

Humberstone & Hamilton Community Meeting

**Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre,
Armada Drive, Leicester. LE5 1HF
On Wednesday, 29 February 2012
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:-**

- Princes Trust
- Care and Repair
- NHS
- City Warden
- Police

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Princes Trust
- Care and Repair
- Youth Services
- City Warden
- Police
- Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Rita Patel
Councillor Barbara Potter
Councillor Gurinder Singh Sandhu**



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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.
City Warden Speak to your City Warden	Princes Trust Obtain information on the work of the Trust
Care and Repair Obtain information on the work of this project	NHS Obtain information on the current community awareness campaign that includes cancer awareness and cardio vascular disease.

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 Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting, held on 21st 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. PRINCES TRUST

Representatives of the Prince's Trust have been invited to attend the meeting to identify how the Trust could be of benefit to young people in the area.

6. CARE AND REPAIR

Representatives from the Care and Repair project have been invited to attend the meeting to identify how the project could benefit residents in the area.

7. YOUTH SERVICES

An officer has been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on Youth Services in the area.

8. ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following items have been raised by a member of the public: -

i) Main Street Humberstone – 20mph Campaign

Support is sought to the current campaign to impose a 20mph speed limit on a length of Main Street, Humberstone.

ii) Heavy Good Vehicles Operators Licences

It is requested that it be made a requirement that local people be notified of all new applications submitted for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operators Licences affecting this area.

iii) School Waiting Lists

In view of the fact that several local schools are full, and parents are being advised to 'Home Teach' until vacancies become available, the City Council be asked what was being planned to do to ease the situation, bearing in mind that further new properties are being built in the Hamilton area.

9. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

To receive an update on Local Policing issues in the area.

10. CITY WARDEN

To receive an update from the City Warden.

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 applications received since the last meeting are as follows: -

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| 1. <u>Hamilton Family Fun Day 2012</u> | £2444.20 |
| <u>Hamilton Residents Association (HRA)</u> | |

An application for funding to stage a Hamilton Family Fun Day 2012, on similar lines to the event held in 2011. The event will likely be held in

June on Hamilton Park Playing Fields.

2. **Various pitch markings** **£578**
Kestrels' Field Primary School
An application to provide various pitch markings at the school to extend the facilities for after-school activities and holiday clubs.

3. **The Emerald Centre** **£236**
c/o keyham lane Police Station
An application to provide 4 goal posts at the Centre, to replace the previous posts that were loaned out and not returned, a new booking system has since been put in place.

4. **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** **£495**
Twilight Group
An application towards the cost of decorations and afternoon tea as part of Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre on 31st May 2012.

5. **'It's Your Neighbourhood' – Litter Picking** **£354**
New Shoots Garden Club
An application to fund a monthly litter pick on Hamilton Estate, open to the whole community.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 21 September 2011

**Held at: Humberstone Junior School, Main Street, Humberstone,
Leicester LE5 1AE.**

Who was there:

Councillor Rita Patel
Councillor Barbara Potter
Councillor Gurinder Singh Sandhu

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 public could talk to their local Councillors or raise general queries	Police Constable 2016, Martin Peberdy from Keyham Lane, Local Policing Unit was present to answer queries relating to policing issues.
Orange Bag Recycling Scheme	Area Housing
Geoff Soden, Waste Services Manager was present to give information on the new recycling scheme.	Members of the community could talk to Suzanne Collins, Leicester City Council Housing Services.
City Warden	
Charlotte Glover, City Warden for the Humberstone and Hamilton Ward was present to answer queries relating to street scene enforcement issues.	

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.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Rita Patel as Chair welcomed everyone to the Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sarbjit, and Chrissie Field – Area Manager, Housing Services.

14. 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.

Councillors Potter and Sandhu declared that in respect of item 5, Greenfield Development – East of Heritage Way, they were both members of the Planning and Development Control Committee.

Councillor Potter further declared that in respect of item 8, Local Policing Update and item 9, the Budget, she was a member of the Police Authority.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of the Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting held on 1 July 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

16. GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT - EAST OF HERITAGE WAY

Darryl Watson, Senior Planner from Leicester City Council and Owen Bentley from the Barkby and Barkby Thorpe Parishes Action Group (BABTAG) were present to talk to members of the community about the proposed Greenfield Development – East of Heritage Way. An outline planning application had already been submitted to Charnwood Borough Council for 320 houses on agricultural land situated off Hamilton Land in the Barkby Thorpe Parish. However, the vehicular access to the proposed site would be within the City and therefore a planning application would also need to be submitted to Leicester City Council.

Councillors Potter and Sandhu explained that as they were members of the Planning and Development Control Committee, if members of the public wanted them to act as advocates on the application, the Councillors would need to declare a pre-determined interest, withdraw from the meeting and not participate as members of the committee when the application was considered. If however, members of the

public wished them to attend as members of the Planning and Development Control Committee and participate fully in the consideration and vote when the planning application came to committee, they needed to remain impartial and therefore withdraw from the forthcoming discussion on the planning application to avoid any appearance of bias and impartiality. After some discussion, members of the community agreed that both Councillors Potter and Sandhu should remain in the Community Meeting for the discussion on the application. This meant that when the planning application came to committee they would need to declare a pre-determined view and withdraw from meeting when the application was under consideration.

Darryl explained that the City Council were expecting a planning application to be submitted, but this would only be in respect of the vehicle and pedestrian access, and that was the only part of the application which the City Council would consider. The development itself would be considered by the Charnwood Borough Council.

Owen Bentley then addressed the meeting and he explained that BABTAG were opposed to the proposal for the following reasons:

- The development would be a very considerable strain on both the City and Charnwood.
- There would be additional pressures of schools, including the Pochin School which was located closest to the development. This would result also in an increase in traffic generally in Barkby and Barkby Thorpe and exacerbate parking problems.
- There would be additional strain on medical amenities such as local General Practitioners.
- The development would result in the loss of 46 acres of highly productive agricultural land, on which wheat was grown.
- Roads from the development would lead into Heritage Way and also Bryony Way, which was a narrow road.
- The development was within one mile of the Hamilton Deserted Medieval Village, and it would threaten the environment of such a nationally recognised monument.
- Smaller developments scattered through Charnwood would be preferable to this proposal for such a large development.

Members of the community made the following comments:

- Wise expansion of the City was essential and an orderly process and thoughtful planning was needed.
- As well as the development adding pressure for schools and G.P.s, there would also be resource implications for dentists and the Police and Fire Services.
- The Police were facing cutbacks and they were never seen in the locality.

PC Martin Peberdy, Keyham Lane Local Policing Unit, responded that potentially, the Policing of the area would be the responsibility of the County,

however, as Hamilton police were nearer to the development, in reality they would probably be called to respond to incidents.

- If the development was approved, presumably Charnwood and not Leicester would benefit from any S106 money. What would the S106 money be allocated to.

Daryl explained that he could not answer queries on behalf of Charnwood Borough Council.

- There would be more cars on the road and already bus drivers were experiencing difficulty in driving through some of the streets in Hamilton because vehicles were parked on both sides of the road.
- Was it known if Charnwood Borough Council had conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment?

Owen responded that a negative impact on bio diversity had been demonstrated.

Councillors expressed the following concerns about the proposal:

- There were 9 schools in the community which were already full to capacity.
- The services in the area were already insufficient.
- Extra traffic on Keyham Lane would add to the already extensive pressure on that road.
- The community did not have the capacity or resources for so many extra homes.

Councillor Potter re-iterated her concerns and stated that she would not participate when the Planning and Development Control Committee considered the application, but she would lobby on behalf of residents.

Members of the community also made the following comments about general issues:

- How was the Community Meeting publicised? I found out about the meeting by accident.

Councillors explained that meetings were advertised, information was put in the public arena including libraries and sent to everyone who had previously requested details of the meetings. A member of the Hamilton Residents Association commented that details of the meetings could also be found on their website. Councillor Potter explained that the Ward Councillors also held surgeries, which were extremely busy.

- The area of Keyham Lane West, close to the school was in need of improved lighting as the area there was very dark.

The Chair added that there were already issues relating to Keyhan Lane and the need for improved lighting would be added to the list.

17. ORANGE BAG RECYCLING SCHEME

Geoff Soden, Waste Services Manager gave a presentation on the new Orange Bag Recycling Scheme. Geoff made the following points:

- The main difference was that a whole range of items could now be recycled.
- The new scheme started in October when the orange bags and information pack would be circulated.
- The first collections of the orange bags would take place during week beginning Monday 17 October.
- People were asked to wash out any items which had contained food or liquid.
- The orange bags would be collected on the normal refuse collection day, and there was no limit to the number of orange bags which could be put out for collection.
- Green boxes could be kept or returned.
- Food waste, nappies etc could not be recycled and should still be placed in the refuse bin.
- The scheme had been trialled in parts of the City with great success. More people were recycling and more waste was being recycled.
- It was hoped that much less waste would end up in land-fill. This would result in the Council paying reduced land fill taxes.
- It was recognised that people who lived in flats were generally short of space and the next phase of the scheme would look at their recycling arrangements.

A member of the community commented that he had taken part in the pilot scheme, which he said had worked very well, resulting in the waste in his wheely bin being reduced to approximately one third.

18. CITY WARDEN

Charlotte Glover, the City Warden for the Humberstone and Hamilton Ward addressed the community meeting on local street scene enforcement issues. Charlotte made the following points:

- There had been a considerable amount of graffiti around the Hamilton estate, much of which had been cleaned up.
- A litter picking event had taken place around Netherhall.
- The Tesco store at Hamilton had introduced a £1 deposit on their shopping trolleys and it was hoped that this would result in fewer abandoned trolleys around Hamilton.
- 2 more people had been prosecuted for illegal fly tipping.

Members of the community raised the following queries and concerns:

- When the Council cleared a flat, they left rubbish, including doors and toilets outside for collection. It could sometimes be up to three weeks before they were collected.

Suzanne Collins from the Leicester City Council Housing Services stated that she would report back on that query.

- Currently street cleaning was carried on the same day that the refuse collections took place, but cleaning took place before the bins were emptied. Could the cleaning be carried out after the bins were emptied rather than before?
- Could the City Wardens monitor people who allow their dogs to foul in public places?

Charlotte explained that she did monitor the situation and that she had to power to issue fixed penalty notices.

- There were notices advising people not to let their dogs foul, but there were no telephone numbers on the posters. If telephone numbers were given, then members of the public could phone to report problems.

Councillors commented that this was a good idea and requested that the suggestion be actioned.

- There was graffiti on Maidenwell Avenue - has this been dealt with?

Charlotte explained that she was not able to remove large areas of graffiti but she had removed the smaller 'tags'.

Councillors thanked Charlotte and commented that she was doing a good job.

Action to be taken	Officer responsible	Deadline
The complaint regarding items removed from council housing, and left outside the property for several weeks before collection be investigated.	Suzanne Collins, Housing Services	As soon as possible.
For dog fouling notices to include a contact telephone number.	Charlotte Glover, City Warden	As soon as possible.

19. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Police Constable 2016 Martin Peberdy from the Keyham Lane Local Policing Unit gave the meeting an update on policing issues in the Humberstone and Hamilton Ward.

Anti-Social Behaviour

There had been a problem with anti-social behaviour on Sandhill Avenue, particularly near to the shops and on New Romney Crescent. High visibility patrols had taken place in those areas. Anti-social behaviour on Sandhill Avenue had improved, but there was still a problem on New Romney Crescent with stone throwing and petty vandalism. The Police were working with the Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (LASBU) and had spoken to youths and their parents. Shift patterns had been altered to address the issue.

Burglaries

There had been 10 burglaries in the 3 month period, compared to 26 during the previous 3 months, however the festival season was approaching. Members of the community were urged to use time switches, lock windows and to keep valuables out of sight.

A member of the community asked for clarity regarding the situation relating to road tax for off road vehicles. Pc Peberdy responded that vehicles used on the road needed to have current road tax, but if they were kept off road, the owner need to complete a Statutory Off Road Notice (SORN) so that the DVLA were aware that the vehicle was kept off the road and therefore road tax was not needed.

There then followed a discussion about facilities for young people:

- Pc Peberdy had referred to anti-social behaviour from youths in the area, but there was nothing for them to do. What had happened with the Zodiac Gym?

Councillor Potter responded that the lack of youth activities was a problem, but more facilities had been implemented, which included the park at Netherhall and lighting on the ball court at the neighbourhood centre. There had been a health and safety issue at the Zodiac Gym because of the difficulty in finding appropriate instructors.

Hiten commented that there were after school play sessions and youth sessions at the Arnold Centre. The Chair also informed the meeting that Gateway College ran numerous activities in the evening.

- People in Hamilton were not informed about events that were being held at Gateway College.

The Chair suggested that as Councillor Potter was on the College's governing body, she could request that the College try to publicise information on activities for members of the public that were being held at Gateway.

Mehboob Bachoo, Sports Regeneration Officer, Sports Services informed that meeting that there would be a new programme of activities from October 2011.

Councillors suggested that an item on youth facilities should be added to the agenda at the next Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting.

- At the previous Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting, Keith Vaz M.P. stated that there would be a Councillor dedicated to the Hamilton area.

The Chair explained that the different Ward Councillors had taken on specific issues within the Ward, and as an example, she had been working on issues relating to Columbine Road. She added that Councillors understood the issues facing Hamilton, however, the Council needed to make large spending cuts. The Chair commented that in some areas, communities had worked together to apply for lottery funding in order to bring new facilities to their area.

Councillor Potter informed the meeting that funding had been received from the Nirvana Association and four outdoor football pitches would be opening in Hamilton early in October. The meeting also heard that the Hamilton Library was an excellent facility and Councillors asked members of the public to let them know if they had any suggestions for the use of existing facilities for community use during the evenings.

Action to be taken	Officer responsible	Deadline
For an item on youth services in the Humberstone and Hamilton Ward to be added to the agenda for the next Community Meeting	Mike Keen, Democratic Support Officer and Anita Patel, Member Support Officer	Before the next Community Meeting.

20. BUDGET

Anita Patel, Member Support Officer presented the Community Meeting Budget. Anita explained that there were two budget applications; one had been detailed on the agenda and a further application from Leicestershire Constabulary had arrived after the agenda had been despatched.

The funding applications were as follows:

Senior Citizens Residential: Twilight Group

A representative from the Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre explained that the Twilight Group consisted of elderly, housebound and vulnerable people who met at the centre. £498.50 was requested for the cost of transport and carers to enable the

senior citizens to participate in a ‘turkey and tinsel’ residential in Hayling Island during November.

Members of the community indicated their support for the initiative.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application to the value of £498.50 be supported.

Humberstone and Hamilton Target Hardening Project: Leicestershire Police, PS 4317 Catherine Haward / PC 2016 Martin Peberdy.

Copies of this funding application were circulated at the meeting.

PC Peberdy explained that the Police had applied for £1,000 from the Community Meeting Budget to provide door and window shock alarms, in order to reduce the likelihood of properties being subject to burglary. The devices would be given to victims of burglary and to properties in identified locations that were believed to be a greater risk of burglary. One alarm would be given to each identified property and the Police would check the properties to assess the best place for the alarm to be fitted.

PC Peberdy explained that the alarms adhered to the windows and Councillors expressed some concern that they could easily be knocked off. They questioned whether the device needed to be more robust. PC Peberdy responded that the alarms had been already provided in the Rushey Mead Ward and were working well there. An officer from Housing Services explained that the same models of alarms had been used in her house for 6 years and only once during that time had one of the alarms fallen off.

Councillors also questioned whether one device per household was sufficient and suggested that an alarm needed to be fitted on every downstairs window.

Members of the community indicated their support for the initiative stating that it demonstrated good partnership working between the Police and Leicester City Council. It was agreed that the funding should be approved in principle but there should be further consultation with Councillor Potter, as a member of the Police Authority, regarding the alarms.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application to the value of £1,000 be supported in principle, but with further consultation between the Police and Councillor Potter regarding the door / window shock alarms.

Action to be taken	Officer responsible	Deadline
That the funding applications that the Councillors had agreed to support, be submitted to the Assistant Mayor	Anita Patel, Member Support Officer.	By the end of September 2011.

for Health and Community Involvement.		
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21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair announced that the next Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting would be held on Wednesday 30 November at 6.00 pm in a venue to be confirmed.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked members of the community if they wished to raise any other business.

A member of the community referred to the minutes of the previous Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting held on 1 July 2011, which stated that the issue relating to the re-opening of Columbine Road be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. However, this item had not been discussed.

The Chair explained that this particular issue was being dealt with and the Deputy City Mayor had also been involved. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action to be taken	Officer responsible	Deadline
That an item on Columbine Road be placed on the agenda for the next Humberstone and Hamilton Community Meeting	Mike Keen, Democratic Support Officer and Anita Patel, Member Support Officer.	Before the next Community Meeting.

23. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

