

Westcotes Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 25 September 2012
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: Main Hall, East West Community
Project, 10 Wilberforce Road,
Leicester LE3 0BG

Ward Councillors

Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell

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there will be no Information Fair at this meeting***

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

A Chair for this meeting will be appointed.

The Chair will then introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Appendix A

Councillors are asked to confirm the following minutes as correct records of the meetings listed:-

a) the ordinary meeting held on 26 June 2012 (Appendix A1); and

b) the special meeting held on 22 August 2012 (Appendix A2).

4. "HOT LOFTS" HOME ENERGY PROGRAMME

Officers from the City Council's Energy Services will be at the meeting to talk about the "Hot Lofts" home energy programme.

5. "NEAR NEIGHBOURS" PROJECT

Karter Singh Bring will introduce the "Near Neighbours" project, which is being funded through the Church Urban Fund.

6. LEICESTER FIT 4 BUSINESS

City Council Transport Development Officers will be at the meeting to talk about a new fund that will pay for communities to access free initiatives such as adult cycle training, B active projects and walking programmes.

7. QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE LEISURE CENTRE

Representatives of De Montfort University will be at the meeting to talk about community access to the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre, including information on the facilities and activities available and the prices of these.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

An update on planning and development issues in the Westcotes Ward not covered elsewhere on the agenda will be given at the meeting.

9. CITY WARDEN SERVICE

- a) Jamie Stubbs, the City Warden, will give an update on issues in the Westcotes Ward; and
- b) Richard Sutton, from the City Warden Service, will introduce himself to the meeting.

10. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

Officers from Leicestershire Constabulary will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in Westcotes Ward.

11. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2012/13

Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications

- a) **An update on the 2012/13 Community Meeting budget will be given at the meeting**
- b) **The meeting is asked to note the following grant application, which has been approved under the Council's fast track procedure:-**

Applicant: Ndi Igbo Leicestershire (Nigeria Community Association)

Proposal: Iri Ji (New Yam) Festival 2012

Amount Approved:

Item	Estimated Cost (£)	Amount Approved (£)
Hall / Venue Rental	880.00	240.00
Printing, publicity and parade (video and photo coverage included)	1,510.00	0
Refreshment and entertainment (food and drinks included)	1,370	0
Hall decoration, security and cleaning	450.00	0
Miscellaneous (5%)	215.50	0
TOTAL	4,425.50	240

Summary:

Iri Ji Festival is a celebration of the Igbo annual harvest thanks giving season, highlighting the cultural heritage and diversity of the Igbo nation, (of Nigeria / West Africa). It features cultural displays of dance, fashion, food and arts. It is an annual event, held every August / early September, marking the peak of the farming season.

This year's event was on Saturday 18 August. There was a cultural parade from Leicester's clock tower / city centre at 12.00 noon, while the festivities and reception were at Braunstone Leisure Centre from 2.00 pm to 11.00 pm.

Members of Ndi Igbo Leicestershire live all over the City, but predominantly in the Westcotes, Braunstone & Rowley Fields, Western Park and Beaumont Leys Wards. Applications for grants have been made to each of these Wards.

- c) **Any grant applications received before the meeting will be presented for consideration.**
- d) **Only a few grant applications are being received. Are there any ways the grants can be promoted more?**

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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