

# Rushey Mead Community Meeting

**Soar Valley Community College,  
Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester  
On Thursday, 10 January 2013  
Starting at 6:30 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**6.30 pm – 6.45 pm**

**Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-**

- City Warden issues
- Local policing and community safety.

**6.45 pm – 8.15 pm**

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

- Soar Valley College
- Update on Catherine Junior School
- Update on Local Bus Services
- Update on the Sainsbury's Development on Melton Road
- Melton Road Police Station and Community Policing Update
- City Warden and Street Scene Enforcement Issues
- Community Meeting Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti MBE  
Councillor Piara Singh Clair MBE  
Councillor Ross Willmott**



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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

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| <b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>         | <b>Policing and City Warden Issues</b>   |
| Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries | Talk to your Community Policing Officer and/ or City Warden about issues or raise general queries. |

**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**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting, held on 11 October 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. SOAR VALLEY COLLEGE**

Mr Mel Berry, the Principal and Mr Pabari, the Vice Principal from Soar Valley College will be present to talk about the college and its role in the community.

**6. CATHERINE JUNIOR SCHOOL - UPDATE FOLLOWING THE FIRE AT THE SCHOOL**

Members of the community will be given a brief update on the current situation at Catherine Junior following the fire at the school.

## **7. UPDATE ON LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

There will be a verbal update on local bus services following the discussion that took place at the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting on 11 October 2012.

## **8. UPDATE ON THE SAINSBURY'S DEVELOPMENT ON MELTON ROAD**

A representative from Planning, Leicester City Council, will provide an update on progress on the Sainsbury's development on Melton Road.

## **9. MELTON ROAD POLICE STATION AND COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE**

There will be an update on community policing and Inspector McBryde-Wilding will also provide an update on the possible closure of the Melton Road Police Station. This was discussed at the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting on 11 October 2012.

## **10. CITY WARDEN AND STREET SCENE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The City Warden for Rushey Mead will provide an update on local street scene enforcement issues.

## **11. COMMUNITY MEETING 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 budget applications have been fast tracked and approved for payment:**

**Application: The Church of our Lady, Children's Christmas Party – 16 December 2012**

**Submitted by:** Maureen Jones on behalf of the Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 15 Peebles Way, Rushey Mead.

**Amount requested:** £300

Details of the application:

The party will be held at the Parish Hall, Church of Our Lady and approximately 30 children under the age of 15 will attend. The children will be from a variety of

backgrounds i.e. Indian, English, African-Caribbean, Irish, Nigerian and Polish. Many of the children come from low income backgrounds and for some children this might be the only organised Christmas party that they will get an opportunity to attend. Santa Claus will attend and distribute a gift to each child.

Funding is requested for the following:

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| Christmas decorations for the hall                                   | £20  |
| Paper table clothes, plastic plates, cups, cutlery, Crackers etc     | £15  |
| 30 Cadbury selection boxes £2 each                                   | £60  |
| prizes -10 x £2 each   | £20  |
| Disco and DJ   | £20  |
| 30 McDonald's Happy Meals and cartons of orange Juice - £5 per child | £150 |
| Christmas cake, jelly and ice cream                                  | £15  |
| Total requested:   | £300 |

**Application: Toddler Time at Rushey Mead Library**

**Submitted by:** Rushey Mead Library (Mary Pringle, Senior Community Librarian)

**Amount requested: £400**

Details of the application as submitted by the applicant:

Rushey Mead Library runs a Toddler Time session each Friday morning for under 5s and their parents and carers. With a Toddler Time worker leading, these lively sessions have run for a number of years and are always well attended and are valued by parents as both an educational and social activity. The average attendance at each session is 26 parents and toddlers. Children play with toys and puppets, enjoy story time and craft activities, and both parents and children make new friends. Most importantly the children learn that the library is a fun place to visit and reading and library membership become an important part of their lives from an early age.

Part of each session involves the children having the chance to play with stimulating toys, puppets and games. Unfortunately over the years many of the original toys have become old and worn out and many have had to be discarded. We are therefore asking the ward to fund a stock of new toys for these sessions. This would allow the library to restock with suitable new toys for our youngest visitors to enjoy.

£400 requested for toys for under 5's.

**Application: Window Shock Alarms for the Community.**

**Submitted by:** Shobana Patel, Community Safety Team

Amount requested: £250

Details of the application:

The proposal is to purchase 100 stick on window alarms at cost price and distribute them to vulnerable sections of the ward, in consultation with Councillors, community safety and the police.

The window shock alarm protects windows from any attack and can act as a deterrent to offenders. The alarm senses any shock or vibrations, activating an alarm. The alarms are simple to use, simply stick the alarm on the window, turn it on and you have a fully protected window. No screws or wiring. The alarm has a special double sided sticky pad.

Funding is requested for 100 window stick on alarms at a cost of £250.

**The following applications will be considered at the meeting.**

**Application: Archer Close Grass Verge Protection**

**Submitted by:** Mike Pears, Team Leader Highway Asset Management, Leicester City Council

**Amount requested:** £2000

**Details of application:** Outside 9 & 11 Archer Close is a fairly deep rut at the edge of the grass verge caused by the parking of vehicles from neighbouring properties, including a van, half on the verge. (See photos attached).

We do not repair grass verges as they will just quickly become damaged again unless physical measures are put in to protect the verge, such as bollards or railings. We don't have the funds to do that as we are concentrating on trying to keep the footways and carriageways in a safe condition as possible. This decision was taken several years ago as verge rutting was felt to be low risk to pedestrians when compared with dangerous highway defects.

We are applying to the Ward Community Meeting for the cost of repairing the verge and installing physical measures to stop subsequent damage. It will cost approximately £1000 to repair the verge outside 9 & 11 and install two bollards to stop vehicles parking on the repaired area in the future.

If we repair and protect this section of grass with bollards it will probably push the problem onto the adjacent grass areas outside 5 & 7 and 13. It would be more worthwhile, for the longer term, putting knee rails around the three grass verges to protect them.

A couple of years ago the ward community meeting paid to have a metal knee rail put around the grass area outside 15 to 39 to stop cars parking on it and being driven over it. We are applying to the Ward Community Meeting for £3000.00 to cover part of the cost of repairing the grass verge and installing knee rails, matching the existing, around the three grass

verges. Total cost of the work is £4000.00 and £1000.00 will be found from highway maintenance budgets.

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| Repair of grass verge outside 9 Archer Close and installation of knee rails around grass verges outside 5 & 7, 9 & 11 and 13. | £4000.00 | Actual | £2000.00 |
| Total requested:  |          |        | £2000.00 |

**Application: Saturday Morning Dance Workout for Ladies**

**Submitted by: Lucy Bailey**

**Amount requested: £1000**

**Details of the application:**

The proposal is for a one hour dance class at Rushey Mead Recreation Centre, to take place on Saturday morning, free to all women of all ages and abilities. This would take place 3 Saturdays per month. Lucy also teaches on a Tuesday / Thursday evening and will promote the Saturday morning class to all ladies attending the centre on the weekday and to women around Leicester. Lucy has other dance classes at the Peepul Centre and Frog Island. She has received a lot of good positive feedback.

Funding is requested for:

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| Publicity:       | £50   |
| Refreshments:    | £50   |
| Wage per hour    |       |
| 25 x 3 = 75      |       |
| 75 x 12          | £900  |
| Total requested: | £1000 |

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Rushey Mead Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at 6.30pm. The venue to be confirmed.

**13. 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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