

**Highfields Community Centre,
Melbourne Road,
Leicester, LE2 0DS
Monday 18th June 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
- Voluntary Action Leicester
- Benefits and Welfare Advice
- 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:

- Voluntary Action Leicester
- City Warden Services Presentation
- Highways and Traffic Update
- Policing and Community Safety Update
- Community Grant Applications

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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

Making Meetings Accessible to All

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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 and Community Safety 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.	Benefits and Welfare Advice Officers will be present to discuss issues in relation to Welfare Advice and changes to the benefits system.
Voluntary Action Leicester	
Speak to representatives from Voluntary Action Leicester in relation to the support that they can offer to local groups and organisations.	

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.

2. 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 Tuesday 27th March, 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. VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER

Heather Jallands of Voluntary Action Leicester will be in attendance to provide a presentation in relation to the support that they can offer to local groups and organisations.

6. CITY WARDEN SERVICE PRESENTATION

Representatives from the City Wardens service will be in attendance to provide

a presentation on their work.

7. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

Satish Shah, Highway Design and Maintenance, Leicester City Council will be in attendance to provide an overview of key transport issues within the Spinney Hills ward.

8. POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

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

9. 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.

Anita Patel, Members Support Officer, will provide an overview of the current position of the Spinney Hills Ward budget. Anita will give detail of expenditure in relation to money committed as part of the 2011/12 ward budget.

The following applications will be considered at the meeting

Application 1 (deferred at March meeting)

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 2 (deferred at March meeting)

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 3 (deferred at March meeting)

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 4

Applicant: AK Fitness

Amount: £500

Proposal: Street Party for Queens Jubilee for the Community

THIS APPLICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED AS A FAST TRACK.

Application 5

Applicant: Somali Advice and Information Services

Amount: £913

Proposal: To hold workshops 16-18th June at St Matthews Centre to empower young Somalis by providing help and advice.

A SUM OF £463 HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED AS A FAST TRACK.

Application 6

Applicant: Netherhall School

Amount: £1,000

Proposal: Netherhall Special School lunchtime Club – Cycling Club and Play Equipment for Students

Summary: To provide much needed play equipment for young people with profound and/or multiple learning difficulties or severe learning difficulties.

The equipment is expensive to buy and we have very little playground equipment for our students. We thoroughly enjoy using the few bikes and scooters which we have, which promote independence, physical activity and most of all fun. These items are specially made and adopted to suit our needs.

Application 7

Applicant: Champion Boxing Club

Amount: £1,060

Proposal: Boxing Club Equipment

Summary: People between the ages of 7 and 30 use the boxing club on an on-going basis. Benefits to the users are healthy living, tackling

obesity, fitness and engagement in sporting activity. It also helps to promote community cohesion amongst young people.

The equipment is required to provide a safe sporting environment and to improve the facilities at the club. It is also hoped to attract more users to the club.

Application 8

Applicant: Live Sport

Amount: £620

Proposal: Summer Sports Activity Sessions for Young People

Summary: To organise sports activity sessions to take place during the summer 2012 at St Matthews Neighbourhood Centre.

Sessions will encourage young people to participate in sports activity as a group and will allow them to keep healthy and fit. Session will provide multi-sports and other activities e.g badminton, football etc...

Sports in the community is a good way to keep young people occupied during school holidays.

Application 9

Applicant: Redeemed Christian Church of God, City of Favour

Amount: £800

Proposal: Diamond Jubilee Street Party Event 4th June 2012

A SUM OF £500 HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED AS A FAST TRACK.

Application 10

Applicant: Gandal Media

Amount: £965

Proposal: 'Youngsters and Media' – project to organise advice workshops for Somali youngsters

Summary: Somali youngsters in Leicester tend to have few ideas or little knowledge through media and it is vital to help provide them with ideas in relation to the media. We would like to organise a two day workshop to allow youngsters to learn about the media.

There will be a highly qualified media presenter who will give them a broad knowledge in that field. We will use local venues and expect to attract 75 young people from Leicester.

Gandal organisation is committed to train the youngsters and always promotes awareness to the topics related to Media. At the end of the project there will be assessment forms which we will distribute to the youngsters and other attendees and we will ask them to feedback.

Application 11

Applicant: St Matthews' Childrens Action Group

Amount: £425

Proposal: National Play Day Event organised for 1 August 2012

Summary: No summary provided.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Spinney Hills Community Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday 17th September – 6pm – Coleman Primary School

Monday 3 December – 6pm – St Matthews CC

Monday 11 March – 6pm – Wesley Hall

11. 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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