

Stoneygate Community Meeting

**Evington Road United Reform Church,
Evington Road, corner of Dashwood Road,
Leicester LE2 1QJ**

**On Monday, 7 January 2013
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:-**

- Benefits Advice and Services
- City Warden Service
- Policing and Community Safety

6.30pm – 8.00pm

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

- Welfare and Benefits Changes Update
- Themed Discussion on improvements to Evington Road.
- Ward Community Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Lucy Chaplin
Councillor Iqbal Desai
Councillor Mustafa Kamal**



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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	Police and City Warden Issues
Members of the public will be able to talk to their local councillors or raise general queries	Members of the public will be able to talk to the Police and the City Warden and raise general queries.
Benefits Advice and Services	
An officer from the Welfare Rights' Team will be present to provide information on the proposed welfare and benefit changes.	

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

The minutes of the previous Stoneygate Community Meeting held on 1 October 2012 have been circulated 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 AND BENEFITS CHANGES UPDATE

The Community Meeting will receive an update from the Welfare Rights' Team on the proposed changes to the benefits system.

6. THEMED DISCUSSION ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO EVINGTON ROAD

The Chair will lead a discussion on possible improvements that could be made to Evington Road to make it better for all the residents residing and visiting the area. Residents will be invited to make suggestions for what they want for the area. It will include updates from the Police and City Warden which will also be relevant to that area.

7. 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 following funding applications have been received:

Name of Application: Art House

Submitted by: Sue Ryan (on behalf of Art House)

Amount requested: £250

Details of the application:

To provide 2 hopper buses by Leicester City Council Operational Transport to transport people between the Art House venues, one going clockwise and one anti-clockwise. Estimated costs are £350 - £380 to include 2 drivers and fuel.

To also provide promotional flyers for Art House: 15,000 printed by Scotia Press for £370.

The event is planned for 8/9 June 2013 and involves over 40 local artists in homes and studios in Stoneygate, Clarendon Park and Knighton. It is expected to receive over 600 visitors in the area. Art House has been running since 2008.

£250 is requested towards the costs of Art House.

Name of Application: Hart Trips

Submitted by: Highfields Association of Residents and Tenants

Amount requested: £500

Information submitted by the applicant:

Many families and children in South Highfields rarely get a chance to get away for the day. We propose to arrange, as we did in 2012, three subsidised day trips for local families and children in 2013. In 2012 we organised trips to West Midlands Safari Park, Wheelgate Park and Abbey Park Fireworks Display. They were funded by contributions by participants, the grant from the ward meeting and fundraising by HART through a table top sale. We will monitor the number of adults and children who go on the trips.

Cost estimated to be £1500 for 3 trips at £500 each. £500 is requested from the Stoneygate Community Meeting.

Name of Application: Project Y

Submitted by: Highfields Association of Residents and Tenants (HART) on behalf of itself and ERNA

Amount requested: £5000

Information submitted by the applicant:

Our proposal is to bring young people in our diverse community together through their common enthusiasm for different forms of art, enabling them to feel safe in each other's spaces. We will run a series of five facilitated arts workshops, each four hours long, where young people aged 13-25 can learn and share arts skills and techniques. This would be followed by a public exhibition and demonstration of their work. The workshops and final event will take place at the Ark Theatre in Sparkenhoe Street. We will employ, on a sessional basis, a professional arts worker to facilitate the workshops. The first spark of an idea about this came from volunteers from HART and ERNA who, together with the police, run a weekly youth club at the Evington Road United Reformed Church. This facility was set up because the Slovak Roma young people had nowhere to go. While it has been amazingly successful, it has not attracted many other young people. It seems that young people in our vibrant multicultural community can lead parallel lives, not interacting with young people from other communities. An initial planning meeting had a majority of young people. It included people of African, African Caribbean, Asian (including Muslim), white British and Slovak Roma heritage. When we brought young people together for the first planning meeting, they were keen on using the arts, bowled over by the possibilities offered by the space at the Ark Theatre (which none of them had seen before), and wanted to explore, through art, issues around safety. We plan that the workshops and final event take place within three months. The process of encouraging young people from different communities to learn with each other, learn from each other and feel safe in a shared environment is hugely important. The church where the youth club operates is due to close in April. The community is working to try to save it as a resource, but it is likely that the youth club will have to move. The Slovak Roma young people feel this is their only space. If they can be a part of a multicultural project in a shared space, if they can feel safe outside the immediate environs of Evington Road, there are so many more possibilities for all of us. All of the young people at the first planning meeting have artistic abilities. There are probably many more we can reach through them. Once we have a group of young people who have been successful in sharing skills, wearing the T-shirts, organising a public event, anything is possible. A group of young people making art together to enable us to feel safe and empowered throughout our community.

Details of funding requested:

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Hire of Ark Theatre @£300 x 5	1,500	actual	1,500
Facilitator's fee @£250x5	1,250	estimate	1,250
materials and refreshments @£50x5	250	"	250
Public liability insurance	200	"	200
T-shirt purchase, design and printing	300	"	300
advertising	50	"	50
administration	50	"	50

Cost of final exhibition and performance	1,400	“	50
Total	5,000		5,000

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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