

Westcotes Community Meeting

**Main Hall, East West Community
Project, 10 Wilberforce Road,
Leicester LE3 0BG
On Tuesday, 29 November 2011
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Meet your Councillors and local
service providers dealing with:-**

- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues
- Ward Councillors & General Information

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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

- Planning and Development Matters
- New Community Funding Streams
- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues in the Ward
- Ward Community Budget
- Forum for Older People

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell**

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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

Orange Bag Recycling Scheme Officers will be available to explain the new recycling service and answer any questions	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries
City Warden Service Talk to the City Warden about issues in the New Parks Ward	Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries

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 Westcotes Community Meeting held on 20 September 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. ORANGE BAG RECYCLING SCHEME

Officers from the Waste Management service will be at the meeting to provide an update on the new orange bag recycling scheme and answer any questions that residents may have.

6. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Westcotes Ward

7. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in Westcotes Ward

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Councillor Connelly will give an update on planning and development issues in the Westcotes Ward.

9. NEW COMMUNITY FUNDING STREAMS

Councillor Russell will advise the meeting of new community funding streams

10. 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) **An update on the 2011/12 Community Meeting budget will be provided.**

b) **The following grant application is submitted for consideration:-**

Project: Year 2 Outdoor Pursuits Residential – in the cabins at Beaumanor Hall

Applicant: King Richard III Infant and Nursery School

Amount requested:

£500 has been requested from both Westcotes Ward and Fosse Ward.

Total proposed income and expenditure is as follows:-

Item	Cost £	Income	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Coach from King Richard III School to Beaumanor Hall x 2 – return - £5 per head	280		School Funded
Cost of the package – cabin/activities/food x 60 - £55 per child	3,300		
Cost of Adults x 6 – 2 nights @ £56 per head	336		School funded
Allowance of £20 per child for essential equipment/trainers/waterproofs/sleeping bags, etc	1,200		
Additional food/drinks/supplies/treats/	90		School

materials - £1.50 per head			funded
Additional costs – out of hours payments to attending staff, etc	350		School funded
19 x £60 per head		1,140	Pupil premium
41 x £30 per head		1,230	Parental contribution
Essential equipment, treats, etc		Target 1,500	Children's fund raising
Difference between cost per head and parental contribution – 41 x £30 = £1,230		Target 1,000 Ward Grants + 230 School	£500 Westcotes Ward & £500 Fosse Ward School funded

Summary:

The school aims to provide all of its Year 2 children with the opportunity to go on a residential trip to Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse, Leicestershire. The challenge is to make it inclusive and affordable, whilst still offering a variety of adventurous activities not available in school, including a night away from home.

Activities will include a treasure hunt, canoeing (at Quorn Hall), use of a rock wall (on-site), camp fire activities and outdoor adventures in the grounds and woods. The objective, in line with Healthy School and Every Child Matters strands, is to develop independence, healthy lifestyles, outdoor learning and fun.

This is a new venture for the school, arising from the great success experienced when 12 of the school's then Year 2 children attended a 6-week Outdoor Pursuits course during the last school year.

Staff would like this year's cohort of 60 children to experience this. The aim is to make it affordable and productive and to cut down on the time taken going back and forth to the centre by using the residential facilities. The children will have an evening meal in the Hall, sleep in a cabin in the countryside, have breakfast in the cabin and be provided with two days of packed lunches, as well as participating in a full programme of activities.

Half of the cohort (30 children) and 6 staff will travel by coach to Beaumanor Hall on 2 May 2012, to arrive in time for lunch. The other half of the cohort and 3 staff will travel by coach to the Hall on 3 May 2012. The whole cohort will be together

for lunch and the early afternoon, with the first half of the cohort then returning to school with 3 staff. Six staff will remain at the Hall for the whole three day period.

To date, all feedback on the proposal has been favourable. It is planned to organise a day out at Beaumanor Hall for parents and children in the Spring Term, to further promote the project.

A Parent/Carer Notice Board has been set up at the school, where updates and news of how fundraising is progressing can be displayed and where the school's commitment to parental and community involvement can be demonstrated. Information was distributed at parents' evenings in October and links with the centre will continue to be developed.

The children are fully involved with the project and have been suggesting ways of fundraising. For example, a monthly cake sale is being held and the children are helping to run the KRIII Bank, where they can bring money to be paid in to their account to help spread the cost over the year. Fundraising will continue throughout the year, but so far has raised £110 from the Autumn Family Fun Day and £200 from a sponsored Leicester Marathon run by a member of staff. Future plans include a ticket only Autumn Festivals Party (target - £100), a cake sale (target - £50) and a stall at the Christmas Fair (target £100). Other stalls and events will be planned for the new year.

To make this a success, the school wants to make sure that all children are able to take up this opportunity and are properly equipped with sleeping bag, pillowcase, waterproofs, torch, towels, toiletries, water bottle, suntan lotion, track suit, trainers, etc. However, some children may not have suitable clothing and accessories and the school does not want this to be a barrier to taking up the opportunity.

The school wants to be able to provide these items without any stigma attached, so is budgeting for £20 per head with which the school will buy something for all 60 children. This could be something like a tracksuit and trainers, which is what was provided for the initial Outdoor Pursuits Group.

The school also wants to be able to make up any shortfall in parental contributions, to ensure that lack of money does not prevent children from going on the trip. The estimated cost of the residential course is £90 per child, but the school wants to offer it at £30 per child. Some of the shortfall will be met by the children's fundraising and the school budget, but it is estimated that there will be a minimum shortfall of £1,686. It is hoped that £1,000 of this can be met from the Ward Community Budgets of Westcotes and Fosse Wards.

This experience will promote learning in different ways in a different environment, provide experiences the children will not forget, and promote things such as co-operation, living together, independence, social skills, healthy lifestyles, active fun and emotional well-being, as well as providing an opportunity to do things the children may not otherwise do, increase self-esteem and self-confidence, and finding success in unlikely places.

Although the school is in Westcotes Ward, many children attending the school live in Fosse Ward. The school therefore is applying to both Wards for funding.

c) The following application for a grant has been approved under the Council's fast track procedure and is included for information:-

Project: Anti-Social Behaviour in Bede Park – Funding for a robust sign to be used on the slide

Applicant: PS 1011 Simon Barnes, Neighbourhood Police team

Amount approved: £88.92

Summary:

Funding for a robust permanent sign to be fixed to the large slide in the centre of Bede Park was requested. This would serve as a visual deterrent, as well as being a sign post to multi agency working (Council/Police/De Montfort University).

It also was hoped that it would deter adult park users (be they students or local residents) from climbing the slide out of hours, or in hours of darkness, and assist in being a tool for the Police to remove persons from the slide if no offences were committed but their removal was required to reduce noise and anti-social behaviour. The sign also could be used in any court cases to highlight that notice was given that use of the slide causes problems, which that person had then gone on to commit.

The sign would help reassure local residents that the problem was being taken seriously and anyone reading the sign would see that the Council, Police and De Montfort University had worked on solving the issue.

Funding for the sign was sought from the Council on this occasion. However, requests have been made of the Hinckley Road Joint Action Group and De Montfort University for other "prevention" resources regarding the issues on Bede Park.

11. FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

If anyone is interested in attending meetings of the Forum for Older People, they will be very welcome.

Members of the Forum are aged 50+, or are from organisations representing older people.

Meetings take place at the Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 9BG and will be held at 2.00 pm on the following dates:-

Tuesday, 17 January 2012
Tuesday, 28 February 2012

Tuesday, 10 April 2012.

If anyone is interested, please pass your details to any Council officer at the meeting and they will be added to the distribution list. (E-mail is the preferred method of contact.)

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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