

Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

**Christ the King Church, Beaumont Way (next
to shopping centre)**

On Wednesday, 7 December 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
- Police
- City Warden
- Community Library
- Leicester Speedway
- Housing Office
- Parks Team
- Kerbside Recycling Scheme
- UR Choice
- Multi-Agency Traveller Unit
- City Highways

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Policing Update
- Kerbside Recycling Scheme –
Update
- City Warden Update
- Item on Drugs – including
input from the Police, Youth
Service and Drug and Alcohol
Team
- Funding Applications

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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



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You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

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.
Parks Team Raise any queries about parks / grounds maintenance issues with officers	Multi Agency Traveller Unit Officers will be available to provide information
City Highways Officers will be present to provide information	Kerbside Recycling Scheme Waste Management will be available to discuss 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

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 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. POLICING UPDATE

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

6. COMMUNITY CONCERNS - DRUGS

A discussion will take place addressing the concerns of residents over drugs and possible weapons in the area. Input will be given by the Police, Youth Service and Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

7. KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME

A representative from Waste Management will be present at the meeting to provide an update on the new Orange Bag recycling scheme.

8. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

9. 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 following budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Mr David Kayemba

Amount: £360

Proposal: Leicester Zim Warriors FC

Summary: Leicester Zim Warriors FC is a current football team that plays at Victoria Park. It comprises of 48 members who come from mixed cultural backgrounds. The group consists of mainly unemployed young men using sport as a diversionary activity, breaking down community safety issues, minimising anti-social behaviour alongside building self-esteem and confidence in those who participate.

The group is under threat of closure if they are not able to find the needed funds. The league in which the group participate commenced on the 28th August and the funding is needed to allow the club to participate. The group supports vulnerable young people who are making the transition from their home cultures to living in the UK.

The overall cost being applied for is £1,800 with this being divided being the wards from which the young people come from (Beaumont Leys, Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Castle, Spinney Hills and Westcotes).

Application 2

Applicant: Beaumont Leys LPU

Amount: £500

Proposal: Community Speedwatch

Summary: The proposal is for Beaumont Leys Police Station to purchase a hand held speed camera device, to be utilised on an ongoing basis to deal with and respond to issues around speeding throughout Abbey, Beaumont Leys and New Parks.

The device costs £2,100 and the bid applied for is £1,500 with this being divided being three wards at £500 each (Abbey, Beaumont Leys and New Parks).

Application 3

Applicant: Ur Choice Young Peoples Project

Amount: £100

Proposal: To host an end of year get-together and awards ceremony for the Beaumont Lodge community and volunteers.

Summary: The funding would enable the hosting of an event to publicly acknowledge, reward and encourage continued community involvement of young people and adults who participate in the development of the centre and other community activities. The event will help to build community spirit, camaraderie and strengthen existing friendships.

Application 4

Applicant: Soft Touch Arts

Amount: £564

Proposal: Comedy Short Film Making Project

Summary: Soft Touch have been undertaking film making projects with young people for 25 years. It has applied to First Light (a national young film makers' fund) for £10,024 to work with three groups of young people to each make a short comedy film, (90 seconds maximum). First Light requires match funding in cash of 10% of the project cost and 10% in-kind funding. The in-kind funding has already been secured.

The three groups to be worked with are:-
The Contact Project meeting at Christ the King Church in Beaumont Leys
The Contact Project meeting at St Matthews
An independent group of young people from Beaumont Leys / New Parks

The latter two groups both worked with Soft Touch in the summer on a one day Olympic film making project commissioned by First Light and the group individuals are keen to build on the knowledge and experience gained from this short taster. A further exhibition opportunity is to get the films screened on the big city centre screen in Leicester through the BBC.

In addition to this request, applications have been made to New Parks Ward (£118) and Spinney Hills Ward (£376).

Application 5

Applicant: Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association

Amount: £550

Proposal: To host an end of year get-together and awards ceremony for the Beaumont Lodge community and volunteers.

Summary: The funding would enable the hosting of an event to publicly acknowledge, reward and encourage continued community involvement of young people and adults who participate in the development of the centre and other community activities. The event will help to build community spirit, camaraderie and strengthen existing friendships.

Application 6

Applicant: Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association

Amount: £280

Proposal: To host an end of year disco for children and young people.

Summary: The funding would enable the hosting of a disco for at least 50 children and young people on Friday 9th December 2011. This event is aimed at giving children and young people the opportunity to have fun in a safe, healthy and happy environment.

Beaumont Lodge has raised £130 through its own fundraising efforts and would appreciate the Ward Committee making up the shortfall of £150.

Approved under the fast-track process:

1. Ur Choice Young Peoples Project

Amount: £100

Proposal: Funding towards a youth Halloween party on 31st October 2011, including a ghost walk around Home Farm and a disco, aimed at ages 13 to 19 years.

2. Extended Services - Barleycroft School Christmas Festival

Amount: £400

Proposal: Funding towards a school festival on Tuesday 6th December, including a carol sing-along, parent/pupil workshops and specialist provider.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

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Beaumont Leys

Appendix A

Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 21 September 2011

Held at: Christ the King Church, Beaumont Leys, Leicester

Who was there:

Councillor Vi Dempster

Councillor Sundip Meghani

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
Local Councillors were present to discuss general queries.	Local Police were available to talk about issues or raise general queries.
Housing Office	Parks Team
Staff were in attendance from the local housing office to discuss any housing matters.	The Parks Team were at the meeting to provide advice / guidance on local grounds maintenance issues.
Applications for School Places	Babington Community College
Officers from the Admissions Service were available to give information about the admissions process.	Representatives from Babington Community College were at the meeting.
Recycling Scheme	Cornerstone PCC
Officers from Biffa were present to give details about the new kerbside recycling scheme.	Cornerstone were the recent recipients of Community Meeting funding and were present to show what they did with the funding.

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.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Westley, Carlym Sandringham (Healthy Living Centre) and Michelle Gamble (UR Choice Project)

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Sundip Meghani was Chair for the meeting.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interest they had in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate if Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

There were no declarations.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Beaumont Leys Community Meeting held on 20 July were approved as a correct record.

15. POLICING UPDATE

Sergeant Rich Jackson gave an update on Policing issues highlighting the following points:-

- In nearly all key main crime categories, (burglary, theft, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour and domestic violence), crime was significantly down on the same period from the previous year.
- The one issue which remained a problem was drugs. Therefore, the Police Problem Solving Profiles were focussed on this issue. Arrests had been made, with custodial sentences expected. These would be followed up to see if evictions could be made as a result.
- A significant operation had been undertaken with court officials to deal with non-payment of fines. There had been significant numbers of arrests made and the recovery of large amounts of money.
- There was a plan for the Police to take a shop unit in the shopping centre over the Christmas period. Last year there was a 50% reduction in crime in the centre as a result.

- More details on the death of local resident from Tilling Road would be provided at the next meeting.

Comments and questions were made as follows:

- John Thomson, Housing Area Manager commented on the issue of evictions from Council properties in drugs cases. He noted that the law required there to be a 'nuisance'. This could easily be argued in court for class A drug offences, but was more difficult to argue lower classes.
- Kim Thorrington, Youth Worker reported that young people were unsafe on Beaumont Walk as he'd received reports that they were having cigarettes and money extorted from them. Sergeant Jackson agreed to discuss the matter with Kim.
- A number of comments were raised about drugs:
 - It was noted that it was a key issue for the area.
 - Big scale dealers and users with a problem should be considered differently.
 - Treatment was enacted where users who tested positive when they came into contact with the criminal justice system.
 - People who phoned the Crimestoppers phonenumber could be assured of complete confidentiality.
 - It was proposed that there be a main item on the agenda of the next Ward Community Meeting looking at the issue and potential solutions to some of the problems.
- There was some discussion about the reasons for the reduction in the crime level – it was noted that it was likely to be a result of the movements of criminals in and out of the area, particularly if key criminals were in prison. There were however a number of actions relating to enforcement / diversion and education that the Police and other agencies were taking, which was also undoubtedly having an effect.
- It was reported that the Beaumont Leys Local Policing Unit now had a new Commander who was Inspector Kev Morris.

Action	Officer Identified	Deadline
An item to be on the agenda for the next meeting on the drugs issue.	Jerry Connolly	December 2011

16. APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Cathy Dobb, Head of Service for School Organisation and Assets gave the meeting a brief presentation on the admissions for school places process. The following points were noted.

- It was currently the time of year for parents to submit their 3 choices in order of preference for secondary school, deadline of 31st October.
- Schools were unaware of the order of preference when choosing to make an offer to parents; this allowed for the more efficient allocation of places.
- The Choice Advice Service was a body, independent of the Council which could advise parents on making the choice for their child's school.
- After the secondary school process the Foundation (reception) places are dealt with – deadline 15 January.
- It was noted that with Foundation level, it couldn't be assumed that if a child attended a nursery at a school that a school place would be automatic.
- Applying online was recommended as choices could be amended up until the deadline date and it could be guaranteed that the application had been received.
- If unsuccessful there was an appeals process and you could go on a school's waiting list, but there was no guarantee of success.

Questions / comments were raised on the following areas:

- The importance of putting three choices – Cathy advised that it was always important to put three choices down. If only one choice was made and it wasn't successful, any school could be allocated.
- The importance of getting the application in on time – all applications received on time would be dealt with first and only then would late applications be dealt with.

The Chair thanked Cathy for her presentation.

He also congratulated Councillor Dempster and all those involved in the city's education for the improved results in the city this past year. In particular, it was noted that Babington Community College's performance had improved from about 23% 5 A-C in 2008 to over 70% this year.

Councillor Dempster asked those present to spread the message about admissions and that people shouldn't make assumptions about city schools, they were improving and people should go and see them.

17. KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME

Sophie Glover from Biffa gave the meeting a short presentation presenting the new orange bag recycling scheme. She noted the following points:-

- Orange bags were now replacing the existing green box scheme.
- More recyclable materials could be put in the bags than could be put in the green boxes.
- A pack would be sent out to residents which would say what could be put in the bags, this would include a fridge magnet for ease of remembering.
- Green boxes could be retained to store the orange bags in.

Questions were asked on the following matters:-

- Communal blue bins for flats? Sophie commented that an individual assessment will be done on each block of flats and a bespoke service would be put in place based on the most appropriate approach for the benefit of residents.
- What couldn't be put in? Food waste, broken glass and nappies.
- What were the details of the trial areas? Recycling had doubled and participation rates increased by 20% in those areas where the scheme was trialled.
- What happens when you run out of bags? Put a sticker (supplied) on the last bag and new ones will be left.

Sophie also pointed out the importance of ensuring that all recyclable materials were cleaned of food waste to avoid the likelihood of foxes tearing into the bags. She also noted that the 'ball mill' separation system would still be used but, by using the orange bags more materials could be successfully recycled.

The Chair thanked Sophie for attending.

18. BUDGET

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer introduced the budget requests which had been submitted to the Committee.

Application 1 – Essensual Rejuvenation Dance, Sport and Fitness

Mandy Shepherd was in attendance at the meeting and spoke in support of the application for funding to cover the cost of coaches, equipment, room hire and a finale at the end of the programme.

- There was great demand for the dance and drama sessions.

- However, there were many young people who couldn't access the sessions due to the costs involved.
- The funding would enable the sessions to be put on for six months, during which time efforts would be made to make the project financially sustainable.

There were some comments from residents during the discussion on this item.

- There seemed to be a large number of applications for young people and none for older people. It was however noted that there was a lack of older people's organisations in the ward who would normally lead on applying for funding.
- The 'Somewheretogo EM' project could assist with finding venues free of charge for young people's activities.
- The Council should provide somewhere free for the project. It was however noted that this was part of a wider debate.
- There was general support for the application and the cross generational aspects were supported in particular.

RECOMMENDED:

That the application be supported and £1,352 be allocated, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Community Involvement.

Application 2 – Leicestershire Police – Beaumont Leys Beat Team

Sergeant Rich Jackson presented an application which requested £1035 funding in support of a joint proposal between the Police and the Fire Service to provide a shop unit at the Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre over the Christmas period. Advice and support will be available at the unit as well as free crime prevention measures for local people on production of a utility bill.

The following comments were made in relation to this application:-

- Information on other areas such as drug / alcohol / domestic violence support should be made available at the unit.
- A similar application should be made to the Abbey Ward for funding, if not this year, then certainly next year.
- The unit should be publicised in the 'One Neighbourhood' magazine.

RECOMMENDED:

That the application be supported and £1,035 be allocated, subject to final approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Community Involvement.

Application 3 – Leicestershire Police – Community Speedgun

Sergeant Rich Jackson introduced an application for £500 towards the cost of Community Speedgun, to address problems related to speeding drivers as identified in Police surveys. This was a shared application for a number of areas in the North West of the city.

RECOMMENDED:

That the application be deferred to be considered in more detail by local Councillors.

Application 4 – Leicester Speedway Limited

An application was received from Leicester Speedway Limited, for £1,102.98 to request funding to support a proposed outreach programme to engage young people in the area as a way of combatting the problems associated with the illegal use of motorcycles in the ward. The funding was to provide clothing and safety equipment for the use on motorbikes.

The Councillors agreed that this was a positive project, but felt that more discussions were needed between the Council, including the Youth Service, the Speedway Club and the Police to determine the most appropriate way forward for joint working on the project.

There was a suggestion that the project could prioritise young people who have shown to give positively to the local area.

RECOMMENDED:

That the application for £1,102.98 be supported in principle, subject to further discussions between the Council / Police and the Speedway club to ensure the most satisfactory joint working arrangements.

Matters Approved Under the Fast Track Procedure

The following budget request was included on the agenda for formally noting as it had been agreed by Councillors in between meetings to enable the project to take place.

Beaumont Leys Library – Health and Wellbeing Event - £500.

RESOLVED:

that the previously agreed funding be noted.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting would be held on 7 December.

There was a debate about what time it should be held, whether it should be 3.30pm or 6.00pm, upon being put to a vote of those present, it was agreed to keep the meeting at 6.00pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

