

Westcotes Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 1 October 2013
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: East West Community Project,
Wilberforce Road

Ward Councillors

Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell

*Please note,
there will be no Information Fair at this meeting*

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

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- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair will 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. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

Attached for information and discussion

4. UK CITY OF CULTURE BID

An update will be given on progress with the UK City of Culture bid, along with details of how residents and groups can be involved.

5. 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.

6. CITY WARDEN

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Westcotes Ward.

7. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

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

8. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET 2013/14

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 2013/14 Community Meeting budget will be given

b) The following grant applications are submitted for consideration:-

Application 1

Project: Carnival Inspired Fitness

Applicant: Cecily Henry and Angela Parkes

Amount requested:

This is a joint application to Westcotes Community Meeting, Freemen Community Meeting and Coleman Community Meeting

Item	Cost	Estimate / Actual?	Request to Ward Meeting
Room Hire	£700	E	£650
Advertising, Marketing and Administration	£450	E	£400
Class Equipment	£400	E	£400
Music	£50	E	£50
Total	£1,600		£1,500

£500 is requested from each Ward.

Summary:

Funding is requested for a pilot project to encourage people who are not used to physical activity to want to move more using a new fun type of carnival inspired fitness programme. It is hoped the sessions will take place in the autumn of 2013.

The aims of the project are to increase physical activity, promote increased positive mental wellbeing / happiness in people's lives and help people to meet people from different communities who they would not have ordinarily met before.

Participants will set initial opening goals, with general statements as to what they hope to gain from attending the classes. Feedback will be taken at the end of the block period, to see if these goals have been achieved, or are on the way to being achieved.

Application 2

Project: The Can Man

Applicant: Mr Ablett

Amount requested:

This is a joint application to Westcotes Community Meeting and Fosse Community Meeting

Item	Cost	Estimate / Actual?	Request to Ward Meeting
Heavy Duty Can Crusher	£694.80	A	£694.80
Working Boots & Gloves	£100	E	£100
Rechargeable Light	£72	A	£72
12 months' Workshop Space	£360	A	£360
Stationery Equipment / Laminator	£173.20	E	£173.20
Total	£1,400		£1,400

£700 is requested from each Ward.

Summary:

Since 2010 drinks cans that were discarded in the street have been removed on a voluntary basis. This has helped reduce litter and improve recycling rates.

Funding is requested for the purchase of essential equipment, to enable this work to be done more efficiently and safely around Westcotes Ward and Fosse Ward. Some items have already been sourced for free from various areas and organisations, keeping funding costs down.

As this work is completely voluntarily, no wage is received.

As this work is ongoing and will be continued there are no actual times and dates that can be shown as an event being staged. This funding will help in the quest to reach the target of 100,000 recycled cans.

This work engages the community, as people are interested in the work being done. It therefore is hoped that, with funding, other people can be inspired to go out and do something like this. The City Wardens and other City Council services are also helped in any way possible.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Westcotes Community Action Log:

Meeting held Tuesday, 25 June 2013 at 7.00 pm

Councillors attending –
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Russell (Chair)

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11/13	Introductions	Everyone welcomed and introductions given. No interests were declared.	All to note	Not applicable	Not applicable	Item closed
12/13	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Edge, Chris Cronogue, Karter Bring, Kate Stretton (funding applicant).	All to note	Not applicable	Not applicable	Item closed
13/13	Action Log	Action 4/13				

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		<p>All to note that that following the consultation, the extension to the residents' parking had been approved. The scheme to be implemented in October on an experimental basis. This meant that amendments could still be made following feedback and comments received.</p> <p>All to note that work on some road surfacing would be carried out at the same time.</p> <p>All to note that further consultation on-going with the Federation of Small Businesses, schools and some residents.</p> <p>Clarification sought as to how many businesses in the two zones belonged to the Federation of Small Businesses.</p> <p>Request made for the data of the feedback from comments</p>	<p>Traffic Management Officers and Ward Members</p> <p>Traffic Management</p>			

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		<p>and objections raised to be put online.</p> <p>5/13 Police Update Information sought on the crime figures for Bede Park.</p> <p>6/13 City Warden All to note that appreciation expressed for City Warden, Richard Sutton for his work on sports day events.</p> <p>7/13 Update on suggested enhancements for parks and green areas in Westcotes. All to note that talks of a positive nature, had taken place with the landowner in relation to extending Bede Park. Progress on this would be brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Officers and Ward Members</p> <p>Police</p>			

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		<p>All to note that the Friends of Bede Park will be holding a meeting on 7 July at 7.00pm in the old Equity Shoe Building. People asked to come along to share views of what they would like to see on the park. The Friends also have a Facebook page: Friends of Bede Park.</p> <p>8/13 Planning and Development Matters</p> <p>All to note that the application for the Code development on Upperton Road was approved. Councillor Connolly had spoken at the Planning and Development Control Committee in objection to the application</p> <p>All to note that as Jamie Lewis was the developer, a condition could not be applied to require the third party to recruit locally</p>				

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		<p>for staff for the supermarket.</p> <p>All to note that no planning applications had been received in relation to the Kenning site or to convert the bus shelter on Western Boulevard to a café.</p>				
14/13	West End Neighbourhood Centre	<p>All to note that :</p> <p>The Council had been approached by the Integrated Living Centre (ILC) with a proposal to run the centre and make it more available for the community. Steve Cooper Executive Officer for the ILC, and Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services outlined the plans and explained that there would be no adverse effects for current users and there would be a wider benefit for the community.</p> <p>The views of the community were sought at the meeting. A report will later be considered by</p>				

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		<p>the Executive and further consultation sought.</p> <p>Requests made for the return of some local art work, which had been removed from the West End Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>Concerns raised relating to a need for dropped kerbs to provide easier access to the centre for people in mobility scooters wheelchairs. The resident who raised the query to talk to Cllr Russell to identify specific dropped kerbs.</p>	<p>Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services</p> <p>Resident and Cllr Russell</p>			
15/13	Community First	<p>Residents to note:</p> <p>Presentation given by Ms Val Smalley.</p> <p>The website address: comm1stwestcotes@gmail.com</p> <p>People to email any funding</p>	All to note			

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		<p>requests to this address.</p> <p>The action plan and priorities - if people disagreed with them, they could be amended</p> <p>Community First also has a Facebook page: Westcotes Community First.</p> <p>Manor House has gazebos for community events.</p> <p>Anyone interested in organising a community event on the park, would need to complete some paperwork and seek relevant permission. Councillor Russell could help with/facilitate this.</p>				
16/13	Police Issues Update	<p>Residents to note the police update on crime statistics.</p> <p>Increase in the theft of bicycles – good cycle locks are available at cost price through the Safer Leicester Partnership. These can be obtained from the</p>	All to note			

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		<p>Hinckley Road LPU and the Central Library.</p> <p>The police aim to have more alley gates installed; they are effective in increasing security.</p> <p>In relation to theft from persons, people asked to be more vigilant when using their mobile phones in public.</p> <p>The council were seeking a voluntary agreement with landlords to remove 'to let' signs reasonably promptly after the property was let. Also to remove student accommodation signs, as such signs indicated there would be higher than average numbers of computers, stereos etc.</p> <p>Numerous problems with anti-social behaviour in the area at the rear of King Richard's School. Knives had been found and items had been put through a fence into the school grounds.</p>				

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		<p>The school has agreed to take over the land and there will be trees and a wildflower area. This work will be carried out in the school holiday.</p> <p>Concerns raised about a large area around the Tesco store where people congregate to drink. There are needles and faeces there.</p> <p>Concerns raised relating to the alley gates; people are losing keys and leaving the gates open. Other people are climbing over the gates. Concerns also that residents are not aware of the purpose of the alley gates.</p> <p>Discussions needed with the letting agents to make their tenants aware of the purpose of the alley gates and appropriate procedure. Also that Karter Bring be asked to put information about alley gates in the welcome packs.</p>	<p>City Warden</p> <p>Louise Lavelle and Karter Bring</p>			

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17/13	City Warden	<p>Residents to note the City Warden update.</p> <p>Problems with abandoned supermarket trolleys – the City Wardens are working to tackle this problem and a company called Trolleywise will be running a collection service for the supermarkets.</p> <p>More stubbies requested for distribution to members of the community.</p> <p>Problems in obtaining replacement orange bags -these can be ordered on the Leicester City Council website and the bags will be generally delivered quickly.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>City Warden</p> <p>All to note</p>			
18/13	Planning and Development Matters	Nothing further to report				

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19/13	Ward Community Budget 2012/13	Residents to note that the organisation that had requested funding for the Using Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Week was no longer in existence. It was hoped to progress the bid in a way that was more sustainable.	Member Support Officer to withhold payment.			
19(a)/13	Budget – Diversifying South Asian Festivals in Leicester (3264)	Application by Inspirate, Jiten Anand not supported at the meeting	Members Support Officer to inform the applicant.			
19(b)/13	Budget – Starter furniture packs (3262)	Application by Kate Stretton, Stonham, supported	Member Support Officer to process £364 to be paid to applicant			
19(c)/13	Budget – Manor House Refurbishment (3263)	Application by Arthur Manger supported.	Members Support Officer to process			

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			£3000 to be paid to applicant			
19(d)/13	Budget – Food in the Community, Pilot Project (3265)	Application by Leics Masaya Link partly supported at the meeting - amendments to the project needed to ensure the scheme would help local people, and subject to this supported to the value of £1,000	Members Support Officer to work with the applicant and subject to satisfactory outcome, process payment up to a maximum of £1,000			
19(e)/13	Budget – Upstairs at the Western Leicester’s first pub theatre)	Application by Off the Fence Theatre Company supported	Members Support Officer to process £4,000 to be paid to applicant			

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19(f)/13	Budget – IRI JI Harvest Festival	Application by NDI IGBO Nigerian Community supported	Members Support Officer to process £770 to be paid to applicant			
19(g)/13	Budget – See Smiling Faces	Application by Polish Mum’s and Children’s Centre partially supported with the exception of the grant towards the grant for ice skating in Nottingham. The group requested to encourage their children to invite a friend to encourage integration of cultures.	Members Support Officer to process £3,460 to be paid to applicant			
19(h)/13	Budget – advance notice of bid CCTV in Bede Park	Residents asked to note that funding was being sought to finance a new CCTV camera for Bede Park. £1,500 had already been secured from the De Montfort University and the Joint Action Group, and £1,500 was requested from the ward.	The Parks Officer to arrange for funding application to be submitted and the Members Support			

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			Officer to process payment of £1,500.			
The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.						