

Evington Community Meeting

**Evington Park House
Cordery Road
Evington
Leicester**

**Thursday, 15 March 2012
Starting at 3:00 pm**

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

- Ward Councillors' Report
- Update on the on the Linden Primary School Petition
- The Prince's Trust
- Sports Development - Activities for Young People
- Housing Capital Receipts Initiative
- Update on Evington in Bloom
- City Warden Update
- Policing Update
- Community Meeting Budget

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Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Deepak Bajaj
Councillor Baljit Singh**



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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. 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 Evington Community Meeting, held on 8 December 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. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillors Deepak Bajaj and Baljit Singh will provide an update on the issues they have been dealing with in the Evington Ward.

6. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LINDEN ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL PETITION

David Poxon, Team Leader for Road Safety will be present to provide an update on the Linden Primary School petition.

7. THE PRINCE'S TRUST

Representatives from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue will be in attendance to present an overview of their work with The Prince's Trust and will provide

guidance on how local young people can become involved with the Trust.

8. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT - ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Mebbs Bachoo, Sports Regeneration Officer, will provide an overview of the local programme of sports activities for young people in Evington.

9. UPDATE ON THE HOUSING CAPITAL RECEIPTS INITIATIVE

Chrissie Field (Area Manager, Housing Services) and Anne Harris (Estate Management Officer) will be present to give an update on the current year's Housing Capital Receipts Initiative. They will also explain how this budget, which will be known as the Environmental and Communal Improvement budget will operate in the new financial year.

10. EVINGTON IN BLOOM

Helen Pettman, Friends of Evington Park and Village Green will be present to give a brief update on the Evington in Bloom project.

11. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

There will be a brief update of local street scene enforcement issues from a member of the City Warden team.

12. POLICING UPDATE

A representative from the Local Policing Unit will provide an overview of policing issues in the Evington Ward.

13. 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.

There will be an update of the community meeting budget. The following funding applications have been received:

Burglary Target Hardening Project (2053) Insp. Bill Knopp (Spinney Hill LPU) and Nazira Vania (LCC Community Safety Team)

Amount requested: £1200

Details of the proposal, (taken from the application form)

There has been an increase in burglaries in the Spinney Hill Local Policing Unit (LPU) area, which includes the Evington Ward. Police and partners are already

undertaking prevention and enforcement work to tackle the problem. This includes the Joint Action Group approving funding (£1000) for timer switches, which help to prevent burglary by making a house look occupied when the residents are not at home. The JAG's funding will allow for 500 of these switches to be given free to residents. However, this is across the LPU as a whole, so the impact will be spread quite thinly.

The proposal:

The proposal is to target more properties in the most affected streets within the Evington ward using 'Target Hardening Packs', which will include the timer switches along with window alarms (these are attached to accessible windows, and the alarm goes off if the window is hit/broken).

The Packs will be taken to properties in hotspot areas to prevent burglaries, and to properties that have already been burgled to prevent re-victimisation. We anticipate that the average property will require 4 window alarms and 1 timer switch for each property, equating to £12.00 per property.

We would like to begin with targeting 100 properties in the ward at an estimated cost of £1,200, expanding to more depending on the success of the scheme.

Target Hardening Packs purchased from the Evington ward's funding will only be used to benefit Evington constituents (we will maintain a list of addresses in receipt of a Pack), and will not be given to residents elsewhere in the LPU.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Window Alarms @ £2.50 x 400	£1,000	Actual	£1,000
Timer Switches @ £2.00 x 100	£200	Actual	£200
Total	£1,200		£1,200

Meesha 88 (2054)

Amount requested: £1400

Details of the proposal:

Meesha are a community group that promotes and offers physical activity and exercise through football and multi sports activities for young and older people aged 12 – 75 plus. Most of the young members live in the Evington area. They plan to continue to help youngsters to employ healthier lifestyles and to continue to work in Evington Leisure Centre, Judgemeanow College, Evington Park and Goals Soccer Centre. Plans for 2012 already include that from March to September a set up format to run a 7 v 7 and 11 v 11 football league, coaching sessions and the annual football tournament held at Judgemeanow. They also plan to organise a day trip to tour a football league ground and watch a game and joining a 14 week, 5 a side league at Goals. The support from Evington Community Meeting would help with some additional coaching courses for

Meesha's voluntary members and some needed sports equipment i.e. indoor goal posts, balls, bibs and some incentive awards.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Football foundation pitch hire	£1200	A	£550
Football tournament 14-18	£350	A	£150
Sports equipment, indoor goal post, balls, bibs, etc	£590	A	£350
14 week football league Goals Centre	£520	A	£200
F.A.Football Foundation Course	£250	A	£150
Total	£2910		£1400

Evington in Bloom: Flowers, Planters, Competitions, Events (2055): Friends of Evington Park and Village Green – Helen Pettman

Amount requested: £1500

Details of the proposal:

Evington in Bloom wish to purchase 1) fourteen planters, 2) plants for their various containers and beds on highway land and park land, and 3) money for competition prizes. Competitions would include Best front garden, best hanging basket, best container, best novice garden and possibly the tallest sunflower.

Planned events include:

14 March – Launch Event at Evington Library with celebrities, exhibitions and refreshments.

5 June - Plant fair and picnic in Evington Park.

The East Midlands in Bloom/ Royal Horticultural Society judges will come to Evington during week beginning 89 July 2012 to judge the entry.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate Actual Cost £	Request to Ward Meeting £
Planters (filled)	800	E	500
Competition prizes	300	E	300
Plants, including shrubs and a tree	500	E	400
Evington in Bloom notice 5' x	100	A	100

13"			
Mounting exhibitions	100	E	100
Events	100		100
Total	£1900		£1500

Evington in Bloom and Evington Village Hall Centenary Year Celebrations (2056): Jean Matthews, Secretary at Evington Village Hall.

Amount requested: £500

On May Day (7 May at Evington Village Hall, the group are preparing for Evington in Bloom and their centenary year. They propose to hold an open day at the village hall where all the groups that use the hall will promote their meetings. These will include the recorder group, the zumba group and the calligraphy group. They want to provide hanging baskets and planters for the front of the hall along with planting out the garden beds and smartening the garden paths for the occasion. They would like to offer free drinks and light refreshments with a number of stalls. There will also be a May Pole display along with other local dancing demonstrations.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate Actual Cost £	Request to Ward Meeting £
Hanging baskets and planters		150	150
Plants, compost, gravel and paint for notice boards and front doors		150	150
Refreshments, drinks, paper plates, cups		100	100
Raffle prizes		50	50
Plants etc for sale on plant stall		50	50
Total		500	500

To Involve Evington Youth Club in Evington in Bloom (2058): Evington Youth Club

Amount requested: £2,000

Details of the proposal:

To involve members of the youth club in the Evington in Bloom project, to garden, make beds and plant and maintain them. The aim is also to improve the outside of the building, to enhance the area and for the community to use the building.

Costs:

For containers, baskets, lighting, paint and plants - £2000 (estimated costs)

Coleman Evergreens Summer Outings (2059) : Coleman Evergreens

Amount requested: £983 (Joint bid to the Coleman and Evington Wards).

Details of the proposal:

The Coleman Evergreens are a small group of 13 members, all but 2 of them go on these trips. They would be very grateful if their funding bid was supported as they do not go very far on their own and they look forward to the outings.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)? £	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Southend on Sea - coach		348	
Lunches		55	
Skegness – coach		295	
Lunches		60	
Oliver		60 coach 140	
Refreshments		25	
Total		983	

Install 4 Pedestrian lighting columns on Evington Park (2060): Jane Ushwell.

Amount requested: £6618.00

Details of proposal

Evington Park House is situated within Evington Park and is utilised by members of the local Community. The Car Park for Disabled House users is next to the House but the whole area from Cordery Road entrance to the Car Park and House is not lit and therefore becomes a serious H&S risk during the evenings and in winter when people coming onto the Park want to access the House. This entrance is a popular one and is used daily by parents taking Children through the Park to School.

The main issue is the feeling of being unsafe in the dark and possible trips and falls.

People coming to Evening meetings are advised to bring a torch, or they decide they don't feel safe and choose not to attend the meetings at all!

This area is also the vehicular road to the yard and House Car Park, drivers are aware of a speed reduction but due to the darkness there may be a risk of hitting pedestrians and animals. A pedestrian path has been installed by Park Services but finishes halfway down the path where it turns into the road to the Car Park. By installing the lights, this entrance and path will make access much safer through the Park and to the House.

With the addition of a timer we can set times when we want the lighting to be available and therefore not inconvenience local residents who back onto the Park and encourage anti-social behaviour in the late evenings.

The poor lighting situation has been a H&S issue for many years and requests have been made from House and Park users to install lighting on many occasions.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Supply and erect 4 Lighting Columns	6,618.00	A	6,618.00
Install a time clock	130.00	A	
Ongoing Energy costs for 10 years	420.00	E	
Total	7,168.00		6,618.00

Evington Friendship Club (2061): Mrs Valerie Ridsdale

Amount requested £700

Details of the proposal:

The Evington Friendship Club is a group of pensioners who meet every Monday afternoon in Evington House. The members like outings and speakers. The oldest participating member is 96 years old and two other members are over 90 years. A bus is hired with a lift, so that everyone can go on outings (approximately 8 per year). All members pay towards the cost of hire plus an annual subscription and weekly monies, but the cost of outings and speakers continues to rise. The cost of insurance also continues to rise.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate Actual Cost £	Request to Ward Meeting £
Transport	1200.00	A	
Speakers	254.00	A	
Insurance	157.98	A	
Room rental	277.00	A	
Total	1888.98		

(The above costs were for 2011)

Evington Flower Club (2062): Mrs V Ridsdale

Amount requested: £1000

Details of the proposal:

The flower club is in its 45th year, but with a decline in membership and rising costs, like many other flower clubs it may not exist for much longer. Each member pays a subscription of £20 plus a £2 entrance fee at each of the ten meetings. As well as the demonstrator's fee, the club have to cover the cost of hall hire, insurance and affiliation to the National Association of Flower Arranging Society, without which it would not be possible to get demonstrators.

Costs:

Item	Cost £	Estimate / Actual Cost/ £	Request to Ward Meeting £
Hire of hall 2011	245 (A)		260 (E)
Affiliation Fee	168 (A)		180 (E)
Insurance 2011	30 (A)		40 (E)
Help with Demonstrators' fees	1443.72 (A)		520 (E)
Total	£1886.72 Actual costs for 2011		£1000 Estimate for 2012

New Pathway and Door (2063) : 19th Leicester (Evington) Scouts

Amount requested: £610

Details of the proposal:

The pathway leading to the main pedestrian access to the Scout hut is unpaved, uneven and often waterlogged. The path is currently covered in loose stone chippings, which is difficult to walk on and leads to excessive dirt being walked into the hut. The Scout group propose to lay a concrete path to make the access safer and cleaner. They would also like to replace the pedestrian access door to the scout hut. The current door is only an internal door and not very secure.

Costs:

Item	Cost	Estimate /	Request to
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	£	Actual Cost £	Ward Meeting £
New exterior door to scout hut	£350	Estimate	£350
New pathway	£260	Estimate	£260
Total	£610		£610

Pink Lizard Cohesion Project (Bringing young people together) (2064): Pink Lizard developing youth / community / Magpie

Amount requested £3225 (between Evington, Freeman and Eyres Monsell Wards)

Details of the proposal (taken from the application form)

Pink Lizard developing youth and community proposal is to deliver an community cohesion, Arts project. The project will work with young people from 3 different communities. Evington, Freemans and Eyres Monsell.

The young people have attended community ward meetings and have expressed their need for a project that support s their development, interest and passion in the Arts.

Through course of the the project the young people will gain a accreditaion qualification and take away skills in music production using pro logic music soft ware, tutored in singing, lyric/song writing and playing live instruments as guitar, drums, bass guitar and piano.

The project will also deliver a urban Hip Hop dance session which will be delivered to both male and females who are interested in dance.

The young people will have the chance to showacse their new skills at the 2012 Saffron Summer Fete. In 2011 the Fete attracted a local audience of around 2,000 people. The major attraction is the 'Stage Show' which show cases the talents of local young people. The Saffron Fete for 2012 is in August, this would be a great opportunity for the young people to show their new skills and talent.

We will know it was successful when we see the young people on stage performing and showing their talent before those attending the fete, and also delivering peer mentoring music project in our youth centres, and see the same young people enrolling on to performing arts college courses.

Costs:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
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Lead youth worker /Music tutor 15 Week project x 6 over 2 days	£20hr	A	1800
Music engineer 15 Weeks project 6 hrs over 2 days	£10hr	A	900
Travel 2 x times a week	£10 a session	A	300
Dance Tutor 1hr week	£15hr	A	225
Total	£3225		£3225 Between three Wards

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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Appendix A

Evington

Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Thursday, 8 December 2011

**Held at: St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Centre, 12 Goodwood Road,
Leicester LE5 6SG**

Who was there:

Councillor Deepak Bajaj
Councillor Baljit Singh

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.

Ward Councillors and General Information	Police Issues
Members of the community will be able to talk to their local Councillors or raise general queries.	A representative from the Local Policing Unit will be present to offer advice or to take queries relating to policing issues
Home Energy	Trading Standards
Local residents will be able to find out information relating to Home Energy schemes. Geoff Hutchins from the Home Energy Office will be present.	Members of the public will be able to talk to an officer from the Trading Standards team.
Evington in Bloom	City Wardens
Helen Pettman, local resident will be present to provide information on the Evington in Bloom project.	Members of the community will be able to talk to Nicole Powell, the City Warden for the Evington Ward.

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.

29. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Singh was elected as Chair for the meeting.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Evington Community Meeting, held on 13 September 2011, were agreed as a correct record.

33. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillors Deepak Bajaj and Baljit Singh provided an update on the issues they had been dealing with in the Evington Ward.

Councillor Bajaj stated that he was dealing with a number of petitions on behalf of constituents, including one which was currently being compiled following the recent road accident on Headland Road outside Linden Primary School.

Councillor Singh described some of the on-going work which he had undertaken in response to enquiries from constituents. He also informed the meeting that he had raised a number of questions in relation to the school places allocation policy and the Council's environmental services at a recent meeting of Full Council. He encouraged residents to view recent meetings of Full Council by visiting www.leicester.gov.uk.

The Ward Councillors also stated that they had attended several meetings as part of the organisation of Evington in Bloom.

34. EVINGTON WARD - COMMUNITY FACILITY

Following the receipt of a petition from residents requesting a community facility in Evington, Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services was in attendance to give a presentation to the Community Meeting.

Steve confirmed that there were currently no neighbourhood facilities within the Evington Ward. The closest such facility was located on Balderstone Close within the Coleman Ward and it was acknowledged that such facilities were desired for Evington.

It was reported that the delivery of new community services was especially difficult presently as a result of the difficult financial climate, but Steve stated that should residents of Evington hold a strong desire for their own community facilities, then a number of innovative options for doing so could be explored. Reference was made to the petition signed by 283 residents requesting the exploration of suitable options for community facilities within the ward.

Having accepted that there was significant demand for the establishment of community facilities, Steve explained that it was vital to identify the types of services and activities that people wished to access at a neighbourhood centre. In order to successfully deliver an effective facility, Steve stated that it was fundamental for a partnership approach to be formalised, and that such a facility would need to be available for a variety of purposes and for use by many different groups.

In terms of progressing this matter, Steve reported that a community association would need to be established. In order to receive funding towards a community facility, a properly constituted organisation would need to be formed. It was also vital to ensure that individuals were tasked with key roles such as opening and locking up the facility building. Steve encouraged anybody who was interested in becoming part of a steering group to contact him to discuss ways of developing the idea.

Councillor Singh was of the view that the development of a community facility was one of the major priorities in Evington and encouraged people to become part of the Evington Neighbourhood Centre Consultation Group.

It was agreed that an initial meeting with interested residents was required to identify ways of developing community facility for Evington. Steve agreed to facilitate this. In response to queries, it was confirmed that matters such as staffing and funding towards such a facility would be looked at in detail in due course. Residents were generally extremely supportive of developing this matter, but stated that it would be disappointing if it became clear that a facility could not be delivered which met the local demand.

RESOLVED:

That residents interested in joining the Evington Neighbourhood Centre Consultation Group contact either a Ward Councillor or Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services, Leicester City Council.

35. PRESENTATION ON THE TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE

Merybell Caberte-Smith from Leicester City Council Trading Standards will be present to talk about the work that the service provides.

Marybell stated that the fundamental role of the trading standards team was to protect and promote the rights of consumers and of legitimate businesses in the City. It was made clear that the size of the team had recently declined in size and operational capacity, and as a result, there was no longer a trading standards consumer advice centre, and advice could instead be accessed by phoning Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

The service comprised of two distinguished teams. The first of which was the business advice team which advised local businesses to be compliant with the law. It was stated that there had been increasing concern with the level of counterfeiting goods; a problem which had previously rapidly declined.

The second team worked on tackling complex case one of which is doorstep crime. This is a serious crime whereby traders set out to exploit vulnerable people; often older women who lived alone. Marybell reported that some perpetrators conned victims out of sums which often totalled thousands. She stated that some of these traders had been caught, prosecuted and consequently been jailed. If there are itinerant traders it is much harder to catch them. As Trading Standards have no powers of arrest, they often aim to cause disruption to the activities of rogue traders and deter victims from handing money to doorstep criminals. If necessary, Trading Standards will refer the victims to the Police, Victim Support and other suitable agencies like Social Services.

Councillor Singh reported that both he and Councillor Bajaj were part of a Scrutiny Task Group review of trading standards, which was reviewing the existing arrest policy and the prosecution process for rogue traders.

36. LIBRARY SERVICES IN EVINGTON

Ruksana Jagot, Senior Community Librarian, was present to provide an overview of services and activities which took place at Evington Library.

It was reported that the under 5 sessions held at the library attracted in the region of 30-40 parents and was particularly popular. Ruksana also stated that the summer scheme was extremely successful this year, with all activities receiving a high attendance.

Residents were informed that the library operated a minibus service to transport people to and from the library to access all services, including reading groups.

Ruksana invited officers from Trading Standards to conduct a short talk at the library to warn users against doorstep crime and rogue traders.

Councillor Singh commended the work undertaken by staff at Evington Library and paid thanks to all those involved

37. EVINGTON IN BLOOM

Helen Pettman gave a brief update on Evington in Bloom and explained how the project was progressing.

Helen stated that work had taken place around preparing a route for the Evington in Bloom judges to be taken around. She explained that a number of Evington in

Bloom volunteer groups had been working in Evington Park, and several stakeholders were working alongside the organisers, and these included the leisure centre and local businesses as well as a number of pubs and shops.

It was reported that the organisers were now ensuring that a list of gardening projects was being completed within Evington ahead of the judges' visits. Helen stated that it was important to ensure that all projects not only contributed towards a successful competition but were also fun to be involved with.

As part of the preparation, work was being undertaken in respect of developing a number of sponsorship schemes, and Helen agreed to report further on this particular aspect at the next meeting.

Helen thanked the ward councillors for providing money to Evington in Bloom from the ward budget, and as part of this, 32,000 bulbs had been planted to date. Ward money had also allowed hand tools and fruit trees to be provided.

RESOLVED:

That a further update be provided at the next Community Meeting, with particular reference to potential sponsorship schemes.

38. POLICING ISSUES IN THE EVINGTON WARD

Sergeant Dan Eveleigh and PC Rob Evans from Leicestershire Constabulary were present to provide an update on policing issues in the Evington Ward.

Sergeant Eveleigh explained that a problem solving plan had been devised for each area of the City, and the plan in relation to Evington predominantly focused on problems on Gamel Walk. He informed attendees that there had been a problem of anti-social behaviour, and as a result, the police had worked closely with a number of partners in attempt to alleviate the issues. Furthermore, the Police and the Council's Community Safety team had submitted a joint bid for ward funding on behalf of affected residents on Gamel Walk. This application was to be considered at a later stage during this meeting and the particular proposal was to block-off the walkway on Gamel Walk with a timber fence and to build a fixed panel and opening gate at the front of the alleyway.

Sergeant Eveleigh felt that a greater degree of youth outreach work was required within local communities, and explained that the police had worked closely with schools in terms of teaching respect and good citizenship standards to school-children. It was also made clear that incidents of anti-social behaviour accounted for approximately 1% of policing time.

A resident suggested that the church on Gamel Walk may wish to run a youth club similar to that which operated at other local churches. Sergeant Eveleigh agreed to explore this possibility.

PC Evans reported that during the previous 90 days, an average of three burglaries had been committed each week. As a result, a greater visible police presence had

been established. PC Evans also reminded residents to ensure that their properties were secured at all times.

In response to a query from Councillor Bajaj in relation to a series of burglaries on Greenacre Way, police officers explained that it was hoped to enforce a number of behavioural agreements in response to the problem. It was acknowledged that a greater level of work may be required in the future if these problems re-occurred.

In the last three months, it was reported that 16 vulnerable adult cases had been referred to the relevant agencies. On a further matter, Sergeant Eveleigh confirmed that an increasing number of dangerous dog complaints had been lodged, and encouraged residents to report any further cases in relation to dangerous dogs.

There had been reports of vandalism to the junction box outside the flats along Ethel Road. PC Evans confirmed he was not aware of this particular case, but encouraged residents to report such incidents to either themselves or the relevant tele-communications company.

In response to a request, it was agreed that statistics in relation to road traffic accidents in Evington would be reported to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the possibility of establishing a youth club at the Church on Gamel Road be explored; and
- (2) That statistics in relation to road traffic accidents in the Evington ward be reported to the next meeting.

39. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

Nicole Powell, City Warden, was in attendance to provide an update on street scene enforcement issues in the Evington Ward.

Nicole stated that some of the main issues she had recently dealt with included fly-posting incidents and cases of illegal car sales. In terms of the latter, it was acknowledged that the frequency of cases had recently declined.

Nicole also stated that she had targeted problems of illegal parking of cars outside Linden Primary School, which had emerged as a priority following a recent traffic accident involving a six-year-old boy. A number of concerned residents along with family members of the boy involved in the accident were present at the meeting. It was strongly felt that traffic calming measures were required at this location in addition to a number of signs that warned motorists not to exceed the speed limit. One resident confirmed that she had taken a significant number of photographs of illegal parking outside Linden Primary School.

Councillor Singh stated that a full investigation of the accident was required to take place. It was also confirmed that a petition had been compiled, and Councillor Singh explained that the petition response report would be forwarded to the Council's

relevant scrutiny commission in due course. It was felt that a collective approach to resolve this issue was required, and that input was needed from the Council, the Police and the local community. The Councillors agreed to bring an update in relation to the petition to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That a progress report in relation to the petition requesting traffic calming measures on Headland Road be brought to the next Evington Community Meeting.

40. BUDGET

Francis Connolly, Member Support Officer to the Evington Community Meeting gave an update on the Community Meeting budget.

Francis explained that two funding applications had been received and had been included on the agenda. Councillors had considered the applications in detail prior to the meeting.

1) Gamel Road Gating Project

Amount requested: £985

The meeting was informed that this application was to block off the walkway with timber fence, erect a timber fence to the gardens of each property and to build a fixed panel and opening gate at the front of the alleyway

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of £985.

2) Increasing Awareness of Domestic Violence

Amount Requested: £250 from three separate wards – submitted from the Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project

It was reported that the Safer Leicester Partnership had identified three areas of the city with the lowest figures for domestic violence reports to Police. Public questionnaires across the city indicate that 40% of people may never tell anyone about domestic violence, suffering in silence. DVIRP are leading a campaign in these areas, to increase awareness amongst members of the public and to let people know of the local support services available to assist them. The campaign is in partnership with Crimestoppers, who are making contributions in kind, and many other local agencies including the Police, the City Council and Victim Support.

The proposal was to print a range of promotional material including 'Tell Someone About It' reporting leaflets, crimestopper stickers and posters. There would also be events held in each of the Neighbourhoods, and posters and leaflets will be available in local community venues such as libraries, GP surgeries, community centres, children centres and schools.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of £250.

41. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 March 2012.

42. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

