

Spinney Hills Community Meeting

**St Matthew's Sports Centre, Malabar
Road**

**On Monday, 28 November 2011
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00pm – 6:15pm

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

- Traffic Issues
- City Warden Service
- Police Issues
- General Council matters and other issues

6:15pm – 8:00pm

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

- General Issues in the St Matthew's Area
 - Highways and Traffic
 - State of the Roads
 - Residents Parking Scheme
 - District Heating
- City Warden Service, Policing and Community Safety Issues,
- Spinney Hills Ward Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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



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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	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
City Warden Service Talk to your local city warden about environmental issues in Spinney Hills.	Traffic Issues Talk to relevant officer from Leicester City Council in respect of local traffic issues.

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

Appendix A

The minutes of the previous Spinney Hills Community Meeting, held on 19 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. GENERAL ISSUES IN THE ST MATTHEW'S AREA

The Community Meeting will consider the following key issues within the St Matthews Area of the Ward:

1. Highways and Traffic
2. State of the Roads
3. Residents Parking Scheme
4. District Heating

Relevant Council officers and representatives will be in attendance to provide an overview of each of the above, and will then answer questions relating to each issue.

6. CITY WARDEN, POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Representatives from the City Wardens service will be in attendance to provide an update on their work. Updates will also be provided in relation to policing and community safety issues.

7. 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.

Anita Patel, Members Support Officer, will provide an overview of the current position of the Spinney Hills Ward budget. The following applications will be considered:

Application 1

Applicant: Leicester United Sports and Culture

Amount: £500

Proposal: Workshops for young people.

Summary:

We have chosen a vague section in the work that needs to be done to enhance the young people's mind in our community. However our proposal is to bring nothing but positivity to their minds. This will then reflect on the community and make it a better place to live in.

This is to take away and remove the idea that the young people need to be in a gang to be socially secure in their neighbourhoods. This has been the case for over my time in St Matthews and this is the problem everywhere. Which is why unemployment is on the increase and have resulted in things such as the riots and other gang related activities

How we are going to tackle this?

What we are going to do is to hold various workshops, sporting activities for the young people in all different types of areas but our main focus point for now is St Matthews. So when we get them together is to get them talking and get them doing what they

do in their own time, but this time together with opposing people. Our idea is to bring other people from various other backgrounds and ethnic backgrounds.

Our proposal will be successful because it integrates all the young people together and they'll do what is beneficial for

Application 2

Applicant: Shubaan Youth Group

Amount: £1,000

Proposal: Hire Charges for Highfields Centre

Summary:

We are a youth group from Spinney Hill that has been operating since 2003, working with young people of ages 10 – 18. Through education, sport, life skills, charity and interfaith work we have empowered our young people and helped them in their development to be better citizens of this country.

We operate on a weekly basis at Highfields Centre where through the medium of sport we attract our young people. This then enables our volunteers to carry out substantial youth work for the betterment of our users. Through, support a rapport is cultivated which enables us to work on issues like extremism, drugs and substance misuse and educational underachievement. Moreover, we also look at ways of celebrating achievements made by young people.

Therefore, we would like to apply for funding that will enable us to pay for hire charges at Highfields Centre. As well as providing sporting activities we envisage to hold a seminar on the recent riots and get the thoughts of young people of Spinney Hill. Moreover, we will be inviting in successful local people to discuss their achievements in our monthly role model event.

Application 3

Applicant: St Matthew's Tenants Association

Amount: £500

Proposal: Residents Gardening Scheme

Summary: The bid is for a small amount of money to set up a small tool bank of equipment so that residents can use them to maintain their gardens or use some of the space that has been specifically cleared to grow food. This will include items such as spades, forks, rakes and a battery powered lawn mower.

Also included is money for a similar scheme which has been successful in London. This is to use the 1 ton builders' bags which cost £6 each which are used filled with compost and used to grow food. The group plans to buy five of these and fill them with compost which costs £40 a ton. These will be put in a courtyard and the results monitored. If successful the scheme will be extended.

Application 4

Applicant: Azad House Residents

Amount: £200

Proposal: Multi-Faith Cohesion Funding

Summary:

The proposal is to hold cohesion and harmony based events that will be proactive in bringing together the diverse faiths, beliefs, creeds and ethnicity within the schemes and their localities. This will allow a celebration of events that include Diwali, Eid and Christmas and allow the community to understand and appreciate the diverse cultural nature of One Leicester. The vents are to be held in the first week of December 2011. It is envisaged that the money will be match-funded by the organisation.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 6pm on Monday 12 March 2012.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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