

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

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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. |
| Gypsy and Traveller Sites 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.

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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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Tuesday, 6 December 2011

Held at:

Who was there:

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| Councillor Harshad Bhavsar |
| Councillor Annette Byrne |
| Councillor Colin Marriott |
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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 | Police Issues |
| Home Energy | City Wardens |
| . Princes’ Trust | St Margaret’s Pastures Football Facilities. |

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.

13. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Byrne was elected as Chair for the meeting.

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

17. THE PRINCES' TRUST

Charlotte Varnham from Leicestershire Fire and rescue was in attendance to present an overview of their work with the Princes' Trust and provided guidance on how local people could become involved with the trust.

Charlotte conducted a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation which gave detail of the Princes' Trust 12-week Team Programme and the accreditation awarded to those who completed the course.

Charlotte explained that those who were primarily targeted for team programme work included the unemployed, offenders or ex-offenders, those in or leaving care and educational under-achievers. Referrals were made via a number of channels such as the JobCentre, Glen Parva Young Offenders institution, Connexions and through Social Workers. The teams often undertook projects that provided immediate benefits to local communities and neighbourhoods and it was acknowledged that several of these had recently taken place within the Abbey ward. In particular, the work undertaken at the care home on Halifax Drive received praise from residents.

It was pointed out that the Princes Trust had its own delivery partner in each county, and in Leicestershire, the programme was delivered by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue, who received funding to do so from Central Government.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that direct referrals could be made by the Police. Charlotte agreed to provide information which showed a correlation between an increase in uptake of the Princes' Trust programme and a decline in youth offending.

18. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES IN ABBEY WARD

Bona Matturi, Regeneration, Transport and Highways, was in attendance to discuss highways and transport related matters within Abbey ward.

Bona explained that he worked within the Council division which managed the implementation plan that carried out accident reduction schemes to improve the general health and safety of Leicester's roads. He stated that there was a lengthy list of such projects, but in light of the current shortage of resource, only a proportion of these were currently scheduled to be completed.

Bona informed those present that a programme of road resurfacing took place within the ward that covered roads including Parker Drive, Mortimer Way and Halifax Drive.

In terms of installing bus boxes at bus stops, Bona stated that these were fairly cheap to provide but as they were 25 metres in length, they were often rejected by public consultation.

A resident spoke of problems with the structure of the highway on Kinley Road, and was of the view that it posed danger to those who accessed it. It was further felt that a road crossing was required at the top of Marwood Road and that without one, crossing the road was dangerous due to speeding vehicles, particularly for children who accessed two local schools.

In light of these and further matters raised, it was agreed that highways officers, Housing officers Ward Councillors and interested residents would conduct a site visit of key locations, and that a report of the visit would be brought back to the next Community Meeting.

RESOLVED:

That a site visit of locations relating to key highways matters be undertaken in early 2012 by local Councillors, Highways Officers, Housing Officers and interested members of the public.

19. ST MARGARET'S PASTURES FOOTBALL FACILITY

Christopher Kilby from Sports Services was in attendance to provide a brief overview of football facility developments at St Margaret's Pastures.

Chris explained sum of £400,000 was received to develop the facility at St Margaret's Pastures, and that there were now four top of the range pitches located at the site. It was further stated that two new changing rooms had been constructed, and that the bar facility had been refurbished.

It was stated that the cost of hiring a football pitch was £30 per hour, and that this was significantly cheaper than local private competitors. It was made clear that the prices were lower for junior hire.

In response to a suggestion, it was agreed that an article which publicised the refurbished football facilities at St Margaret's Pastures would be published in a forthcoming edition of the One Neighbourhood magazine..

It was acknowledged that there had been cases of theft from vehicles within the vicinity of the car park at St Margaret's Pastures. Chris confirmed that a risk assessment process had been initiated with a view to installing CCTV on site.

RESOLVED:

That an article which publicised the refurbished football facilities at St Margaret's Pastures be published in a forthcoming edition of the One Neighbourhood magazine.

20. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE

Norman Rochester, Community Partner, provided an overview of his recent work.

Norman explained that he had sought comments on ward priorities from residents by posting comment sheets through letterboxes, but to date, the response rate was relatively poor.

He explained that several residents had informed him that they were pleased with the extent of recent work undertaken within the ward, particularly to blocks of Council flats. Norman thanked the Area Housing Manager for facilitating these improvements.

21. HOUSING SERVICES UPDATE

John Thomson, District Housing Manager for Beaumont Leys and Mowmacre was in attendance to provide an update and respond to housing related queries within the Abbey Ward.

In relation to the deteriorated garage on Rainsford Crescent, John confirmed that a visit had been made to the site in question and it had been concluded that there was not a health and safety risk at the property in question.

John confirmed that the CCTV on Kinley Road was to be installed. It was stated that only three residents were opposed to this proposal.

The meeting was informed that a tenant of Kinley Road who had caused a number of problems had recently been evicted, following extensive work undertaken by the City Council, LASBU and the Police.

It was reported that a number of properties in the Ward had recently had new windows fitted to replace those which were in particularly poor condition. In response to a question, John confirmed that the average time for fitting a new window to a property was two weeks.

22. POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Michelle Zakoscielny and PC Warren Heath were in attendance to provide an overview of current policing priorities in the Abbey Ward.

Michelle paid thanks to John Thompson and officers at Mowmacre Housing Office for their work in evicting the troublesome tenant on Kinley Road.

Michelle also explained that the city wide crime reduction target of 5% had been eclipsed and that there had been a reduction of 22%. The only crime which had experienced an increase related to theft. It was further stated that an individual had recently been arrested after admitting 35 burglaries.

Michelle stated that the current policing priority was to curtail incidents of anti-social behaviour at Bewcastle Grove.

Michelle also urged residents to report instances of crime and anti-social behaviour to the police.

23. CITY WARDENS

Jessica Rayns, City Warden, provided an update on the work of the City Wardens in Abbey. Jess explained that following a number of illegal vehicle sales on Abbey Lane, an offender had been prosecuted.

Jessica confirmed that she covered the Abbey ward on a predominantly reactive basis. Residents informed Jess that cases of dog fouling had generally increased, and in reply, she explained that wardens had to be deployed to areas of high demand, but urged residents to report such cases to the City Wardens team. It was further stated that a fine of £500 had been recently imposed on one particular offender.

24. FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer, raised awareness to those present of the Council's Forum for Older People.

He explained that the Forum was aimed at those aged 50+, or who were from organisations representing older people.

It was stated that meetings took place at the Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 9BG and were scheduled to be held at 2.00 pm on the following dates:-

Tuesday, 17 January 2012
Tuesday, 28 February 2012
Tuesday, 10 April 2012.

25. BUDGET

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer, explained that there were no new budget applications for consideration.

26. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

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Appendix B

ABBEY WARD MEETING FUNDING STATEMENT: FEBRUARY 2012

| PROJECT | VALUE OF APPLICATION | APPLICANT | FUNDS PAID | PROGRESS |
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| Sports equipment | | Guru Nanak Community Centre | 1300 | Paid |
| Taxi | | K shorten St Patricks | 100 | Paid |
| Community Picnic | | Cornerstone PCC | 250 | Paid |
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| Football Equip | | Leicester Ladies FC | 1250 | Paid |
| Emergency food parcel | | Carlym Sandringham | 250 | Paid |
| Community fireworks | | Haj Kaur | 500 | Paid |
| Sound equipment | | Mowmacre Community project | 500 | Paid |
| Community Events | | Mowmacre Community project | 500 | Paid |
| Community Bus trip | | Friends of Mowmacre | 500 | Paid |
| Children's craft and play | | Leicester Museums Technology Association | 500 | Paid |
| Community Speedwatch | | Beaumont Leys LPU | 500 | Paid |
| Xmas Crime | | LP Beaumont leys | 1035 | Paid |
| Stocking Farm Abbey Rise Christmas Fete | | Stocking Farm Tenants Association | 500 | Paid |
| Heating-Rent-Speakers | 500 | St Margarets Monday Club | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Upgrade Equipment | 2500 | Unity Boxing Club | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Advertising Material/Display Racks | 500 | St Patrick's Church Charity Coffee Shop | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Emergency food parcel Scheme | 200 | Food Parcel Scheme Partners | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Olympic Sports Community Event | 1000 | Olympic Partners | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Signposting event | 1000 | Senior Community Society | | Going to next ward meeting |
| christmas party event | 1065 | events partnership | | Going to next ward meeting |
| Community fireworks event | 500 | Events partnership | | Fast track |

ABBAY WARD MEETING FUNDING STATEMENT: FEBRUARY 2012

| PROJECT | VALUE OF APPLICATION | APPLICANT | FUNDS PAID | PROGRESS |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Total value of bids | 7,265 | | | |
| | | Committed | 7935 | |
| | | Total funds available | 9,765 | |