

Abbey Community Meeting

**St Patrick's Centre
100 Beaumont Leys Lane
Leicester**

**On Tuesday, 19 February 2013
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The following items will be considered:

**Welfare Reform
Youth Provision
Police and City Warden Update
Ward Community Budget**

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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



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City Warden Update Talk to your City Warden about street scene enforcement 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.

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 Abbey Community Meeting, held on 20th November 2012, 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. CHANGES TO WELFARE REFORM

Officers from Welfare and Benefits have been invited to give a presentation on the changes to Welfare Reform.

6. YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

Officers to attend the meeting to give an update on youth provision in the Abbey Ward.

7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

The Community Meeting to receive an update on local policing issues.

8. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The Community Meeting to receive an update from the City Warden.

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.

The Member Support Officer will present the latest position on the Community Meeting budget, together with the following applications for funding which are submitted for consideration.

The following applications have been supported under the fast track system since the previous meeting:

Applicant: Avebury Meadows Parent Carer Forum

Amount: £343.05

Proposal: Garden Project

Applicant: Mowmacre YP Play and Development Association

Amount £500

Proposal: Cooker

Applicant: Stocking Farm Healthy Living Centre

Amount: £300

Proposal: to put on 2 animal parties; one at Stocking Farm and one at the Tudor Centre.

The following application has not been supported (retrospective bid as the event has already taken place)

Applicant: Bharti Acharya (Treasurer)

Amount £490

Proposal: Swami Vivekanad: 150 Years Commemoration Reverence Day

Applications deferred from the previous meeting held 20 November 2012

Application 1

Applicant: STAR

Amount: £250

Proposal: To join the Fare Share Partnership to help people on low incomes with food and essentials.

This application was deferred from the previous meeting pending further information.

Application 2

Applicant: Unity Boxing / Mr Ajmal Butt and Mr Shaun Tate

Amount: £1245

Proposal: To maintain the Club's ABA status, increase ABA membership and to renew equipment.

Application 3.

Applicant: Action for Children Bewcastle Children's centre

Amount: £560

Proposal: For the purchase of musical instruments and soft play for children; to support children's physical and emotional needs and to enhance their development, learn new experiences and take up challenges and prepare them for preschool education.

This application was deferred from the previous meeting so that the applicant be encouraged and assisted where possible to explore alternative sources of funding in the interim.

Application 4

Applicant: Belgrave Playgroup

Amount: £2500 (each from Abbey and Belgrave and Latimer Wards)

Proposal: To construct a shelter / physical cover to allow children to continue to safely use the new outdoor play area.

This application was deferred from the previous meeting pending further information to be provided by the applicant concerning their investigation of any alternative solutions.

New Applications

Application 5

Applicant: Brian Stafford, Leicester City Council

Amount: £818.62

Proposal: to improve and enhance the biodiversity of Belgrave Cemetery by installing habitat boxes for birds and bats across the area. The proposal is to install 16 bird boxes and 12 bat boxes at Belgrave Cemetery, to encourage nesting for wildlife.

Application 6

Applicant: Leicestershire Constabulary and LCC Housing

Amount: £4596 plus VAT

Proposal: for a remote and mobile CCTV camera that the police and housing office can use together to assist in solving issues of anti-social behaviour on the Abbey ward. Funding is requested for the portable CCTV camera and for an annual GPS contract.

Application 7

Applicant: Healthy Living Centre

Amount: £1000

Proposal: for an emergency food parcel scheme to help people bridge the gap between the claim for benefits being processed and for when they actually receive those benefits. To also help anybody in dire straits.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Tuesday, 20 November 2012

Held at: The Tudor Centre, Bewcastle Grove, Leicester, LE4 2JU

Who was there:

Councillor Harshad Bhavsar

Councillor Annette Byrne

Councillor Colin Marriott

23. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Byrne was elected as Chair for the meeting.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Marriott declared an interest as a member of the Mowmacre Events Planning Partnership, which was the subject of a grant application under the Ward Community Budget item.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the interest declared was not considered to be a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but was an Other Disclosable Interest and was not considered significant as to prejudice Councillor Marriott's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Marriott was, therefore, not precluded from considering and determining the grant application.

26. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the Minutes of the previous Abbey Ward Community Meeting held on 21 August 2012 be agreed as a correct record.

27. YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

In the absence of the relevant Officer the above item was deferred.

28. POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Michelle Zakoscielny provided an overview of current Police priorities within the Ward.

Michelle confirmed that the Police were achieving all set targets and had become one of the best performing units in respect of the ward statistics.

Michelle reminded members of the community present that a rise in attempted burglaries was expected leading up to the Christmas period and she advised that Christmas presents should not be left on show in properties.

The recent provision of a 'Police Shop' at Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre was reported, and welcomed. It was noted that the 'Police Shop' was being run and staffed by Police Volunteers and had been supported by the JAG, the Safer Leicestershire Partnership and by other donations.

In conclusion Michelle reported that 'purse bells' were available and could be supplied on request.

The meeting noted the police update.

29. COMMUNITY UPDATE

Carlym Quantrill was invited to address the meeting.

Carlym referred to the recent Community Bonfire event held on 2 November 2012 organised by the Mowmacre Events Planning Partnership. She referred to the funding received from this Ward and from Beaumont Leys Ward which had led to the success of the event.

It was reported that the police had recorded a 70 percent decrease in unlawful events, together with a reduction in 'wood crime' where in previous years materials had been stolen to create large bonfires.

The success of the event was further highlighted by the estimated attendance of over 1500 people, a significant rise on previous years. It was noted in this respect that additional stewarding and volunteering would be sought in future years. It was considered important to maintain the safety record of the event and ensure that the event continued to have no reported incidents.

Carlym was thanked for her update and report.

30. WARD ACTION PLAN

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer, provided an update concerning the Ward Action plan.

Statistical information was circulated which indicated that the Ward was considered to be a deprived area, lacking in youth provision and as a result suffered from a high level of anti-social behaviour.

Jerry circulated forms which asked community members to prioritise their areas of concern in order to draft the Ward Action Plan.

Community representatives present agreed to distribute the consultation forms as widely as possible to achieve a significant sample of views.

Jerry was thanked for his report.

31. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer, provided an update on the Ward Community budget.

The following applications for funding were submitted for consideration:

A) Healthy Living Centre – Food Parcels

Amount: £1000
(Carlym Quantrill clarified that the application was being considered by two wards and therefore the amount requested to this meeting was £500)

Proposal: To replenish the food parcels as demand was increasing due to the current economic climate.

RESOLVED:
that the application be supported in the sum of £500

B) Healthy Living Centre – Head Lice Combs

Amount: £1000

Proposal: Head lice combs to be provided to families within the ward to reduce infestation of head lice in schools.

RESOLVED:
that the application be supported up to the value of £1000.

C) STAR (Leicester City Council)

Amount: £250

Proposal: To join the Fairshare Partnership to help people on low incomes with food and essentials

RESOLVED:
that the application be deferred pending further information to be provided by the applicant.

D) Mowmacre Events Planning Partnership

Amount: £500

Proposal: An organised bonfire and firework event to reduce the amount of unlawful events in the Ward.

RESOLVED:
that the application be supported in the sum of £500.

E) Unity Boxing

Amount: £2500
(Jerry Connolly clarified that the application was being considered by two wards and that the total amount requested was £2450, therefore the amount requested to this meeting was £1225).

Proposal: To maintain the Club's ABA status, increase ABA membership and to renew equipment

RESOLVED:
that the application be deferred until the next meeting.

F) Bewcastle Sure Start Children's Centre/Action For Children

Amount: £9,937.35
(Jerry Connolly clarified that the application to this meeting had been reduced by the applicant to £500 to provide play equipment).

Proposal: Development of a covered outdoor play and development space to expand the delivery of services and to enrich learning and understanding.

RESOLVED:
that the application be deferred until the next meeting and that the applicant be encouraged, and assisted where possible, to explore alternative sources of funding in the interim.

G) Stocking Farm Pre-School

Amount: £500

Proposal: Conversion of wasteland to provide a play area for the pre-school and a quiet area for the community.

RESOLVED:
That the application be supported in the sum of £500.

H) Leicester City Ladies Juniors Football Club

Amount: £1750

Proposal: Support for an organised tournament to promote the club and to continue the progression of youth football, together with the training of 6 further coaches through the FA led courses.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in the sum of £1750.

I) Belgrave Playgroup

Amount: £2500

(Jerry Connolly clarified that the application was being considered by two wards and that the total amount requested was £5000, therefore the amount requested to this meeting was £2500).

Proposal: To construct a shelter/physical cover to allow children to continue to safely use the new outdoor play area.

RESOLVED:

that the application be deferred pending further information to be provided by the applicant concerning their investigation of any alternative solutions.

32. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next ward Community meeting was noted as;

19 February 2013,

commencing at 6:00 pm. at St Patrick's Centre.

34. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:10 pm.

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