

Rushey Mead Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:45 pm, Monday, 3 June 2013

**Held at: St Theodore's Church, 2 Sandfield Close, Leicester LE4
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Councillors present:

Councillor Culdipp Singh Bhatti MBE
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Councillor Piara Singh Clair MBE

Councillor Ross Willmott

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

Members of the public were able to talk to their Ward Councillors, the Police and representatives from the new Sainsbury's development on Melton Road.

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.

83. WELCOME

Councillor Ross Willmott, as Chair welcomed everyone to the Rushey Mead Community Meeting.

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

86. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the previous Rushey Mead Community Meeting held 14 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

87. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW SAINSBURY'S DEVELOPMENT, MELTON ROAD, RUSHEY MEAD

Members of the community received a presentation on the new Sainsbury's Development on Melton Road, Rushey Mead. A copy of this presentation is attached to the back of these minutes.

Representatives from Sainsbury's included Alex Shearer (Sainsbury's Project Manager), Darryl Stace (Project Manager from the construction company), Tom Issitt (Community Liaison Representative) and Bob Keys (Public Affairs Liaison). The timeline for the development was outlined and together they made the following points:

- The site would include an area for commercial and industrial units.
- There would be landscaping around the site and Sainsbury's were looking for a local company to carry out this work.

- Although the store was not open 24 hours, the site would be secure as people would be working on the site behind the scenes, even when the store was closed to members of the public.
- The store on Melton Road would be Sainsbury's first carbon zero project.
- The store would advertise job vacancies online and all recruitment would be carried out on line. Sainsbury's would work with the job centre and it was aimed to provide job opportunities for local people.
- It was aimed to commence the recruitment process during July or August, but this would depend on the progress of the new build programme.

The following concerns and comments were raised by members of the community:

- The road works by the new Sainsbury's site on Melton Road, in particular the lane closure had resulted in long queues of traffic from as early as 7.00am. A request was made for the lane to be kept open until 9.00am when the rush hour and school traffic had eased, at least until the start of the school holidays. Members of the community requested that there should be clear communications between Sainsbury's and local people, particularly in relation to highways issues.

Bob Keys acknowledged that it was important to ensure that local people were kept informed on such issues and offered to put information on the website that had been created for the new store.

- Local residents had been informed of the times during which the building work would be carried out, but work had been done outside the appointment time which had created a noise nuisance.

Darryl Stace apologised for this and explained that this issue had already been raised. It was acknowledged that a mistake had been made and residents were advised that this should not happen again.

- A nuisance had been caused by dust created by the building work on site.

Darryl Stace explained that the measures that were being put into place should alleviate this problem. Members of the community were asked to contact Sainsbury's if there were any further problems over dust or noise.

- A local resident who lived very close to the site explained that from his house, he was now looking onto a pile of rubbish and dust.

Darryl Stace responded that he would be on the site the following day and would investigate this issue.

- It would be sad to see trees being felled. For many years, there were always Christmas lights on the trees there.

Tom Issitt responded that many people had talked about the Christmas lights at Thorn Lighting and he would pass that information on. It was acknowledged that the Christmas lights were part of the identity of the site.

- Could there be a more interesting layout in the car park?

The meeting heard that there were many factors to consider when planning a car park. The car park plans would be made available for members of the public to view on the website and people were invited to look at the plans and submit their comments.

- It has been mentioned that there will be units available on site. What will be going into these units?

The meeting heard that they would be available for commercial and industrial use and could be made to a variety of different sizes. Sainsbury's agent would be dealing with these – if people were interested in using one of the units, they were asked to contact Tom Issitt who would be able to put them in touch with the agent.

- Will waste be incinerated on or off site?

The meeting heard that waste would be taken away; there would be no incineration on site.

- How would Sainsbury's try to employ local people?

Bob Keys explained that Sainsbury's would be using the local job centre to recruit. They were not allowed to discriminate in favour of local people but generally their stores were populated by local people, as typically in retailing, employees did not want to travel more than 20 minutes to get to work. The store would create 300 new jobs, which would be in addition to the employees who would transfer from the Belgrave Road store.

Members of the community were advised that they could phone Tom Issitt on Freephone 0800 975 5299 if they had any queries about the new development.

Information could also be viewed on the website at:

www.sainsburys-leicester.co.uk

The Chair thanked the representatives from Sainsbury's for attending the meeting and asked for more information to be posted on their website, as this would be helpful for local people.

88. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

The following budget applications were considered and representatives, where present, were invited to present their funding bids:

Project: 2875 Mamta Ladies Group

Submitted by Hansa Gandhi

Amount requested: £3290

The Chair commented that the group were requesting a large sum of money. The church, where the group sessions were held, had been approached to see if they would reduce their charge, as the booking would be a regular booking over the year, but the church had declined. Councillors agreed to support the funding application to the value of £2000 and asked that the church be approached again to see if they might be able to reconsider. The Mamta Ladies Group were advised that if at the end of the year, there was any money left in the community meeting budget, they could approach the community meeting again.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application from Mamta Ladies Group be supported to the value of £2000.

Project: 2876 Sandfield School Parents' Teachers' Association (PTA), Summer Fun Day – Saturday 22 June 2013

Submitted by: Sandfield PTA

Amount requested: £574

It was noted that within the total amount applied for, £267 was requested for the printing of flyers, publicity and promotion. Councillors asked whether the PTA could carry out some of the publicity themselves and it was explained that they would be publicising the event in the vicinity around the school, but funding was requested to extend the publicity to a wider area.

Councillors agreed to support the funding application to the value of £500

RESOLVED:

that the funding application from Sandfield PTA be supported to the value of £500.

Project: 2877 Social and Welfare Get Together

Submitted by Satya Community Group

Amount requested: £1080

Councillors agreed to support the funding application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application from Satya Community Group be supported in full to the value of £1080.

Project: 2878 Drumkit Teaching Club for Music Students

Submitted by David Rowe, DrumSchool
Amount requested: £260.40

Councillors agreed to support the funding application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application for the Drumkit Teaching Club for music students be supported in full to the value of £260.40.

Project: 2879 New Wycliffe Home Community Day

Submitted by Vista
Amount requested: £1200

Councillors commented that they were in favour of the event as it would help the local community find out more about New Wycliffe Home. They agreed to support the funding application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application from VISTA be supported in full to the value of £1200.

The following funding applications were submitted too late for inclusion on the agenda.

Project: 2880 Diversifying South Asian Festivals in Leicester

Submitted by: Inspirate
Amount requested: £500

Information submitted by the applicant in support of their application:

What is the proposal?

An Indian Summer (AIS) is a recently established festival that takes place within the East Midlands. Pioneering as one of the most recent culture and arts events in Leicester, AIS uses some of the best venues within the city centre, including Cultural Quarter's Curve Theatre and Phoenix Independent Cinema.

We would like to expand our outreach and attract a wider audience of different ethnicities / communities to the event. We hope to attract people from areas of Leicester who wouldn't normally attend a festival like AIS or use the Cultural Quarter, creating a vibrant community and multicultural atmosphere.

To do the above, we will market the festival via specific wards within Leicester, including Rushey Mead. Our marketing strategy will specifically focus on bringing these communities to the festival and thereby use the facilities of the Cultural Quarter. The impact of our marketing will bring a new and diverse range of people

together, having a positive effect on Leicester's community cohesion - beginning to diversify the range and type of audience that attend AIS.

We have carried out a marketing plan (attached) to demonstrate how we will practically attract communities from Rushey Mead to the festival. Some of these points have been briefly written below:

- Brochure, leaflet and poster distribution in each ward:
 - o Door to door flyer distribution
 - o Distribution in public / community buildings
 - o Sticking posters in relevant locations

- Organising days in various public buildings in each ward:
 - o Build up a dedicated email distribution list
 - o Use this list as targeted marketing email shots
 - o Entering people in our monthly prize draws
 - o Inspiring people to attend An Indian Summer
 - o Show pictures and videos of previous festivals

- Working with a recent graduate as a marketing assistant:
 - o Manages all activities within the marketing plan
 - o Liaises with wards' local school and public organisations
 - o Great opportunity for a graduate to build on experience

Who is likely to attend the event?

Within the last two years, we've had an attendance of approximately 6,000 people. This year, with the impact we will have on the vast range of wards within Leicester, we expect to bring approximately 10,000 people to the festival.

Expenditure

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Designing print material	£250	Quote	£82
Printing 10,000 A5 leaflets	£300	Quote	£150
Printing 100 posters	£100	Quote	£50
Leaflet licence	£186	Quote	£93
Marketing assistant	£350	Actual	£125
Total	£1,186		£500

Councillors agreed to support the funding application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application for Diversifying South Asian Festivals in Leicester, be supported in full to the value of £500.

Project: 2881 Rushey Mead Fun Day

Submitted by: Rashmi Vyas
 Amount requested: £550

The following information was submitted by the applicant in support of the application:

The Proposal

The proposal is to have a fun day for the residents of Rushey Mead by having a party. To be held at the Rushey Mead Recreation Centre on Gleneagles Avenue, on Saturday 27th July during the day between 12am -5pm.

The event is likely to attract mainly local residents living in Rushey Mead comprising of all ages, cultures and backgrounds to come together and have fun.

The project’s success will depend largely on the number of attendees on the day. Every effort will be made to inform the locals and attract the crowd. Posters will be put up in local shops, library, health centre, the old peoples’ home, including all three local schools Herrick Junior School, Rushey Mead Secondary School and Soar Valley College and the Rushey Mead Recreation Centre prior to the event. I will get a mention in the Leicester Mercury and BBC Radio Leicester in the events diary.

Judging by last year’s turn out of over 400 people throughout the day the event was very successful and I was asked by a number of people who enjoyed themselves to hold another such event this year.

Expenditure

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Ballons buntings and other decorations	50	50	50
Light refreshments food /drink plastic plates/spoons/glasses	100	100	100
D.J & karaoke machine	100	100	100
Childrens entertainment ballon maker/magic tricks. Materials for crafts eg making crowns, face painting, henna, story telling and games, quizzes prizes for children	100	100	100

Entertainment –micky mouse costume hire, dance performances, bouncy castle	150	100	100
Hall Hire Cost for 5hrs apx	100	100	100
Total	600		600

Councillors agreed to support the application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application for the Rushey Mead Fun Day, be supported in full to the value of £550

Project: 2882 Summer Sport Fitness

Submitted by: Owen Johnson, Don't Just Kick it
Amount requested: £820

The following information was submitted by the applicant in support of the application:

To deliver a 2 week fitness and multi sports coaching camp for children of all abilities and financial back ground. Local children want and need organised skilled school holiday training camps which push each child mentally and physically whilst still being fun. Families who children attend our weekly sessions from Rushey Mead have stressed the need for help to engage and keep local children active over the school break. Our list of local children from the Rushey Mead ward who train at don't just kick it is over 30 and surrounding communities always travel over to interact with our members Local Ex England International Emile Heskey will be Football skills coaching for a full day and giving inspirational speaking on week one to try and help build confidence and start dreams for local children to strive to succeed in future careers they chose. Andre Winner a professional mixed martial arts fighter / trainer will be also be giving inspirational speaking and nutrition intake talks.

The sports covered over the week will be:

- Football
- Sprinting
- Boxing pad work
- Sports day theme races

The children will sign in at 9.30 and be picked up at 3pm prizes and nutrition packs will be given to all attending and free taster sessions for any non members to attend our Saturday morning fitness and football session at Highfield Rangers.

The funding will enable local children to attend for £5 per day and help the project to run for 2 full weeks.

We will record numbers and get feed back from parents on the last day.

Expenditure

Item	Cost	Estimate/Actual Cost	Request to Ward meeting £
Head coach and session planner	£350		
3 senior coaches = 3 x £240	£720		£720
Posters/flyers	£80		
T shirts for kids			
Medals / prizes			£100
Venue		£200	
Total	£1450		£820

Councillors agreed to support the funding application in full.

RESOLVED:

that the funding application for Summer Sport Fitness be supported in full to the value of £820.

Action to be taken	Officer identified	Deadline
For the funding applications that the Councillors had agreed to support, be submitted for approval, to the Assistant City Mayor for Community Involvement, Partnerships and Equalities.	Surinder Singh, Member Support Officer.	By 7 June 2013

Feedback from a previous funding bid

A representative from Highfields Rangers thanked the Community Meeting for the pervious funding that had been granted for their fun day which had taken place in May. They added that the day had been 'brilliant', young people from diverse cultures and worked well together to help deliver the event and the Rangers were grateful for the funding that had been given.

The meeting was reminded that Highfields Rangers had their own club house and they would be pleased to host a future community meeting there.

89. POLICE UPDATE

The Chair invited the Police to give a brief update on local policing issues.

The meeting was advised that there had been a series of distraction burglaries, but the good news was that a criminal gang responsible for the crimes had been identified.

There had also been an increase in chain snatch thefts, predominantly on the Golden Mile. The Police explained that with the better weather, people tended to walk around with their gold jewellery on show which made them vulnerable. People were asked to be aware of this issue and take extra care.

90. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following queries and comments were made:

Speed Humps close to Soar Valley College

Concern was expressed over some speed humps on Gleneagles Avenue near Soar Valley College. Pedestrians appeared to believe that it was a pelican crossing and that they had the right of way to walk across, when this was not the case. It was suggested that some signage was needed to make people aware that this was not a pelican crossing.

Request for bus shelter on Gleneagles Avenue

A request was made for a bus shelter on Gleneagles Avenue, as the bus stop in question was well used by older people as they waited for a bus to take them towards the town centre.

Alderton Close

Residents raised strong concerns relating to parking problems in Alderton Close. The meeting heard the Alderton Close was a cul-de-sac and residents there had had their quality of life adversely affected because visitors to Watermead Park, and more recently the local Temple, parked their vehicles in the cul-de-sac; sometimes even parking on grass verges and people's driveways. People also used the Alderton Close to turn their vehicles round and on certain days when the park or the Temple were busy, the road could be in gridlock. Residents also expressed their concerns about anti-social behaviour there.

The Police advised that if a crime was reported, they would investigate. They could also act if people were parking in a dangerous manner or were causing an obstruction. They also suggested that parking wardens needed to patrol the area at those times when the Temple or Watermead Park were busy.

The Chair concluded the discussion and said that it was clear that there was a need to try to find a solution to the problem and to try to discourage people from parking in

Alderton Close. He suggested that the best way forward would be to arrange a meeting between the councillors, residents, leaders from the Temple and representatives from the City Council and County Council Parks' Department to discuss the situation together.

Grass cutting on Glencoe Avenue

A local resident informed the meeting that the grass needed cutting on Glencoe Avenue.

Parking issues by the shops on Barkby Road.

A member of the community raised concerns over parking problems by the post office and shops on Barkby Road, as people were parking on the pavement there. It was reported that occasionally drivers had sounded their horns at pedestrians to warn them to get out of the way. The Police advised that there were dropped kerbs there, to make it easier for cars to drive on and off the pavement. Comments were also made that the traders at the Barky Road shops relied on their customers being able to park close to their businesses.

91. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8. 55 pm.

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Sainsbury's

Melton Road



Rushey Mead Community Forum

Monday 3rd June, 2013



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The Plans



Key

-  Sainsbury's foodstore
-  Customer café
-  Trolley storage
-  Cycle hoops
-  Disabled parking
-  Parent & child parking
-  ATM
-  Recycling centre
-  Drop-off/pick-up point
-  Pedestrian areas
-  Landscaping incorporating a number of existing trees
-  Existing park
-  Areas designated for business units

Construction Update

1. Official start-on-site - April 2013
2. Highways Changes - May 2013
3. Works to lay foundations - June 2013
4. Erection of timber frames - July 2013
5. Store recruitment - July to August (tbc)
6. Store fit out - August 2013
7. Landscaping - September 2013
8. Store opening - Late 2013

Highways Changes

- Extensive new toucan crossing facilities at the junction of Melton Road and Troon Way
- A new toucan (pedestrian/cycling) crossing on Melton Road close to the new store entrance, replacing the existing crossing just south of Melton Avenue
- Additional lane capacity at the Melton Road and Troon Way junction, to improve traffic flow
- Shared foot/cycleway will be provided along the Melton Road frontage of the site

Recruitment



Recruitment due to start in July and August

Community Liaison

- Resident letters
- Project website - www.sainsburys-leicester.co.uk
- Call - freephone 0800 975 5299
- Email - info@sainsburys-consultation.co.uk

Questions?

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