

**Wesley Hall, Mere Road,
Leicester,
Tuesday 27th March 2012
6pm-8pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- City Warden Service
- Police and Community Safety
- Princes Trust Project
- Care and Repair Project
- General Council Issues and Other Matters

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Princes Trust Project
- Highways and Traffic Update
- City Warden Service Presentation
- Police and Community Safety Update
- Ward Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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

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You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

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| 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. |
| Princes' Trust Find out more about the work of the Princes' Trust. | Care and Repair Find out more about the work of the Care and Repair service. |
| City Wardens Talk to your local city warden about issues in the Spinney Hills Ward. | |

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 28 November 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. THE PRINCES' TRUST

A representative from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service has been invited to the meeting to present an overview of the service's work with the Princes' Trust. Guidance also will be provided on how local young people can become involved with the Trust.

6. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

The Community Meeting will consider key transport issues within the Spinney Hills Ward.

7. CITY WARDENS SERVICE PRESENTATION

Representatives from the City Wardens service will be in attendance to provide a presentation on their work.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Representatives from the Leicestershire Constabulary will be in attendance to provide an update on policing developments and successes within the Spinney Hills Ward.

9. 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: Soft Touch Arts

Amount: £376

Proposal: Comedy Shorts Film Making

Summary: Soft Touch aim to work with three groups of young people to each make a short comedy film. The process will include the young people learning film making and project management skills.

Each group has already come up with an outline of the idea for their film. The main target audience is other young people and exhibition and distribution plans will centre on getting the films in places where young people can view them.

Application 2

Applicant: Cranbourne Club and Day Care for Elderly

Amount: £1,500

Proposal: Travel and rent expenses for the elderly to attend day care at the Neighbourhood Centre

Summary: The Wednesday and Friday groups each meet weekly, and are a group of older people who meet to play bingo and socialise, and also have lunch on a Friday. The groups has been established for fifteen years and plays an important role for residents. All of the groups members live alone, and for some this is their only social contact. A number of this group require taxis to get to the neighbourhood centre, as pensioners find this difficult financially.

Application 3

Applicant: Police and City Council Community Safety (Joint Bid)

Amount: £700 (£500 already fast-tracked)

Proposal: Burglary Target Hardening Project

Summary: **Burglary Target Hardening Project (2053) Insp. Bill Knopp (Spinney Hill LPU) and Nazira Vania (LCC Community Safety Team)**

Amount requested: £1200

Details of the proposal, (taken from the application form)

There has been an increase in burglaries in the Spinney Hill Local Policing Unit (LPU) area, which includes the Evington Ward. Police and partners are already undertaking prevention and enforcement work to tackle the problem. This includes the Joint Action Group approving funding (£1000) for timer switches, which help to prevent burglary by making a house look occupied when the residents are not at home. The JAG's funding will allow for 500 of these switches to be given free to residents. However, this is across the LPU as a whole, so the impact will be spread quite thinly.

The proposal:

The proposal is to target more properties in the most affected streets within the Evington ward using 'Target Hardening Packs', which will include the timer switches along with window alarms (these are attached to accessible windows, and the alarm goes off if the window is hit/broken).

The Packs will be taken to properties in hotspot areas to prevent burglaries, and to properties that have already been burgled to prevent re-victimisation.

We anticipate that the average property will require 4 window alarms and 1 timer switch for each property, equating to £12.00 per property.

We would like to begin with targeting 100 properties in the ward at an estimated cost of £1,200, expanding to more depending on the success of the

scheme. Target Hardening Packs purchased from the Evington ward's funding will only be used to benefit Evington constituents (we will maintain a list of addresses in receipt of a Pack), and will not be given to residents elsewhere in the LPU.

| Item | Cost (£) | Estimate/Actual cost? | Request to Ward Meeting (£) |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Window Alarms @ £2.50 x 400 | £1,000 | Actual | £1,000 |
| Timer Switches @ £2.00 x 100 | £200 | Actual | £200 |
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| Total | £1,200 | | £1,200 |

Application 4

Applicant: Leicester Lions Football Club

Amount: £1,050

Proposal: Easter Football Tournament

Summary: The tournament will take place at St Margaret's Pastures on 15th, 16th and 17th April 2012.

We are expecting up to 700 participants who will come from different parts of the city from different ethnic groups. There will also be participants from London, Manchester, Birmingham, Sheffield, Glasgow and Bristol.

There will be an evaluation after the event which will seek views from participants, and we will invite various dignitaries who can give an overview of the event.

Application 5

Applicant: St Peters and Stoughton ST. TARA

Amount: £200

Proposal: Highfields Primary School Trip to the Space Centre

Summary: A trip to the National Space Centre is being organised for school children from Highfields Primary School.

These children are from very low-income families, and some with physical or educational special needs and some are new arrivals into the country, and some at risk of exclusion.

Normally these children would not be able to afford to go to the Space Centre. The costs for the National Space Centre are being funded through a bursary from the Space Centre charity.

Application 6

Applicant: Azad House Residents

Amount: £600 (£300 also sought from Latimer ward)

Proposal: Coach Trip to Skegness for Elderly Residents

Summary: All residents are elderly and vulnerable and to a degree a little entrapped in their residencies. They have very little opportunity to socialise or get together collectively and are all on a low income.

Residents in the scheme come from a number of diverse backgrounds and live together in older persons self-contained flats in a block of flats. We feel that it is essential to seek ways for us to live, learn, and exchange ideas and values in a cohesive manner. This is to bring communities together and celebrate the richness and depth diversity brings to the City of Leicester.

Our intention is to use a coach trip to the seaside as a means of having greater interaction. Residents will be close to each other, we can arrange for activities that will encourage interactivity and discussions around differing beliefs and cultures.

Therefore, we would like the opportunity to take 100 residents on a bus trip to Skegness, between May and July 2012.

The cost of coach travel will cost a maximum of £900. We would ask all residents to contribute £3.00 per head to cover the cost of lunch.

Application 7

Applicant: Leicester Stars

Amount: £1,662

Proposal: Police Integration through football project for young people

Summary: The Leicester Stars will come together to take responsibility and action against violence among young people that has been taking place at schools and colleges across the city. Leicester Stars function within an economically deprived ward area

representing 5% national mdx. Today young people experience inequality particularly media/societal perceptions (both international and local) of Somali Young people and economic inactivity which impacts both on overall health and social well being. We the young people of Leicester and St. Matthews in particular, have decided that we shall engage 42 young people and undertake football activities to integrate young people, with the help of our community leaders, parents and elders, to work with other African heritage communities to address the problem and increase grassroots community integration. As participants of Leicester Stars, we feel that we need to use our strengths, which is generic sport but predominately Football (Soccer) to reach out to the young people (sometimes described as “hard to reach”) in order to raise awareness and promote social integration between different demographic, ages, gender etc. identities. The programme will provide value all key elements of the 4 ECM outcomes as follows:

Stay Safe – Young people engaged within an environment that is facilitated by qualified and CRB checked volunteers and coaches.

Enjoy and Achieve – Central to all activities will be enjoyment and promoting belonging and achievement

Be healthy - Through sports and athletics, young people will be trained to live healthy lives through physical exercise a vigorous level. Participants will be provided information on healthy diet and exercise programmes

Make a positive contribution - Young people will be given the opportunity to work together towards promoting integration and social harmony amongst peers and young people from different communities and post codes of Leicester City. They will work together to aspire to create a positive community environment in which they can grow up and achieve individual goals.

We have a strong track record of delivering to alienated new community young people since 2003 and for this programme have achieved a partnership with Iqra Aid Trust (International Registered Charity) to achieve our overall project goals.

We feel that these activities and our outcomes are very good value for the amount funding that we are requesting.

Application 8

Applicant: Sikh Community Centre

Amount: £3,000

Proposal: Gymnasium equipment and new musical instruments

Summary: We would like to submit an application for two things that would

be beneficial to the users of our organisation. We have a gymnasium in our centre and recently there has been lots of demand for new equipment to be brought in. Due to our financial circumstances we are not in a position to provide this.

We would like to purchase a vibrating plate which would encourage users to exercise as its easy to use and not as strenuous as other gym equipment. We know that this will increase our membership base as many people have enquired about this purchase.

We would also like to purchase new musical instruments. We currently have three classes running at our centre for children and adult music lessons. As the number of users is growing, we are running out of instruments for them to use. The instruments we do have are no longer in good condition and are in need of replacement.

Application 9

Applicant: Shri Guru Ravidass Temple and Community Centre

Amount: £3,000

Proposal: Celebration of Shri Guru cultural event

Summary: Summary not included

Application 10

Applicant: Highfields Library

Amount: £765

Proposal: Health Matters in Highfields - Family intervention project

Summary: Highfields Library in partnership with the Leicester Partnership Trust Community Health Development Coordinator will be running a general one day Family Health Matters event in Highfields, which will promote overall health and well-being for the community of Spinney Hills.

The event will consist of 9 table top stalls offering health practitioners information and advice, which will be aimed at promoting positive health, reducing isolation, encouraging positive mental health and making positive lifestyle changes.

Activities planned on the day for children include, colouring, face painting, Mehdi, balloon art and a variety of outdoor activities.

Application 11

Applicant: North Evington Children's Centre

Amount: £1,350

Proposal: Family Fun Day – to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee.

Summary: North Evington Children's Centre intends to put on 'The Changing Face of Evington' event Free for families and children in the North Evington Area. This is to take place on Saturday 26th May 2012 between 10am and 3pm at Coleman Lodge).

The event will be open for families aged 0-12 years from the North Evington area of the city. The event will be based on the Diamond Jubilee where we will be celebrating the 'Changing Face of Childhood' over the past 60 years. The event will put on craft and sports activities for families that will include a magician, a face painter and sports activities.

The event will also promote the Nursery Education Grant (NEG) for families in North Evington and will be inviting both private and voluntary nursery education providers to the event to give out advice and support to parents and carers who are unaware of their child's entitlement to NEG funding for a pre-school or nursery place.

We intent to promote this event through local schools, shops, leisure centres and links to our library. On the day, we aim to track how many new registration forms we have completed. We would define the event as being purposeful if we have 100 children in attendance aged between 0-12 years.

Application 12

Applicant: Highfields Community Association

Amount: £2,000 (from each of Spinney Hills, Castle and Stoneygate Ward)

Proposal: Highfields Festival Event on 30 June 2012 at Highfields Centre and Uplands Junior School

Summary: **Highfields festival 2012**

Date: June 30th 2012

Venues – Highfields Centre sports hall/main hall/forecourt car park and Uplands School grounds

Rationale:

Key issues/aspects:

- Format of event - outdoor/indoor activities/stalls/music/poetry/film taster workshops & a Job /Training Fair with HMAC in the main hall on the Saturday. These activities to be during the day and these will be free. We are looking to have a small/medium size stage outside as a focal point.
- Event will incorporate the annual Celebration of Diversity & Unity in the Community (CDUC) young people's event on Saturday evening
- Catering – will be provided by H-Café at the Centre and by local companies providing specialist foods
- Other partners so far signed up are Leicester Print shop, Highfields, Mayfield and St Saviours Children's Centres, Active Youth, Highfields Library, Ansaar, Reminiss youth group and Uplands School
- We will build in forward planning where we are hoping that the festival will continue to grow for 2013.

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.

Evaluation:

We will be filming & photographing event and doing interviews with people on the day. Also there will flipcharts/pen and sticky notes available to capture participants feelings and responses. Ultimately we will know we are successful by the numbers of people who attend the different aspects of the festival such as the :

- Job/Training Fair
- Taster arts & sports sessions
- Youth CDUC event

We would also take into account:

- Number of stall holders
- Partner agencies involved

Additionally we will be asking people to sign up to be involved in next year's event to encourage local ownership & involvement. The number of people who do this will also be an indicator of our success.

Application 13

Applicant: AK Fitness

Amount: £675 (from each of Coleman, Evington, Spinney Hills and Stoneygate)

Proposal: Easter dance and drama workshops for 8 to 16 years.

Summary: Easter dance & drama work shop.

Sessions would be held at AK Fitness studio, Temple road, Leicester, LE54JE.

AK Fitness is a women only gym with members from all the above wards especially Coleman, Evington and Stoneygate. The parents are always asking about dance classes for children. Most children attend boxing sessions at various locations and want to try something different.

Our proposal is to set up an Easter workshop offering dance and drama classes. The children can then stage a production at the end of the two weeks. We can invite the parents, friends and family to the show.

Dance and drama really do help instil confidence in children and teach them how to interact with other children and make new friends. They also learn how to express their emotions through a different medium. The dance will also encourage the kids to be active and fit.

The studio has all the facilities required to run a workshop for dance and drama. The music system and lighting is already in place. We also have qualified instructors to run the sessions. We also have tables and chairs available. The studio is large enough to accommodate 40 to 50 children. Our established base provides an ideal opportunity to organise and work with the children in the community over the Easter holidays. We are based of St saviours road which is a central location for all the above wards.

We would advertise and promote the scheme via our member's database, local schools, religious institutes, social media, local news letters and posters.

The sessions would be free for the children and the parents can provide them with a packed lunch.

We would ask the children and parents to complete evaluation forms at the end of the work shop to get feedback on how successful it was. We would also take pictures and record a video of the production (with the consent of the parents).

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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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.

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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Monday, 28 November 2011

Held at: Coleman Primary School, Gwendolen Road.

Who was there:

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| Councillor Aqbany |
| Councillor Dr Chowdhury |
| Councillor Dawood |

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and service representatives.

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| 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. |
| District Heating Scheme Obtain information on upgrades and improvements planned | |

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.

55. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Dawood was elected Chair for the meeting.

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ayub Sotta.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at this time.

58. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of Spinney Hills Community Meeting held on 19th September 2011, as previously circulated, be agreed as a correct record.

59. CITY COUNCIL COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PROJECT

The Community Meeting was informed that a 25 year contract to improve and extend the current Leicester District Heating Scheme had recently been awarded to COFELY District Energy. This company would be responsible for the design, build and maintenance of the Leicester District Heating Scheme. The system worked on the principal of an engine producing energy and then heat was gathered from the energy to provide heat that was then pumped through a network of pipes to houses on the system.

Representatives from COFELY District energy, based locally at 4 De Montfort Street, attended the meeting and stated that the company, formed in 2009, was owned by GDF Suez, the largest utility company in the world. COFELY District Energy now operated four major district heating schemes across the country, Southampton, Birmingham, Olympics site and now Leicester. Southampton had had an operational scheme for 25 years, Birmingham 5 years and the Olympics site and the Westfield Centre had just gone live.

COFELY had invested some £15 in the Leicester scheme to provide new pipework to connect new and existing systems and to link into the existing system. There were plans to connect Leicester Prison, the Tigers Stadium, and Leicester Royal Infirmary to the existing District Heating Scheme, as well as connecting the City Council buildings and the University. The aim was to have a big central heating system across the City. The whole City System was due to be commissioned by November 2012.

On a local level there were plans to connect the current systems for St. Matthews and St. Marks together, expected to be complete by February 2012, and this would involve various trenches to be dug to install the necessary pipework and lasting until after Christmas. A pilot metering scheme was due to start locally in January whereby 23 individual properties had already been selected to enable an assessment to be made of energy use prior to the new scheme starting, these properties represented a mix of the properties found locally. The results of this metering would enable comparisons to be made with results already gathered from other areas.

Overall the system was a reliable and sustainable system and COFELY were working with the City Council to agree the cost of heating to residents and a local Energy Improvement Manager would be appointed shortly.

At this point members of the public present raised a number of questions and comments, summarised as follows: -

A member of the public stated that adequate information on the changes to the District Heating Scheme had not been made available. In response it was stated that every tenant had been sent a letter from the City Council's Housing Department and two public meetings had also been held locally, both of which had been well attended.

It was stated that the scheme had not been presented well and clarification was sought as to whether COFELY were going to be operating the existing systems until such time as the new equipment and pipework had been completed in November 2012. In reply it was stated that this was the case and that the new system would provide low cost efficient heating that was also energy efficient, and the pipework would incorporate leak detection system enabling leaks to be pinpointed within 1m. Another advantage of the system was that because the heat was supplied from a network it would be entirely possible to move heat from one part of the City to another should a boiler house fail.

A member of the public questioned how the system could guarantee low costs as suggested earlier in the meeting. In response it was stated that the heat engine was powered by gas and that gas was a market commodity and subject to price fluctuations. All COFELY could do was ensure that maximum efficiency of the system to help ensure that costs can be kept stable.

In conclusion it was suggested and agreed that a separate meeting be held between Ward Councillors, officers and representatives of COFELY to discuss any issues outstanding.

RESOLVED:
that the information be noted.

60. HIGHWAY ISSUES IN THE ST. MATTHEW'S AREA

Officers from the City Council attended the meeting in response to a request for feedback on the following topics: -

- Highways and Traffic
- State of the Roads
- Residents Parking Scheme

Residents Parking

It was reported that in response to resident's concerns No Waiting restrictions had been implemented on four separate roads on St. Matthews, including Manitoba Road and Chester Close. Parking enforcement on these roads were covered by Traffic Enforcement Officers.

Requests had now been received to introduce similar restrictions to Edmonton Road, Malabar Road, Lethbridge Close and Ontario Close.

Officers stated that an experimental residents Parking Scheme was currently operating in part of the South Highfields area and a similar scheme would be considered for St. Matthews as it would not be possible to construct sufficient laybys to make a difference on the estate. At the present time certain residents had asked for a Residents Parking Scheme but the areas where they lived did not link up. The City Council would be prepared to consider introducing a Scheme in an arc across the estate but this would depend on residents. Should the stage be reached whereby a Residents Parking Scheme was drawn up a ballot of residents in the area of the scheme would take place. If, as a result of the ballot, the majority of residents responding opposed the Scheme then it would not be implemented. Should the residents Parking Scheme be supported then it would be possible to tailor it to meet the needs of residents. A fee of £25 would be imposed as an admin fee on all residents. All objections to a proposed Scheme would be reported to Cabinet and then, as soon as they had been successfully addressed, could the signs and necessary lines be provided.

Discussion took place around Residents Parking in general and of the view that the £25 fee should not apply to Blue Badge holders, together with the recipients of disability benefits.

A member of the public questioned how space was allocated for residents/cars. Officers stated that the Council did not allocate space and in areas, such as St. Matthews, where the number of residents vehicles exceeded the number of spaces available, then a Residents Parking Scheme would be unable to address the problems outlined, but only as far as preventing commuter parking. Permits for visitors were available and the other major issue was the effect on local businesses, although the City Council tried to provide laybys in streets not covered by the Residents Parking Scheme.

A member of the public questioned what provision would be made for workers that came to the estate to work. Officers responded by stating that the City Council would only try and prevent commuters and shoppers from parking on the estate, but it would not be possible to restrict motorists with a permit from parking within the Scheme area.

It was further reported that the holder of a permit would not be guaranteed a parking space outside their house, or even within the Scheme area, as this would depend on the number of vehicles with valid permits already within the Scheme area.

A member of the public suggested that areas of gardens and grassed areas, not being used, could be converted into parking areas. Officers stated that they would look at this and stated that in other areas of the City it had been possible to reduce the width of footways to provide parking, although this would probably not be feasible on St. Matthews.

A member of the public stated that he had recently visited a project on the estate and had found his car ticketed. Officers stated that, as in other areas, visitors permits would be made available and parking arrangements for Places of Worship could also be arranged.

A member of the public stated that there were a lot of cul-de-sacs on St. Matthews estate, and questioned whether a Residents Parking Scheme would be implemented on a street by street basis. Officers stated that a recent request to implement Traffic restrictions in one such street had been allowed, although to make a Scheme effective several adjoining streets were preferred.

In concluding it was stated that the issue of Residents Parking had initially been raised at a meeting with the City Mayor. Residents needed to be clear that permits were £25 per vehicle and to hold a permit would not guarantee a parking space, particularly outside their house, or even street. The City Council had not yet decided on Residents Parking for St. Matthews but residents needed to be aware of the issues favouring a scheme, and those issues against a scheme.

State of the Roads

It was reported that planned works in the City had been funded by the City Council and the Department for Transport (DfT).

In the past the City Council had allocated Local Environmental Works Fund monies to provide such facilities as laybys or other off-street parking. The funding had been allocated on a priority basis of requests received, and approved by Cabinet each year.

Each year the City Council undertook a survey of the condition of roads across the City and then the worst roads were targeted for repair, with major routes being the priority. Over the past year over 600 requests for service were logged for Spinney Hills Ward, resulting in 392 potholes being filled in.

A member of the public stated that there were a lot of irresponsible drivers coming to the estate and with the number of children on the streets going either to school or Madrassa more traffic calming should be considered and also more pedestrian crossings provided.

A member of the public stated that there was a need to widen Christow Street as the 21/21A bus stop was located here and caused obstruction.

Officers agreed to take details of these issues and report back.

A member of the public stated that there were a couple of mini-roundabouts, one on the junction of Madras/Manitoba Road and one on Montreal Road, that were dangerous and should be removed. Officers agreed to take details and look into the problems reported.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

61. CITY WARDEN, POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Inspector Bill Knopp opened by introducing the St. Matthews Local Policing Team.

In St. Matthews there had been a small increase in crime overall of 2%, but a reduction in vehicle crime of 30%. Burglaries had increased slightly and local residents were being urged to leave lights on if they were going to be out after dark as this would create the impression that the property was occupied. Robberies were also slightly up with young people being targeted , particularly for mobile phones.

Operation Lake was underway that was targeted at drug dealing and street dealing. The operation had been running for just one week and 3 arrests had been made. The operation was open ended and it was important for any information from local residents that could possibly help investigations to be forwarded.

A member of the public stated that since the shop outside the Sports Centre had gone to 24 hour operation crime had increased. Insp. Knopp stated that the police would look into this and gather information.

It was reported that, following an incident the previous night, that the fences at the rear of properties in Malabar Road were to be removed to dissuade the 'working girls' that frequent the area. It was also hoped that additional CCTV cameras would be installed in the area.

Nazira Vanja, Community Safety Team stated that the team were working to help tackle community safety issues across the City.

Darren Evans, City Warden stated that he would give a full presentation at the next meeting, but in the meantime he was happy to deal with any problems that were within his remit.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

62. BUDGET

Anita Patel, Member Support Officer gave an update on the Community Meeting Budget and reported that the Budget for the year had been £15,000, and to date £7,313 had been spent, leaving a remaining balance of £7,687.

Anita explained that four funding applications had been received and were included on the agenda. Councillors had considered the applications in detail prior to the meeting.

- 1) **Leicester United Sports and Culture** **£500**
Removing ‘Gang Mind’ of the Young Generation within our Community

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of **£370**.

- 2) **Shubaan** **£1,000**

Seeking funding to pay hire charges at Highfields Centre to enable sporting activities to be held as well as a seminar on the recent riots and get the thoughts of young people of Spinney Hills.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of **£1,000**.

- 3) **St. Matthews Tenants Association** **£500**

Seeking funding to establish a small tool bank of equipment including spades, forks, rakes and a battery lawn mower for residents to maintain their gardens or cultivate the areas of land allocated to grow vegetables.

RESOLVED:

That the funding application be supported to the value of **£500**.

- 4) **Resident representative from Mahatma Gandhi House, Sabarmati House and Azad House** **£200**

Seeking funding to hold a multi-faith cohesion function.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of **£200**.

Anita reported that a late application had been received as summarised below:

- 5) **Spinney Hills Police/Community Safety** **£1,200**

Seeking funding for a Burglary hardening Scheme in the area, involving the purchase and delivery to recent and potential victims of burglary of window locks and timer switches. The funding would enable some 120 properties to be covered.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application be supported to the value of **£500** at this meeting, the balance to be considered at the next meeting.

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 6.00pm on Monday 12th March 2012, venue to be confirmed.

64. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

