

# Abbey Community Meeting

**The Tudor Centre,  
Bewcastle Grove  
On Tuesday, 28 February 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:-**

- Meet your Ward Councillors
- General Enquiries
- Gypsy and Traveller Sites Consultation
- Police
- City Wardens

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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

- Police
- Abbey Ward Budget
- Gypsy and Traveller Sites Consultation

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Harshad Bhavsar  
Councillor Annette Byrne  
Councillor Colin Marriott**



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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

<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>Gypsy and Traveller Sites</b>  Find out more about the consultation exercise with regards to new gypsy and traveller sites.	

**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 Abbey Community Meeting, held on 6 December 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. POLICE UPDATE**

Sergeant Michelle Zakoscielny will be in attendance to provide an overview of current policing priorities in the Abbey Ward.

**6. BUDGET**

**Appendix B**

**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.**

Jerry Connolly will give an update on the latest position with the Abbey Community Meeting budget. The latest budget statement is attached at Appendix B.

The following applications have been received:

**Application 1**

Applicant: Carlym Quantrill on behalf of Olympic Partners, (Police, St. Luke's, Community Services, Youth Services and others).

Amount: £1,100

Proposal: Olympics Sports Community Event

Summary: This request is to hold a Community Olympic/Sports Event promoting Community Cohesion and a healthy lifestyle and taking up different sports. Plans are embryonic at present but we would aim to hold five-side footie, baseball, tennis, a trampoline, cycling, races, and a range of fun sports activities for the under eights e.g. sack race, three legged race, egg & spoon race, the parachute game etc.

A fruit stall will be provided alongside fruit juices and water.

There will be a large screen hired to go in the church hall for people to watch the torch lighting ceremony.

**Application 2**

Applicant: Carlym Quantrill on behalf of Food Parcel Scheme Partners

Amount: £200

Proposal: Emergency Food Parcel Scheme

Summary: The Emergency Food Parcel Scheme is run by a partnership including the two churches, the HLC's, Kirton Lodge and the Housing Office. It is for people who need a meal either for one night or to see them through the weekend until they have managed to get their situation resolved by going to Social Services, the Employment Agency, bank etc. It is short term only & measures are in place to make sure that the same people are not abusing the scheme. As times are getting harder there is an increasing call on this service.

The Service runs across Abbey Ward & Beaumont Leys Ward. The pick up point in for Abbey it is the Stocking Farm HLC and for

Beaumont Leys is Kirton Lodge.

### **Application 3**

Applicant: Mr Ajmal Butt

Amount: £2,500

Proposal: Unity Boxing Club/ABA Upgrade

Summary: Unity has just upgraded to ABA status which means we have to upgrade equipment to meet their standards for professional boxing and not just boxing training. We are not asking for the full amount as we believe the 20 young people who want to box professionally should also contribute themselves.

### **Application 4**

Applicant: Mrs P Green

Amount: £500

Proposal: St Margaret's Monday Club

Summary: We are a group of mainly older ladies who meet in St Margaret's Vestry Hall on a Monday evening. The group is entirely separate from the church and is run by a committee. We have had a grass roots grant in the past which has now ended and was very successful. The meetings enable members to get out of the house and socialise. The meetings are open to anyone and many members are disabled. We are looking for help towards weekly speakers and towards heating etc.

### **Application 5**

Applicant: Secular Community Society

Amount: £1,000

Summary: Our project seeks to hold an event in the centre of the ward, where people facing hardships in illness, finance and personal issues can be signposted.

The target people shall be of Asian origin who have difficulty communicating in English, have problems with transport or have reservations about approaching agencies.

The aim of the project is to seek that the residents have their standards of living improved without fear, better health and

appropriate income. The project shall be run for ten weeks at a venue that is hired for three hours and visitors will be given some refreshments during their visit.

The innovative project shall initially try to hold some consultations with Links, Mental Health and Job Centre Plus. The adviser who will attend shall be IAS qualified and has excellent communication skills.

The outcome we are seeking is to get information about residents and their problems. We shall also obtain information about issues people face and then approach appropriate agencies to provide findings and also ensure that JCP revenues is increased in the City through the right benefits obtained.

### **Application 6**

Applicant: St Patrick's Church Charity Coffee Shop

Amount: £500

Proposal: Purchase of advertising material and display racks for the Friday morning charity coffee shop.

### **Application 7**

Applicant: Events Planning Committee

Amount: £1,065

Proposal: Christmas Party Event

Summary: The proposal is to hold a Christmas Party open to all local residents. The party will include activities for children young people, adults and older people. Including activities such as the Balloon Clown, the Animal Party, a Fruit stall, Christmas refreshments, tombola's & raffles and of course Santa's Grotto.

## **7. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES CONSULTATION**

Officers from Planning and Economic Development, Leicester City Council, will be in attendance as part of the on-going consultation in relation to new gypsy and traveller sites.

Full details of the proposals can be found at [www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellers](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellers).

## 8. 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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