

Fosse Community Meeting

**Fosse Library, Mantle Road
On Wednesday, 21 March 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
- Police
- City Warden
- Leicester in Bloom
- Square Mile Update

6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

- Fosse Library
- Prince's Trust
- Square Mile Update
- Derelict Buildings
- Police Update
- City Warden Update
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Ted Cassidy MBE
Councillor Susan Waddington**

Making Meetings Accessible to All

WHEELCHAIR

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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

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| <p>Ward Councillors and General Information</p> <p>Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries</p> | <p>Prince's Trust</p> <p>Find out more about the Prince's Trust and how young people can get involved.</p> |
| <p>Police Issues</p> <p>Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.</p> | <p>City Warden</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to raise any environmental issues with the City Warden for the Fosse ward.</p> |
| <p>Leicester in Bloom</p> <p>Find out about the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' initiative from the Royal Horticultural Society in partnership with Leicester City Council.</p> | <p>Square Mile Update</p> <p>Find out more information about the Square Mile project.</p> |

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 18 January 2012, 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 on the current situation concerning 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. SQUARE MILE UPDATE

There will be an update on the Square Mile project.

8. DERELICT BUILDINGS

There will be an update on work being done on derelict buildings in the area.

9. POLICE UPDATE

Members of 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. 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. The following budget applications have been received:

Application 1

Applicant: PC Andy Goadby

Amount: £1,500

Proposal: Groundwork Youth Session

Summary:

Due to an increase in anti-social behaviour and crime within the Woodgate area, the Police and other partnership agencies have been exploring ways to improve the area for local residents.

In December 2011, I successfully bid for £500 to fund a youth session on a Monday evening at Woodgate Adventure Park. Extensive consultation has been carried out and this has highlighted a lack of youth provision within the area.

On Central Road during the evenings, large groups of youths were loitering outside local shops and this was causing local residents to feel intimidated, thus avoiding the area. This was also publicised within the Leicester Mercury by the local Police and Councillors (published 06/08/11). A mosquito alarm was installed at the location as a short term measure but it is recognised that this is not a long term solution to the problem.

As a result a working group has been formed to address the issue, "Project W". This consists of volunteers from local agencies including Police, the local church and the Square Mile Team at De Montfort University.

"Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire" is a local charitable organisation that

has the Eco House on the A47 as part of it's operation. They have a newly established youth engagement section and have set up a youth club on a Monday evening between 1830 hours and 2030 hours. This is considered a "hotspot" time when complaints of anti social behaviour are received from local residents. Groundwork need to continue to use the Woodgate Adventure Playground buildings as a base and will be offering sporting activities, music , art, counselling and forward signposting to other support groups. They also incorporate practical activities such as conservation work and improving play areas. Darren Cashin is the Manager and he is happy to continue to organise and run the evening.

Since the sessions commenced in December 2011, we have seen a decrease in reports of anti-social behaviour. A register is kept by the GWLL youth workers and this has shown that a large amount of youth who usually hang around the local streets, have been attending the sessions on a regular basis.

I am submitting this bid for funding as I need to pay for the use of the buildings at the Adventure Playground. They are planning to run a further 21 sessions. In addition to this, they are organising another session on a Thursday evening to cater for the older age group. Each evening will cost £40. This will pay for the usage of the rooms, lighting and heating. The Square Mile Team is looking at the sustainability of the project and a National Lottery bid is currently being written to employ a full time youth worker in the area.

I feel that this is an ideal opportunity to utilise the services offered by Groundwork and to show what can be done in the area with the support of other residents and agencies.

| Item | Cost (£) | Estimate / Actual cost | Request to Ward Meeting (£) |
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| Cost of room hire, electric / lighting | £40.00 per Monday session x 21 | £70 per session | £40 |
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| Total | £1500 | 2940 | 1500 |

Application 2

Applicant: Maya Group

Amount: £2,640

Proposal: Maya Well-Being Project

Summary:

The Maya Well-Being Project based at the Aapka Centre on Pool Road, in the west end of Leicester, aims to sustain the health and well-being of elderly women. The project provides innovative, carefully tailored, armchair/wheelchair exercises and tai chi.

The funding will be used entirely to pay specialist tutors who will be teaching the exercise and dance sessions and for the rent of the room and facilities. Sponsored by a City Council local Fosse Ward initiative called 'Square Mile', the tutor selected to undertake the exercise sessions will shortly complete enhancing his Gym Instructor qualifications.

The beneficiaries of this Project are 30, primarily elderly (otherwise isolated and disadvantaged) BME women, aged 50+, from the deprived local community and further afield. A majority of these women suffer poor mobility and other health problems – diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, and depression. A significant number of elderly men have also been identified as having the same needs; they form a new addition to our membership. The exercise and dance sessions are specifically physical flexibility, help improve cardio-vascular health and overall mobility. An additional vital benefit of the project is that participants can socialise and befriend others, reducing the isolation and consequent depression that many of the members suffer.

The Project is planned to run for six months starting in April 2012. Stringent on-going monitoring and evaluation are an integral part of the Maya Well-Being Project. The impact of the project will be measured by attendance registers and service user feed back forms. User friendly exercise plans with diagrams and close observation records of each participant will help assess the improvement in health. Group meetings have been factored into the session schedules at the beginning, interim and end of the project. A full evaluation report will be provided at the end of the Project (September 2012) as will a full financial statement of expenditure. These documents will inform you of the successful completion of the Project.

| Item | Cost (£) | Estimate / Actual cost |
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| Dance Tutor £20 per hour x 2 x 24 weeks | 960 | Actual |
| Exercise Tutor £20 per hour x 2 x 24 weeks | 960 | Actual |
| Rent £15 per hour x 2 x 24 | 720 | Actual |
| Total | 2640 | 2640 |

Application 3

Applicant: Fosse Inter-agency Consortium – Lead Agency: All Nations Church Leicester, Frog Island.

Amount: £1,400

Proposal: Big Jubilee Lunch, Rally Park, 3 June 2012

Summary:

For just over a year voluntary and statutory agencies in Woodgate have been meeting to network and share ideas and information. Last June, All Nations Church, the Police and Woodgate Adventure Playground put on a "Big Lunch"

barbeque, games and information stalls on Rally Park. About 150 residents attended. The proposal is to do a bigger one this year as it is also the Queen's Jubilee weekend. The date will be Sunday 3 June, with the event again on the Rally from 12-4.00.

The event is back by all the group involved in the lunch, but the planning group has consisted of All Nations Church, the Police, Slater Street School, Woodgate Residents Association, DMU Square Mile Project, Christians Against Poverty, New Parks Children's Centre, Groundwork, Fosse Library and representatives of different City Council departments.

The programme and timings are as follows:

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| 12 | Barbeques and picnic | Community Cafe | Activities and Information stalls, races, tug of war, football etc. Exhibition of creative writing by school children, Arts and Craft activities Entertainers. | | Chatting and networking |
| 1 | | | | Theatre workshop | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | Unveiling of tree and commemorative plaque, and Jubilee cake. | | |

The planning group is aiming for 4-600 local residents to attend and would be disappointed with less than 300. Publicity is being limited to local newsletters, posters and a special leaflet drop the week before to be undertaken by the Police. There will be then be a follow-up publication commemorating the event.

| Item | Cost (£) | Estimate / Actual cost | Request to Fosse Ward Meeting (£) | Request to WP Ward Meeting (£) |
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| Catering – barbeque (with Halal and vegetarian options) and Community Café | 700 | Est | 200 | 50 |
| Entertainers | 650 | Est | 300 | 50 |
| Resources for arts and crafts | 250 | Est | 100 | 50 |
| Commemorative item. Planting a tree with plaque to | 500 | Est | 400 | |

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| remember the event and the jubilee | | | | |
| Publicity | 400 | Est | 200 | 100 |
| Contingencies | 500 | Est | 300 | 50 |
| Total | 3000 | | 1400 | 300 |

We are applying to the “Near Neighbours Fund” for £1000. St Philip’s Centre for Study and Engagement, Leicester, Contact: John McCallum at nn@stphilipscentre.co.uk, 0116 2738813, St Philips Centre, 2A Stoughton Drive North, Leicester. LE5 5UB. Decision by end of March.

Local businesses are being approached to donate items and participating organisations will be contributing to the cost. Donation tins will also be available on the day.

Application 4

Applicant: Mrs B Allen and Mrs D Parker

Amount: £500

Proposal: Street Party Jubilee

Summary:

We intend to organise a street party to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queens reign. Food and decorations for the party will be required. We propose to purchase gifts for the children as a keepsake of the event. Local children living in the Fosse ward will benefit from this event. The party will place on Saturday 2nd June. We will send receipts and photographs to show the success of the event.

| Item | Cost £ | Estimate or actual cost? |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Food and drink etc | 400 | Est |
| Gifts and Souvenirs | 400 | Est |

Each resident will be contributing to the cost of the party.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Help us to make improvements!

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.

For further information contact

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