

**Coleman Primary School  
Gwendolen Road,  
Leicester, LE5 5FS  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
6pm-8pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**6:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-**

- New Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- Home Energy Advice Service
- Traffic Schemes
- School Admissions
- Police issues
- General Council matters and other issues

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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

- School Admissions
- Orange Bag Recycling Scheme
- Traffic Issues update
- City Warden Service
- Policing, Community Safety and Anti-social Behaviour Issues
- Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Hanif Aqbany  
Councillor Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury  
Councillor Mohammed Dawood**

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<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b> Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries.	<b>Police Issues</b> Talk to your local police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>The New Orange Bag Recycling Scheme</b> Find out more about this scheme, which is to shortly be introduced.	<b>Traffic Issues</b> Talk to officers from Leicester City Council about traffic issues in Spinney Hills.
<b>Home Energy Advice Service</b> Obtain information about schemes operated by the Home Energy Advice Centre	<b>School Admissions</b> Find out more about the school admissions service in Leicester.

**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.

**1. 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 Spinney Hills Community Meeting, held on Monday 4 July, 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. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Steve Letten, Service Manager, Admissions & Exclusions, Leicester City Council, will be in attendance to provide a brief overview of the School Admissions service.

**6. THE NEW ORANGE BAG RECYCLING SCHEME**

Officers from Environmental Services will be in attendance to give a

presentation on the new orange bag recycling scheme, which is shortly to be implemented across Leicester.

## **7. TRAFFIC ISSUES UPDATE**

Officers from Regeneration, Highways and Transport will be in attendance to give an update on the issues raised at the previous meeting and to discuss any new matters.

## **8. CITY WARDEN SERVICE**

Yagnesh Antunes, City Warden for Spinney Hills, will be present to provide an update on his recent activity in the ward.

## **9. POLICE, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ANTI -SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ISSUES**

Officers from Spinney Hills Local Policing Unit and the Community Safety Team, Leicester City Council, will be present to provide an update on policing, community safety and anti-social behaviour issues in Spinney Hills.

## **10. BUDGET**

### **Appendix A**

**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.**

Anita Patel will give an update on the latest position with the Community Meeting budget. A copy of the Spinney Hills Ward Meeting Budget is attached for information.

The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration.

### **Application 1**

Applicant: Mr Andrew Roberts – Sequence Carnival Troop

Amount: £2,000

Proposal: Caribbean Carnival 2011

Summary: The carnival is celebrated annually to coincide with the Emancipation of Slavery, and is a celebration of freedom for all ages, gender, religions and race groups. The Troop bring different communities together to build positive relationships. The Carnival usually attracts 60,000 spectators and businesses.

This year we are looking to raise the performance, costumes and participation.

Sequence Carnival Troop has been running for five years now and in that time we have attended 35 carnivals across the country.

The application is for materials for making costumes.

## **Application 2**

Applicant: Highfields Community Association

Amount: £6,000

Proposal: Caribbean Carnival 2011

Summary: *please see overleaf.*

4. Detailed description of proposal. Please tell us:

- What is the proposal (where and when)?
- If you are planning an event who will attend, and where will does your target audience come from?
- How will we know the proposal has been successful?

It is important that your answers to this question are clear so that the Ward Meeting can fully understand your proposal.

**Highfields festival 2011**

**Dates:** July 23-24<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Venues** – Highfields Centre sports hall/main hall/forecourt car park

**Rationale:**

For more than a decade the Highfields Centre & HCA has been busy achieving independence so this has been an inward looking process by its very nature. Festival is opportunity for us to be outward looking and work with communities in a different way. It is also an opportunity to further celebrate our independence whilst at the same time continuing to serve as a community anchor role through putting a large scale event that brings people together.

**Key issues/aspects:**

- Format of event - outdoor/indoor activities/stalls/music/poetry/film taster workshops & a Job fair with HMAc in the main hall on the Saturday. These activities to be during the day and these will be free.
- Event will incorporate the annual Celebration of Diversity & Unity in the Community (CDUC) young people's event on Saturday evening & Adults & families concert on Sunday evening and will last over two days
- Catering – will be provided by H-Café at the Centre
- Looking to do Sunday evening concert event in partnership with Reggae Dancehall Fever who will be bringing national/regional and local acts to perform.
- Other partners so far signed up are Leicester Print shop, Soft Touch, Highfields Library, Moat School, Bethany Hostel, Akwaaba Ayeh & Shama Women's Centre and the Police.
- Will build in forward planning for 2012 where we are hoping that festival takes place in Spinney Hills Park.

**Target Audience:**

Will be local communities in the Highfields area, young and old and newly arrived communities as well as those who are unemployed or looking for training. There is an event for young people and a cross generational event and a range of artists from diverse backgrounds will be performing.

### **Application 3**

Applicant: The Stoneham Project

Amount: £539

Proposal: Life Skills Training

Summary: The project targets homeless people who primarily but not exclusively live at Swithland House, Lincoln Street. The central idea is to 7 clients who wish to take part. The training will offer a wide range of life skills to help them access further training, work and a move to their own accommodation. All aspects of the course would be accredited.

### **Application 4**

Applicant: Build Community Development

Amount: £500 (from each of Coleman, Spinney Hills and Stoneygate wards)

Proposal: Play-scheme in the Park

Summary: The event will be held in Spinney Hill Park on 27<sup>th</sup> July 11am till 3pm.

The aims of the event are;

- a) To engage with young people from the wider area
- b) Develop togetherness and a sense of belonging through activities that challenge young people physically, socially and emotionally.
- c) To promote integration and celebrate diversity within the wider community.
- d) To improve overall health and mental wellbeing by promoting physical activity within BME communities.
- e) To promote the local park, its facilities and activities to the wider community.
- f) To encourage activities that promotes cohesion between networks of people and their families.
- g) To develop local partnership working to identify and address issues affecting local communities.



- h) To promote physical activity and improve overall health and wellbeing of the communities of Leicester.

The aim of Build is to engage with and influence positive behavioural changes amongst young people within the wider areas. The young people we are targeting do not engage with mainstream services, this event will encourage inter active participation through fun & challenging activities. This event gives us the opportunity to engage with those young people in an informal and comfortable setting as well as developing a rapport. The activities are chosen to involve young people in educational and recreational activities that stimulate their mind and body. Also we will be able to showcase to partners and the wider community the work that build delivers.

Build will be able to meet its objectives through fun filled activities as well as promoting the many areas of work we deliver with the community to a larger audience target. We will also promote partnership working and local facilities.

### **Application 5**

Applicant: Upper Tichbourne Homeless Hostel Residents Group

Amount: £1,200

Proposal: Education and Confidence Building

Summary: The bid is for the residents of the upper Tichbourne Street Hostel to go on an educational trip to the Black Country Museum. This will be both a learning exercise because people from different ethnic and social backgrounds will learn about how people lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and also a community cohesion event and people will mix and socialise together.

For people who are homeless this will also give them a much needed boost in self-confidence and self-esteem that will also help them to engage with mainstream educational and training services.

One of the benefits is that there will be a reduction in people drinking and spending their days in their rooms which often impacted upon their mental health.

Additionally, we would like to apply for funding to purchase a pool table for the residents group. We feel that such recreational activities would lower the impact and stress that the homeless feel when residing in temporary accommodation.

The money sought would pay for entrance fees, transport, lunch and refreshments and a pool table.

### **Application 6**

Applicant: Champion Boxing Club

Amount: £1,120 requested from both Evington and Spinney Hills Wards.

Proposal: Boxing Club Equipment

Summary: The Boxing club is based in Spinney Hills on Gwendolen Road and has been operating for the last 12 months.

The proposal is to buy necessary equipment such as a boxing ring, awards, medals, certificates and extra boxing gloves. Young people aged 7 years plus from Spinney Hills and Evington will be targeted to attend. This will help them with their health and fitness, confidence building and discipline. Nutritional advice will also be provided as part of the boxing sessions they attend.

Young people are charged between £2 and £3.50 per session, however this helps pay for rent, insurance and running costs.

### **Application 7**

Applicant: African Caribbean Centre

Amount: £1,500

Proposal: Summer Holiday Scheme

Summary: The Youth Service in partnership with the ACC is managing a summer activities scheme for 11-16 year olds. The target group are amongst those described as the hardest to reach in Spinney Hills. The aim is to provide youths with things to do and places to visit during 1-16 August 2011. The programmed activities will provide a range of developmental opportunities including visits to other youth groups within the region.

The money requested will pay for group development, transport, sports equipment, arts and crafts and awards and certificates.

### **Application 8**

Applicant: Leicester Zim Warriors Football Club

Amount: £360 from each of the Beaumont Leys, Braunstone Park of Rowley Fields, Castle, Spinney Hills and Westcotes wards.

Proposal: Summer Holiday Scheme

Summary: Amount requested:

The overall amount being applied for is £1,800 with this being divided between the Wards from which the young people come.

The amount being requested from Spinney Hills therefore is:-

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Nets, Corner Flags, Kits, Balls and other equipment/costs associated with the running of the club	360	A	360
<b>Total</b>			360

Leicester Zim Warriors Football Club is a 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.

At present, the Club has 8 members in Westcotes Ward, 6 in Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, 5 in Castle/Highfields, 6 players from Beaumont Leys, 4 from Knighton Fields and 4 from Tudor Road. The Club also has supporters in Westcotes, as it trains at Bede Park at times.

The group leader has been personally funding the group, but has also been providing information and guidance by assisting with the issues that the young people have had, including employment, domestic issues and health.

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

The applicant has attempted to get local sponsorship, but due to the economic downturn and reduction in income for local businesses, this has been unsuccessful.

## Application 9

Applicant: African Caribbean Citizens Forum

Amount: £2,000

Proposal: African Caribbean Achievers Awards

Summary: The proposal is to plan and host the 10<sup>th</sup> African & African Caribbean Achievement Awards Show that will take place on the 26 November 2011. The African Caribbean Centre hosts the event and will provide the centre and resources as an in-kind contribution. This year we wish to celebrate the achievements of those aged 16-25, a group who are usually perceived negatively and as under-achieving. We are seeking a high profile motivational speaker who has already achieved success in their chosen field and is seen as a positive role model in order to raise aspirations.

The event will be attended by nominees and their families, and invitations will be extended to representatives from within the local communities, Leicester City Councillors and officers and tickets will be on sale to the wider community.

The money sought will pay for a compere, key note speaker, technicians, performers, publicity, art work and trophies and catering.

### **Application 10**

Applicant: Highfield Rangers

Amount: £1,000

Proposal: Highfield Rangers Community Family Fun Day

Summary: *Highfield Rangers Community Fun Day was celebrating 25 years of its existence on 29 May 2011. It is designed to promote community cohesion by delivering a series of activities primarily sports and live entertainment for families and the whole community. We organised storytelling, drama music and live performances from a range of local performers and sport events. We provided a platform for developing artists, plus those more established locally and nationally, so that audiences could witness the quality of performances available. Encouraging fledgling performers to recognize that in spite of personal difficulties, they still have something to contribute towards performing arts. Indeed, there is an abundance of latent, expressive, talent within the community and we encouraged them to present themselves before an appreciative audience. Some of the benefits and outcomes, in summary are:*

- *To broaden the appeal by having other communities represented in the performances on stage*

- *Opportunity for new artists to showcase their ability, which otherwise may go unnoticed.*
- *Allowing more established performers to pass on skills, techniques and influence to those just starting.*
- *Increased ability of the organizers to put on and co-ordinate an event of significant artistic content.*
- *Identify Highfield Rangers as a significant venue for concert type activities.*
- *Raising the self worth of all participating.*
- *Allow the raising of the profile of all the artists.*
- *Creating audience awareness of talent and appreciation of different performance genres.*
- ***Give focus to the organisation's inclination to provide support for needy causes***  
***Those attending were expected to reflect the diverse communities of Leicester, including newly arrived communities, which was encouraged through promotional and advertising efforts***

*As already expressed, young people will provide a significant focus, which will be reflected in some of the activities such as children's entertainers and inflatables. This will help to relieve some of the pressures experienced by lone parents and other disadvantaged groups who will be in attendance.*

Photographs and a questionnaires would act as support for the event.

The event was put on and due to serious, poor weather, the income anticipated to allow the event to break even, never materialised due to lack of numbers.

We are therefore, requesting support to enable us to pay creditors whose debts remain outstanding.

## **11. DATES OF FUTURE COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

There will be Spinney Hills Community Meetings on the following dates:

Monday 28 November 2011

Monday 12 March 2012

## **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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