

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

5:30 pm, Thursday, 28 March 2013

Held at: Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester. LE1 9BG

Who was there:

Councillor Lucy Chaplin
Councillor Iqbal Desai
Councillor Mustafa Kamal

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	Police Issues
Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Organ Donation Campaign	City Warden
To receive information on the latest organ donor campaign.	Obtain information on the services available including the ‘One Clean Leicester’ and ‘Anti-graffiti’ programmes
Leicester Home Choice	Smoking Reduction
To receive information about the new way of finding out about Council housing.	Find out about the latest campaign around smoking reduction.
‘One Pass’	
Find out about entitlements available to concessionary bus-pass holders.	

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.

78. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Desai was elected as Chair for the meeting.

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this time.

81. BUDGET

Kalvaran Sandhu, Scrutiny Support Officer reported that the following applications had been received since the last meeting of the Community Meeting. The applications were being determined at this Special Meeting to enable them the successful bids to be processed before the end of the current financial year on 31st March 2013.

Applications received

£

i) Monday Advice Sessions

950

An application received from Somali Advice and Information Services (SOMINFOS) to part fund 26 weekly Monday advice sessions for Somali people in the Stonegate, Spinney Hills and Beaumont Leys areas. The sessions to run between 1st April 2013 and 30th September 2013.

Resolved:

that the application be supported - £500.

ii) Saturday Youth Event

1577

An application received from Samatus International Development Organisation to part fund Saturday youth activities for Somali youths, to run for an initial 12 week period.

Members suggested that the applicants be put in touch with other funding sources and requested that they also look to sharing resources with other youth projects operating in the area. The applicants could then submit a new bid in the new financial year 2013/14.

Resolved:

That the application be deferred for the reasons stated.

iii) Stonegate 2 Youth Club

1710

An application received from the Highfield Association of Residents and Tenants (HART) as a one-off start-up payment to cover the rental cost of a new venue for the club, and for equipment and activities. Members were

reminded that the Club previously operated from the URC Church that had recently closed.

Members were supportive of the bid but stated that they were aware of the funding that had previously been awarded to Project Y by this Community Meeting, and of the fact that this project had also recently received Near Neighbourhoods funding. The applicants were informed that the Community Meeting was reluctant to fund a second Youth Project in the same area as Project Y, particularly at this point in the financial year. The applicants were asked to assess whether any of the previously awarded funding to Project Y could be utilised and, in the meantime, officers would assess whether there were any other sources of funding that could be accessed by Stonegate 2 Youth Club.

Resolved:

That the application be **deferred**.

iv) Mehmaan Lunch Club 1500

An application received from Mehmaan Lunch Club to part fund a Thursday Lunch Club for up to 50 elderly members of the Mehmaan Lunch Club. The costs include the hire of the venue, transport, supervision/volunteers and running costs.

Resolved:

That the application be **supported - £500**.

v) Opportunities for Young People 2500

An application received on behalf of Medway and Sparkenhoe schools to fund a one night camp for children who have never attended a school residential. Parents would be invited for a couple of hours to see for themselves what the residentials offered and assess safety measures in place. The equipment purchased would then be available for further use.

Members were supportive of the bid but suggested that the applicant submit applications to Spinney Hills and Castle Community Meetings for the balance of the funding requested. These meetings would meet in the new financial year.

Resolved:

that the application be **supported - £1,200**.

vi) ERNA Community Clean Up Project 2013 1600

An application received from Evington Road Neighbourhood Association (ERNA) to fund up to 4 Clean Up days during 2013 in partnership with the City Council Waste Management Team, City Warden Service and volunteer residents from ERNA.

Resolved:

That the application be **supported - £1,250**.

vii) **Highfields Late Lounge** **1000**

An application received from the Community Safety Team at Leicester City Council to part fund a continuation of the successful Highfields Late Lounge that was a targeted youth engagement project providing positive activities for young people late on Fridays and Saturday evenings.

Members were generally supportive of the aims of the project but expressed a view that the applicant should look at current youth provision in the area and assess when provision is actually required with the ultimate aim of achieving several separate days of provision locally rather than overlaps in provision. The applicant was asked to come back to the meeting at a later date should they still require funding.

Resolved:

that a sum of **£500 be ring-fenced** for this project should the applicant require it.

Late Item

viii) **Alley Gate – 13 Normanton Road** **400**

This request was tabled by Councillor Kamal on behalf of local residents and Community Safety. The request was to install a metal alley gate at this location to prevent youths congregating and leading to incidents of ASB. Community Safety were to fund £300 of the total estimated £700 cost, leaving £400.

Resolved:

that the application be **supported - £400**.

82. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Application to alter shopfront (Class 4)
146 London Road – Varsity Public House

Note:

Councillor Desai disclosed a Personal Disclosable Interest in this item as he was a serving member of the Planning and Development Control Committee and did not wish to pre-determine an application that would be considered at a later date.

It was reported that in 2012 Sainsbury's had submitted an licencing application to permit the sale of alcohol at the former Page and Moy building on London Road, prior to converting the building to a supermarket. The licence had not been granted by the City Council.

Concerns were expressed that, should the current application to alter the shopfront be granted this could be the lead up to a supermarket chain converting the premises to a supermarket to include the sale of alcohol. It was pointed out that because the premises, the subject of the planning application, had been licensed the new use would not affect the current balance of licensed premises in this area.

The Ward Councillors stated that they would be ensuring that the application was called in for consideration by the Planning and Development Control Committee and urged local people to submit objections to the application to the City Council Planning Department by not later than Tuesday 3rd April.

Resolved:

that the information be noted.

83. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.13pm.