

**Willowbrook Primary School,
Roborough Green,
Leicester LE5 2NA
On Monday, 24 October 2011
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- Home Energy
- Leicester Home Choice
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues
- Community Meeting Budgets and Enquiries

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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

- Police Issues in Thurncourt Ward
- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- Housing Allocations Policy
- Highways Issues
- City Warden Service
- Ward Community Budget
- Older People's Forum

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Luis Fonseca
Councillor Rob Wann**

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

New Recycling Service Officers will be at the meeting to explain the City Council's new recycling scheme	Home Energy Officers from the Home Energy Office will give advice on how to save energy in the home
Leicester Home Choice Find out more about the Leicester Home Choice housing allocations scheme	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 Thurncourt 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

Members are asked to 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

The minutes of the Thurncourt Community Meeting held on 18 July 2011 have been circulated. 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. UPDATE ON POLICE ISSUES

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will provide an update on Police issues in Thurncourt Ward.

6. ORANGE BAG RECYCLING SCHEME

Officers from the Leicester City Council's Waste Management service will be at the meeting to explain the new recycling collection service being introduced across the City

7. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Mike Pears, (Leicester City Council's Team Leader for Highway Asset Management), will be present to will provide an update on issues previously raised by the Meeting and to answer questions.

8. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Officers from Leicester City Council's Housing services will be at the meeting to discuss Leicester Home Choice, the City Council's housing allocations policy.

9. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

The City Warden will be present at the meeting to give an update on issues in Thurncourt Ward.

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) The Members Support Officer will provide an update on the 2011/12 Ward Community budget for 2011/12; and

b) The following grant applications are submitted for consideration:-

Project: Taxi Support Scheme

Amount: £2,000

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge & District Community Association

Summary:

This taxi scheme has been in existence for some time. Funding for it has come from Thurncourt Ward budgets.

Initially, the scheme was available to take elderly and disabled people from Thurncourt Ward to places such as hospitals, doctors' surgeries, shops, or the community centre. However, variations to the scheme have been introduced over time, as the level of demand exhausted funds too quickly. The present rules allow travel in one direction only and journeys are confined to within the Ward boundaries.

The charge made by the company is £3.50 per journey, which it is understood barley covers the operator's costs. The company, (Quick Cabs), operates from in the Ward and the owner has in the past also invited customers, a number of whom are service users, to a Christmas party.

Examples of money released to the company are:-

10 September 2010	£500
4 November 2011	£500
7 April 2011	£500
22 June 2011	£500

There is a balance of £500 from the last grant still to be released

Project: Royal Horticultural Society Improvement Project

Amount requested: £500 for a planter seat

Applicant: Allan Gratrix

Summary:

The Thurnby Lodge & District Community Association is currently involved in delivering an improvement scheme to the area around Thurnby Lodge Community Centre.

The Royal Horticultural Society has given a grant of £500 to carry out various elements of the scheme. This has been matched by the Community Association.

In addition to doing ground work, a tree has been removed from the car park border. It is intended to put suitable plants in the borders, as well as in an area in front of The Raven Youth Club. Behind the Youth Club is an area of ground that will be dug over to create an allotment, which a member of the Youth Club has undertaken to be responsible for, (supported by his grandfather).

Expenditure to date is in excess of £500 and there is still considerable outlay to

be met. A major item of expenditure will be a planter seat, which will go in front of the telegraph pole situated in the middle of the gravel. Such a feature would greatly enhance the front of the building and soften the effect of the telegraph pole. The planter is provided fully planted and costs a little over £500.

The scheme is being supported by the City Council's Parks service and is subject to inspection by Royal Horticultural Society members.

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. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 19 March 2011 (venue to be arranged)

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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