

**Christ the King Church,
Beaumont Leys
On Wednesday, 5 December 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:-

- Police
- City Warden
- Community Library
- Healthy Living Centre
- Leicester Ladies FC
- Parks

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

- Changes to the Benefits System
- Policing Update
- City Warden Update
- Update on Patchwalks
- Funding Applications

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WHEELCHAIR

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Vi Dempster
Councillor Sundip Meghani
Councillor Paul Westley**



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

<p>Ward Councillors and General Information</p> <p>Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries</p>	<p>Police Issues</p> <p>Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries</p>
<p>City Warden</p> <p>Speak to your local city warden to raise any local environmental issues</p>	<p>Community Library</p> <p>Find out about Library Services</p>
<p>Healthy Living Centre</p> <p>Find out about services available at your local Healthy Living Centre</p>	<p>Leicester Ladies FC</p> <p>An update by the organisation after funding</p>

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

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.

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 Beaumont Leys Community Meeting, held on 5th September 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. WELFARE REFORM

An Officer from Revenues and Benefits will be present to discuss benefit changes with residents.

6. POLICING UPDATE

An update will be given on recent Police developments and successes.

7. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The Local City Warden will provide an update for the area.

8. PATCH-WALKS UPDATE

Members will provide an update on patch-walks in the Beaumont Leys.

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.

The following budget applications will be considered:-

Application 1

Applicant: Beaumont Town FC

Amount: £1,500

Proposal: Midlands Rainbows Tournament

Summary: The remaining balance of £1,500 as the organisation could not secure additional funding from other organisations.

Application 2

Applicant: Healthy Living Centre

Amount: £500.00
(Abbey have agreed £500)

Proposal: Food parcel scheme

Summary: To replenish the food parcel supplies as demand has increased.

Application 3

Applicant: Stocking Farm Pre-School

Amount: £500.00
(Abbey have agreed £500)

Proposal: Community / Playgroup Gardens

Summary: To utilise a piece of waste land and turn it into a play area for pre-school children and a sensory / quiet area for the whole community.

Application 4

Applicant: Leicester City Ladies FC

Amount: £1,750.00

Proposal: Girls (and boys) Football in the Community

Summary: To organise a tournament at the end of the season to promote the club and attract more kids into football.

Application 5

Applicant: Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire

Amount: £762.82

Proposal: Castle Hill Country Park Leicestershire Heritage Apple Orchard Project

Summary: To create a community orchard of local heritage importance, and to train people to be able to plant and grant the orchard.

Application 6

Applicant: Paul Southwood

Amount: £200.00

Proposal: Noticeboard

Summary: For use by Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Constabulary.

Application 7

Applicant: NDI IGBO Leicestershire (Nigerian Community Association)

Amount: £225.00

Proposal: Christmas Gala Night / Get together

Summary: The Gala Night will be held on December 15 2012 at the Afro Caribbean Centre, for social interaction between members of the Nigerian, Black and Ethnic Minority communities.

A budget information sheet is attached to the agenda for information.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Beaumont Leys

Appendix A

Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 5 September 2012

Held at: Christ the King Church, Beaumont Leys

Who was there:

Councillor Vi Dempster

Councillor Sundip Meghani

Councillor Paul Westley



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.

Ward Councillors and General Information Local Councillors were present to discuss general queries	Police Issues Local Police were available to talk about issues or raise general queries
Beaumont Leys Library Information about Library Services was available to the public	Healthy Living Centre Information about services available at your local Healthy Living Centre
Beaumont Town FC An update by the organisation was given after funding	Leicester Ladies FC An update by the organisation was given after funding
Secondary School Admission Information Officers were present to provide information on school admissions	

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.

11. ELECTION OF CHAIR

AGREED:

that Councillor Meghani be elected as Chair for the meeting.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Hazel Daly, Barleycroft Youth Centre, and Matthew Davinson, City Warden.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interest they had in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate if Section 106v of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

There were no declarations of interest made.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED;

that the minutes of the previous Beaumont Leys Community Meeting held on 30th May 2012 were approved as a correct record.

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 5 – Policing Update

Jerry Connolly, Members Support Officer, Leicester City Council, informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from the LE4 Action Group regarding the Gipsy and Traveller site at Greengate Lane., and that the correspondence had been passed on to Inspector Morris, Leicestershire Constabulary.

16. POLICING UPDATE

PC Adam Woolman, Leicestershire Constabulary, introduced himself and provided the meeting with the latest crime statistics for Beaumont Leys Ward, and reported there had been an increase in crime in the area.

At the meeting he reported that burglaries and vehicle crime had increased, with the theft of cycles also increasing. PC Woolman suggested that the increase in figures might be due to people funding drug habits, or people of previous good character who were now facing money issues due to the recession.

The following crime figures were provided after the meeting:

1/3/12 – 31/5/12 – 76 recorded crime relating to core crime or similar, 75 of which are detailed below:

Burglary dwelling – 29

Burglary other than dwelling (i.e. sheds/garages/businesses) – 12

Theft from a motor vehicle – 14

Theft of a motor vehicle – 8

Robbery – 8

Theft person – 4

1/6/12 – 31/8/12 – 69 recorded crimes

Burglary dwelling – 23

Burglary other than dwelling – 12

Theft from a motor vehicle – 14

Theft of a motor vehicle – 8

Robbery – 7

Theft person – 5

PC Woolman reported that the Police were targeting drugs on the estate, and that a significant amount had been recovered, including Class A drugs, and the location of small cannabis factories. The meeting was informed that the Police worked closely

with Housing Officers, who were keen to evict people after they had been found and convicted of dealing drugs, though the process was a long one.

In relation to the speed gun funding, the meeting was informed it had been used across the area and there had been 50 prosecutions as a result of deploying the gun. The Police had also raised awareness of speeding with drivers. Jerry Connolly stated that considerable interest has been shown at the Abbey Ward Community Meeting into using the gun. Jerry asked the meeting if residents would like to use the speed gun. PC Woolman stated that evidence gathered by residents could not be used to prosecute if there were no police present. However, he asked that interested residents leave their details with the police, and they would be notified when the police could go out with residents and show them how to use the speed gun initially. Information gathered by residents could be passed on to the police who would then check details with the DVLA and contact the driver. The driver would then be advised of the impact of speeding. The meeting was also informed that camera vans were still operated by the police.

The Police were also working with schools with regards to anti-social behaviour, raising awareness of the impact that anti-social behaviour had on people.

In answer to questions from residents, PC Woolman reported that many incidents were recorded under the heading 'Domestic Abuse', and that specialist units graded issues as 'low' or 'high' risk, and people could also be referred to specialist groups. He reported that a stringent system of questioning was in place, and that positive action was taken. It was also reported that sometimes people did not want to go to court to give evidence. In some circumstances video footage could be used.

Residents reported that off-road motorbikes were regularly riding across Beaumont Park, and that there were concerns that when the ground got heavier, football pitches would be damaged. PC Woolman asked that the registration of the bikes and/or identification of the riders be passed on to the Police, who had powers of seizure and could issue warnings. The meeting was informed that six officers and six PCSOs regularly walked through the area but it was difficult to catch bike riders on foot.

Councillor Westley also reported there were problems with bikes in the Astill Lodge Area, and that if culprits lived in Council Housing, they could be dealt with severely with warnings and possible eviction.

Mr Terry McGreal, LE4 Action Group, made reference to minutes of the last meeting and reported that he had not received a response back from the Police for incidents reported regarding the gipsy and traveller site at Greengate Lane. Councillor Meghani stated that it was expected that information would be brought back to the next meeting. Councillor Dempster informed Terry that if he had not received a response within one week, Councillors would take up the matter with Inspector Morris directly.

Residents noted that with regards to the burglaries in the area cards were put through doors, and it was also noted there were more police in the area. PC Woolman stated that houses whose residents could have possibly seen something,

for example, houses at the back, had a card placed through the door. He informed the meeting that the Police had targeted officers and resources to flood the area to try and catch the criminals. Residents asked if CCTV cameras could be used and the evidence used to prosecute. They also stated they could be used on the football pitches. PC Woolman said that cameras had been used in high priority areas, but unfortunately there was a waiting list of areas to use the cameras, though the CCTV evidence did help with some of the prosecutions. The Police had found that crime ceased because the criminals knew the cameras were there.

Councillors thanked the Police for their update, and asked that comparable crime statistics be brought to the next meeting to show how Beaumont Leys fared when compared to other wards.

17. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden had sent his apologies for the agenda item.

18. PATCHWALK UPDATE

Councillors informed the meeting that two patchwalks in Beaumont Leys had taken place.

The first was around Home Farm, where concerns were raised over the condition of the buildings which had been burnt out three years ago. Councillors stated that Property had been asked to demolish the wall, and that an agreement had been reached that the building would go on the Capital Works programme and be demolished.

The second patchwalk had taken place around Astill Lodge with a group of residents, and it was reported that quite a few issues had been raised, including the following.

- (i) Lighting along path
- (ii) Overgrown greenery
- (iii) Dog fouling

Councillors stated that Housing Officers also carried out patchwalks in the area and fed back issues to Councillors. Residents were encouraged to contact Councillors if they wanted a patchwalk in a particular area.

Councillors stated that a lot had been achieved over the last year, but it was a big ward and areas with particular issues had to be prioritised, for example, anti-social behaviour, or areas with health and safety issues. The meeting was informed that a patchwalk would be carried out in Heathley Park in the near future. Councillors also reported that seating on Astill Lodge Road that was old and in poor repair had been removed. A resident asked the recognition be given for the good work that City Cleansing did.

Residents reported that fences in The Poppins and in Halley Close had been damaged, and though the Police were doing all they could, a dummy camera could be installed to deter whoever was breaking the fenced. They also asked that tree

surgeons cut back the vegetation. Councillor Dempster reported that plants were put in when Beaumont Leys was built, but there was no Capital Programme to maintain them. A resident also reported that greenery on Krefeld Way needed to be cut back as it was not possible to see traffic lights.

Residents reported that fly tipping was a regular problem at the back of Ipswich Close, where people were going through a gate and dumping rubbish. It was thought the culprits were from Council properties, and the problem had been ongoing for 15 years or more. Councillor Westley stated the City Wardens dealt with issues around fly tipping, and that sometimes it was possible to catch the culprits as some left home addresses in the rubbish bags. What was more difficult was catching people who left garden waste. Councillor Dempster stated that the issue was a problem across the city, even in Bradgate Heights, where there was no social housing, people still dumped garden waste, but the message needed to go out that garden waste was as bad as rubbish. A resident suggested that the city have brown bins for garden waste as they did in the County.

19. SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMISSION INFORMATION

Councillors informed the meeting that, following the major rebuild of Beaumont Leys School under Building Schools for the Future (BSF), Babington Community College had prepared plans for its own redevelopment under BSF.

Councillor Dempster reported that both schools were above target, and all schools in the city had shown upwards trends in Key Stages 1, 2 and 4. Councillor Dempster stated she hoped residents in the city would have the confidence to send their children to schools in their catchment area, and that it was important to visit local schools prior to making a decision. She went on that children who went to a local school made local friends, and that if a child's school was not in the catchment area, parents would have to finance their travel.

Steve Letten, Service Manager (Admissions and Exclusions), underlined the points made by Councillor Dempster, and went further by stating parents became distraught if a school placement did not work out.

Steve reported that some 80% of parents received their first choice. He informed the meeting that the process would school admission would start on 6th September 2012 for children in Year 6. He explained that parents should aim to apply online, as the system was secure and easy to use, and changes could be made to application up to the closing date. Key dates were contained in the booklet which had been sent to all parents with children in year 6, and parents were encouraged to return applications, or complete online by the 31st October 2012 deadline to ensure their applications would be dealt with first.

Parents were asked to make realistic preferences, and that historical data was available on the schools that could provide information for parents to enable them to make an informed choice. Advice was strongly given to parents to consider applying for placements in their catchment area, which the child was certain to get if expressed as a preference. Parents were asked to make three choices.

The meeting was informed that contact for advice was the independent Choice Advice Service, which was a voluntary group, as the Admissions Service remained neutral and did not get involved.

20. BUDGET

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer, introduced the budget requests that had been submitted, which were then handed over to the applicant to describe the main priorities. There was then a short recess whilst the Ward Councillors reached their decision on each application.

Application 1 – Carlym Quantrill (MEPP) – Community Bonfire Event

The application was for £500 for a contribution towards a free Community Bonfire Event for residents in Abbey and Beaumont Leys Wards.

The applicant stated that with an arranged community event, crime and illegal bonfires in the area would be reduced. Police said that not only were the numbers of illegal fires within the area reduced radically, but the criminal damage, running into thousands of pounds, caused by the breaking up of fences to fuel the illegal fires was also sharply reduced.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in full and £500 be allocated.

Application 2 – Somali Advice and Information Services (SOMINFOS) – Somali week for book fair and festival

The application was a joint bid for £2650.00 (also applied to Charnwood, Spinney Hill and Stoneygate Wards), for a week-long festival where approximately 350 books on different topics regarding Somali culture, history, social life, amongst others would be on display.

The application was presented by Jerry on behalf of the applicant who was not present, and the total requested was a proportion of the full amount.

Councillors stated that they required further information from the applicant.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in principle, but the organisation be contacted for further information and a revised figure negotiated.

Application 3 – Friends of Castle Hill Country Park – 2012/2013 Conservation

The application was a late submission which Councillors were happy to consider. The application was for £1,050 for contribution to conservation work, tree planting, rubbing plates, natural seating area and archaeological survey of the historical field.

Residents and Councillors stated they valued and appreciated the work the group carried out.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported in full and £1,050 be allocated, with the caveat that the application was not an annual request.

Matters Approved Under the Fast Track Procedure

The following budget request was included on the agenda for formally noting as it had been agreed by Councillors in-between meetings to enable the project to take place.

1. NDI IGBO Leicestershire (Nigeria Community Association) - £200

RESOLVED:

That the previously agreed funding be noted.

21. BRAUNSTONE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - UPDATE

Nick Langton, Braunstone Town Football Club, was present to update the meeting on how previous Community Meeting funding of £2,500 had been used by the Club toward the Midlands Rainbows Tournament.

Nick reported that the Club, which had reached its 30th anniversary, had grown in numbers and stature this year. During the summer there had been a programme of tournaments, and every child had received a trophy to take home. During the tournament, £1,000 had been raised for Rainbows and he believed that the Club would do better next year.

Nick informed the meeting that the Football Investment Strategy Funding had been used for the pavilion and external works and the ground was now a relatively secure complex. Some of the funding was also used for equipment. Nick stated the Club were now backing a men's football team to which men were returning from other clubs. He also stated that for the past five years the Club had the best youth team in the County.

Nick informed the meeting that for part of the programme 3,000 leaflets, some of which had been distributed at schools, though he required some help in accessing some of the schools in the area, to inform them of the Club which would also keep children off the streets. He stated that there were now 40 members of the Academy and the Junior section was going very well. Councillor Dempster stated she was happy to take the details of the schools Nick required access to, though she defended the schools and their capacity to engage with community groups. She stated that she would ensure that information of the project would go on the City Council's website.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Beaumont Leys Ward Action Plan 2012 – 2014 – Priorities for Beaumont Leys Ward

Jerry reported that consultation on the Action Plan had raised the following issues, amongst others, of priority for residents in the Ward:

- Gypsies and travellers
- Speeding
- Facilities for children
- Health Data
- Poverty Data – it was revealed that there were 1,870 children in poverty in the Ward

Jerry informed the meeting that he would ask the One Neighbourhood editor if the draft Plan could be published in the next edition, and would be brought back to the next meeting.

(ii) Glenfield Children's Heart Unit

Councillors reported that at the Joint Health Committee meeting on 4th September 2012, they had debated the Government's decision to close the Unit, at which it was decided that the figures and proposal did not add up, and that a lot of data had not been taken into account. It was also stated that ECMO Units took years of dedication and training and could not just be moved. The meeting was informed that the Committee would send a letter to the Secretary of State condemning the decision by Friday 7th September, opposing the closure of the Unit.

23. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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BEAUMONT LEYS WARD MEETING FUNDING STATEMENT: DECEMBER 2012

PROJECT	APPLICANT	BID VALUE	PROGRESS	GRANT VALUE	AVAILABLE FUNDS
OPENING BALANCE					18,000
Youth action group and drop-in – rent support	UR Choice	2,504	PAID	500	17,500
Youth action group and drop-in	UR Choice	2,004	PAID	2004	15,496
Midlands Rainbow tournament	Beaumont Town FC.	4,000	PAID	2500	12,996
Community event	Cornerstone PCC	500	PAID	500	12,496
Jubilee event	Pamojo Kenya Leicester		WITHDRAWN		
Community bonfire event	Carlym Quantrill	500	PAID	500	11,996
Community annual celebration	NDI IGBO	200	PAID	200	11,796
Book fair	Sominfos	662.50	PAID	450	11,346
Conservation, tree planting, rubbing plates, natural seating area by the great oak and archaeological survey of the historical field	Friends of Castle Hill Country Park	1,050	PAID	1,050	10,296
	TOTALS	11,416.50		7,704	10,296

BEAUMONT LEYS WARD MEETING FUNDING STATEMENT: DECEMBER 2012

PROJECT	APPLICANT	BID VALUE	PROGRESS	GRANT VALUE	AVAILABLE FUNDS
					10,296
Midlands Rainbow tournament	Beaumont Town FC.	1,500			
Food parcel scheme	Healthy Living Centre	500	£500 agreed by Abbey		
Community/Playgroup gardens	Stocking Farm pre school	500	£500 agreed by Abbey		
Girls (and boys) Football in the Community	Leicester City Ladies FC	1,750	£1750 agreed by Abbey		
Castle Hill Country Park Leicestershire Heritage Apple Orchard Project	Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire	762.82			
Barley Croft Christmas Fayre	Barely Croft Primary School		Withdrawn		
Notice Board erection	Paul Southwood	200			
Boxing club equipment	Unity Boxing Club	1,245	Deferred by Abbey ward to assess remaining funds		
Christmas event	NDI IGBO	225			
	Total bids value	6,682.82			

Jerry Connolly: Member Support Officer. 28th November 2012