

# Stoneygate Community Meeting

**The Mayflower Centre,  
Ethel Road, Leicester LE5 5ND**

**On Thursday, 9 May 2013  
Starting at 6:00 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**6:00 pm – 6:15 pm**

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

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

**6:15 pm – 8:00 pm**

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

- Benefits Payment Changes
- Police and Community Safety Issues
- Licensing/Planning of Takeaways and  
Littering on 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

<p><b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b></p> <p>Meet your local councillors and discuss general queries</p>	<p><b>Police Issues</b></p> <p>Meet your Local Police and discuss issues or raise general queries.</p>
<p><b>Benefits Service</b></p> <p>Talk to Officers about proposed new methods affecting benefit payments</p>	

**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.

**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 Stoneygate Community Meeting, held on 28 March 2013, are attached at Appendix A 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. BENEFITS PAYMENT CHANGES**

A presentation will be given on the new way that benefits payments will be made.

**6. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

An update will be given on Police and Community Safety activities within the Ward.

**7. LICENSING / PLANNING OF TAKEAWAYS ON EVINGTON ROAD**

Officers will give a presentation concerning licensing and planning guidelines of takeaways on Evington Road.

There will also be a discussion on proposed initiatives to tackle littering in the surrounding area.

## **8. WARD COMMUNITY 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 application has been received for consideration:**

Applicant: Midland Heart

Proposal: Community Event at Heathfield House

Amount: £557

Summary: The proposal is for a community event to allow vulnerable individuals to integrate with each other. The event will take place at Heathfield House, 236 London Road.

## **9. 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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## **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.

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>	<b>Police Issues</b>
Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>Organ Donation Campaign</b>	<b>City Warden</b>
To receive information on the latest organ donor campaign.	Obtain information on the services available including the ‘One Clean Leicester’ and ‘Anti-graffiti’ programmes
<b>Leicester Home Choice</b>	<b>Smoking Reduction</b>
To receive information about the new way of finding out about Council housing.	Find out about the latest campaign around smoking reduction.
<b>‘One Pass’</b>	
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Resolved:**

that the information be noted.

**83. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.13pm.



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