had been publicised in an article in the Leicester Mercury on 24 February. Convictions were expected from these warrants and details of this would be published on the 'Justice Seen, Justice Done' website. With regard to the anti social behaviour in Astill Lodge, officers were working closely with the youth club at the Community Association to tackle this. PC Martin Birch reported on the crime figures which were generally down and encouraging, but there had been an increase in the burglary from dwellings figures.

A resident referred to the anti social behaviour problems in the Astill Lodge area. He agreed that the young people in the area could be boisterous, but large numbers of them had been banned from the youth club and therefore had nothing to do. He felt that more should be done to give them distracting activities. He also felt that they were often unnecessarily stopped and searched. He further commented that they had made efforts to apologise which had been rejected. PC Birch responded to these points noting that the behaviour of the banned young people had been very

poor, and when they had gone to apologise they had been preventing access to parents of other children, shining laser pens and urinating. He felt that there needed to be a robust response to such behaviour. The Chair commented on this issue, noting that the youth club was run by volunteers and was limited to what it could do in terms of tackling anti-social behaviour. She undertook to ask Kim Thorrington, the local Detached Youth Worker to go to Astill Lodge to see what could be done in the area. Michelle Gamble from the UR Choice Youth project suggested that a meeting be set up with resident and his grandson to look into the issue.

Other residents complained of problems with laser pens. PC Birch encouraged people to report problems.

A further comment was raised about whether incidents which were reported to the Police were linked up and how they could be flagged as an emergency. PC Birch commented that incidents were linked up; this was done by the telephonist. Incidents were given a grading by the telephonist – he suggested where these calls related to a refuge, this should be made clear to ensure that they were picked up as an emergency.

Action	Officer Identified	Deadline
Detached Youth Work team to visit the Astill Lodge area.	Kim Thorrington	ASAP
A meeting to be arranged with the local resident and his grandson to look into the issues with regard to bored young people / anti social behaviour in the Astill Lodge area.	Michelle Gamble	ASAP

41. ONE CLEAN LEICESTER

Barbara Whitcombe, City Warden Manager, gave a presentation on the One Clean Leicester Spring Clean, and information on how residents could report environmental problems or ‘grot spots’ throughout the 22 wards in Leicester. Reports could be made via the One Clean Leicester free downloadable App for smart phones, by email or text, or by uploading information on the One Clean Leicester website.

The One Clean Leicester App allowed users of smart phones to take a photo, select the location of the problem, describe the problem, for example, dog fouling, fly tipping or graffiti, and forward the information to the One Clean Leicester Team. The information could also be sent as a text message or email, with LEI in the subject field. A picture could be included with a description of the problem. People reporting problems would be contacted for further information if required. Problems could also be reported using the One Clean Leicester website, or by calling Customer Services. Reported problems, once checked for appropriateness were then published on the

website, where a list of reported issues could be viewed. All received information would be forwarded to the appropriate team to respond to.

The Chair thanked Barbara for her presentation.

42. HOUSING SERVICE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

John Thomson, Housing Area Manager gave the meeting a presentation outlining the new process for allocating Council houses. The new system would be a banding system, where those in Band 1 would be of the highest priority for receiving a house. There were 6 bands in total, the bottom band being people who would not receive an offer. John outlined the kinds of criteria which determined which band a person was in. This was things like, number of children and appropriateness of current housing arrangements. The new scheme would replace the complicated points system and would now give more chances to people who had been on the register for a long period of time. This new system wouldn't however increase the number of houses available.

A resident commented that he had noticed that there were large numbers of boarded up houses in the Beaumont Leys area. John commented in response that he was surprised at this because voids (homes without a tenant) were at an all time low. The turnaround time was 25 days and there would always be some houses in between tenants.

A resident commented further about the fact that more housing was needed and that it was disappointing that it only seemed to be student accommodation that was being built in the city. John responded by saying that when there was the opportunity under the last government, the Council did build about 200 houses. Whether more new houses could be built depended on whether the government would allow it. Bids for funding to build new houses were currently being rejected, so the focus was on improving existing houses.

A resident enquired about tenants who could afford to buy their own house. John commented that new government legislation was being brought in which would create shorter tenancies, but currently there were no plans to force people to buy a house where they could afford it.

The manager of local refuge, Kirton Lodge raised a number of comments about the short amount of time in which they have to place people in houses once they become available and the poor condition of them when they are let. John commented that a fast turnaround time was a target that was worked towards. He was surprised to hear of Council properties being let which were in a poor condition. The Chair asked that John discuss the issues further with the manager.

43. COUNCIL BUDGET

The Chair reported back on the recent Council budget following the discussion at the previous meeting. The budget was approved in late February. She noted that

currently services had been protected in key areas like Children's Centres, Youth Services where management savings had been reinvested, sports facilities and community centres. It was however a one year budget, to which information from the Government was received late. There couldn't be any guarantees about saving services in the future. There would be no rise in Council Tax.

A resident enquired about whether Leisure Services had been cut – The Chair confirmed that they had not.

The Chair further commented that a lot of the focus of future savings would be about making the best use of buildings and providing a range of services from one building.

A resident further enquired about funding for pensioners bus passes. The Chair commented that the current system had been protected, unlike in the County Council area.

44. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

Councillors were requested to consider the following budget applications.

It was noted that there was approximately £700 left in the budget. This would not cover all the available applications. It was proposed to cover those applications which were affordable and to take an 'in-principle' decision to fund those which weren't affordable. It was also noted that some applications could wait to be approved without affecting them. It was felt that all the applications were good ones, and some of them tackled ward priorities relating to health.

Application 1 – Love Hoops Foundation

This was an application for £250 to support the setting up of a new basketball club which would be based in the ward. Targeting specifically, disadvantaged women.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £250 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

Application 2 – Val Kindred (Leicestershire County Netball)

This was an application for £745 to support a 10 week course to encourage women to get back into netball.

Val Kindred was in attendance at the meeting. She commented on the application, noting that it was a scheme designed to attract females back to netball. The scheme would be run in connection with the Council, in particular the 3x30 exercise pledge scheme. This scheme would be run in a number of wards across the city and a tournament would be held when it finished.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in principle, subject to final confirmation when further funding becomes available in the new financial year.

Application 3 – Friends of Astill Lodge Park

This was an application for £461 to erect a notice board and to obtain materials for path improvements.

A representative from the friends of Astill Lodge Park was in attendance at the meeting. He commented that these proposals had been put together by the friends group, but the work would be undertaken by Parks Officers. The aim of the proposals was to tidy up the Park and to make it more welcoming for the community.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £461 be allocated from the Ward Community Fund, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council.

Application 4 – Heathley Park Residents Association

This was an application for £380 for funding towards the Heathley Park 7th Annual Gathering.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in principle, subject to final confirmation when further funding becomes available in the new financial year.

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Payback

A resident commented that people on the community payback scheme had done a great job of making improvements at Bennion Pools.

The Number 55 Bus

A resident complained that requests for information that he had submitted to the Council about the future of the Number 55 bus had gone unanswered. He further felt that the Council generally didn't take on board people's comments when they suggested improvements to bus services, such as better advertising. He also felt that the Council should take a tougher line with the bus companies due to the subsidy that they received. The Chair commented that she would ask the Director of Regeneration, Transport and Highways to respond to the resident's concerns. She also proposed that there be an item of business on this issue at the next meeting.

Local MP

It was suggested that the local MP be invited to a future Community Meeting. The Chair commented that she was happy to invite the local MP, but she was often only available on Fridays due to being in London the rest of the week.

Actions

Action	Officer Identified	Deadline
That the Director of Regeneration, Transport and Highways respond to concerns about the number 55 bus.	Director of Regeneration, Transport and Highways	As soon as possible.
That there be an item of business at the next meeting on the number 55 bus.	Director of Regeneration, Transport and Highways	June 2011
Invite the local MP to a future Community Meeting.	Member Support Officer	When the MP is available.

46. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.