

Fosse Community Meeting

**Woodgate Resource Centre, 36
Woodgate, Leicester
On Wednesday, 18 January 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:-

- Prince's Trust
- Care and Repair
- Police
- City Warden
- Square Mile Update

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Fosse Library
- Prince's Trust
- Care and Repair
- Square Mile Update
- Police Update
- City Warden Update
- Youth Services
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Ted Cassidy MBE
Councillor Susan Waddington**

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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

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Prince's Trust Find out more information about projects run by the Prince's Trust.
Care and Repair Find out information about the Care and Repair Service.	Police Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
City Warden There will be an opportunity to raise any environmental issues in the ward.	Square Mile There will be an update on the Square Mile project.

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

The minutes of the previous Fosse Community Meeting, held on 5 October 2011 have been circulated 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. FOSSE LIBRARY

There will be an update with regard to the latest proposals for Fosse Library.

6. PRINCE'S TRUST

A representative from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue will be in attendance to present an overview of the work with the Princes' Trust and will provide guidance on how local young people can become involved with the trust.

7. CARE AND REPAIR

There will be information provided on the Care and Repair service which offers housing adaptations for elderly and/or disabled homeowners.

8. SQUARE MILE UPDATE

There will be an update on the Square Mile project

9. POLICE UPDATE

A representative from the Local Policing Unit will be present to provide a crime update for the area.

10. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden for the Fosse ward will be present to provide an update on environmental issues in the area.

11. YOUTH SERVICES

There will be an update on work being done to improve youth provision in the area.

12. COMMUNITY MEETING 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 on the Community Meeting Budget. Please find summaries of applications received for consideration below.

The following budget applications have been received:

Application 1

Applicant: Woodgate Residents Association

Amount: £3,000

Proposal: Music Development Programme

Summary:

The Music Development Programme which is held at the Woodgate Resource Centre, teaches children to play the guitar, keyboards, violin, recorders and singing. The programme has been running for over five years starting with just guitars and keyboards. Two to three years ago a grant was received from Youth Music to increase the number of classes both in guitar and keyboards but also introducing violin, recorders and singing. At the moment there are about eighty children taking part in the programme.

The Youth Music funding ran out on 31st March 2011. We are therefore looking for various funding opportunities to continue and expand the programme including an additional lesson each term and "master classes" during the school holidays. We have succeeded in getting some grants (about £15,000) and are in the process of applying for grants from trusts and lottery based

funding organisations to continue funding to at least 31st March 2013. We also charge the children for the music lessons, currently £25 for an eleven week term. A grant from the ward fund will help us to leaver in money from other sources.

We will be able to judge the success of the programme by the numbers attending and the improvement in the skills of the children participating.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Tutor Fees	34,500	E	3,000
Room Hire	3,800	E	
Administration and Fees	2,000	E	
Equipment	500	E	
Publicity	1,000	E	
Taster Days and Concerts	2,000	E	
Contingencies	500	E	
Total	44,300	E	3,000

Application 2

Applicant: Groby Road Allotment Society

Amount: £1,400

Proposal: Environmental / Wildlife Pond Project

Summary:

- To create an environmentally friendly pond on the embankment of Groby Road Allotment Society overlooking 60+ plots.
- To encourage frogs and other wildlife and plants to flourish in the pond.
- The pond will be in a communal area where seating will be installed for use of plot holders and children and grandchildren.
- Local schools will be invited to visit, observe and learn from their nautal habitat.
- Most plot holders live in the Fosse ward and each year's open day encourages more local people to visit and participation from all over the county.
- The Committee is contributing £150 for hire of mini JCB towards the project.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Pond Liner / Tape and	900	900	900

Underlay			
Labour and Plants	650	650	500
JCB Mini Digger	150		
Total	1,550	1,550	1,400

Application 3

Applicant: King Richard III Infant and Nursery School

Amount: £500

Proposal: Outdoor Pursuits Residential at Beaumont Hall

Summary:

The aim is to provide all our Year 2 children with the opportunity of going on an exciting and adventurous 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. (Treasure Hunt, canoeing (Quorn Hall), rock wall (on site), camp fire activities and outdoor adventures in the grounds and woods – the objective in line with Healthy School and with Every child Matters strands is aimed at developing independence, healthy lifestyles, outdoor learning and fun.

This is a new venture for the school born out of the fantastic experience of sending 12 of our then Year 2 children on a 6 week Outdoor Pursuits Course last school year. It proved to be such a wonderful experience for the children who were exposed to different challenges and opportunities for success and who managed to surprise even themselves by how much they achieved. Everyone noticed the huge difference it made to them in terms of building their independence, self-confidence and in taking a pride in their efforts.

The staff involved wanted all of this year's cohort of 60 to benefit from an adventure and to make it affordable and productive by cutting down the time it takes to go back and forth to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre by being residential where the activities are on site and there is the added bonus of sleeping in a cabin in the wilds of the countryside.

The first stage was to hold a meeting for parents to see what their reaction was to the idea. All of the feedback was favourable with about half of the parents attending the presentation and some attending the advertised open day at Beaumanor Hall to see the potential for themselves. (We plan to organise a day out there for parents and children in the Spring Term).

Getting the parents and community involved is important to us and so we have established a Parent/Carer Notice Board where updates and news of how the fundraising is progressing are displayed and where we can demonstrate our commitment to parental and community involvement.

We gave out more information at the October parents evenings and we will continue to develop our links with the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The Children are fully involved with the planned project and have been coming up with ideas

for fundraising with a monthly cake sale already in place. They are also helping to run the KRIII Bank where they can bring money to be paid into their account to help spread the cost over the year. The residential incorporates one night in the cabins, an evening meal in the Hall, breakfast in the cabin and two days of packed lunches provided as well as a full programme of exciting activities.

Half of the cohort (30 children and 6 staff who will remain for the 3 days) will travel by coach to Beaumanor Hall on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 where they will have lunch and a full afternoon and evening of activities. The evening meal will be eaten in the Hall. The other half of the cohort (30 children and 3 staff will travel by coach to Beaumanor Hall on Thursday 3rd May 2012. For lunchtime and the early afternoon all of the cohort will be together then cohort 1 will return to school with 3 staff while cohort 2 begin their adventure. They will return to school with the 6 staff on Friday afternoon.

For this to be a real success we want to make sure that all of our children take up this opportunity and all are properly equipped with sleeping bags/pillowcase/waterproofs/torch/towels/toiletries/waterbottle/suntan lotion/track suit/trainers etc and KRIII needs to be prepared to provide these without there being any stigma involved which is why we are budgeting for £20 per head with which we will buy something for all 60 children maybe a tracksuit and trainers as we did for the Outdoor Pursuits Group.

This type of adventure ticks so many boxes promoting – learning in different ways in a different environment. – providing experiences they will never forget – cooperation – living together – independence – social skills – healthy lifestyles – active fun – emotional well being – emancipating – freedom – giving opportunity to do things they might never do – self esteem and self confidence – achieving – finding success in the most unlikely of places etc.

Item	Cost (£)	Income	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Coach from KRIII to Beaumanor x 2 return - £5 per head	280		School Funded
Cost of the package - cabin / activities / food x 60 x £55 per child	3300		
Cost of Adults x 6 x 2 nights @ £56 per adult	336		School Funded
Allowance of £20 per child for essential equipment/trainers/waterproofs/sleeping bags etc	1,200		
Additional food/drinks/supplies/treats/materials - £1.50 per head	90		School Funded
Additional costs – out of hours payments to attending staff etc	350		School Funded
19 x £60 per head		£1140	Pupil Premium
41 x £30 per head		£1230	Parental

			Contribution
Essential equipment, treats etc		Target £1,500	Children Fund Raising
Difference between cost per head and Parential contribution. $41 \times £30 = £1,230$		Target £1000 Ward Grants + £230 School	£500 Westcotes Ward £500 Fosse Ward School Funded
Total	£5,556	£5,100	

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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