

Charnwood Ward Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 2 December 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Shree Damania Machhi Mahajan
Centre, 103 Frisby Road, Leicester
LE5 0DQ

Ward Councillors

Councillor Paul Newcombe
Councillor Abdul Razak Osman

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1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

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.

1. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

The Action Log of the last meeting held on 16 September 2014 is attached and Members are asked to confirm it as a correct record. Any update on actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

3. NEW LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Rachel Mkanza and Rob Foers from the Planning Team will give a presentation on the New Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Traffic & Highways Officers will give an update on existing and outstanding issues in the Charnwood Ward.

5. HOUSING UPDATE

A local Housing Officer will give an update on environmental planned projects and issues in the Charnwood Ward.

6. POLICING UPDATE

Officers from the Local Policing Unit will be at the meeting to provide information on changes within the Police and local engagement within the Ward.

7. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

A representative from the City Warden Team will give an update on the Woodgreen Consultation.

8. CHARNWOOD WARD FUNDING FEEDBACK

Recipients of previously supported bids will provide a presentation or testimonial of achievement to the meeting.

9. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

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

The following applications have been received and are to be considered at the meeting.

Joint Bid: 5047

Applicant: Memon Youth Association
Project Name: Memon Youth Sports Tournament 2014
Amount Requested: £500.00

Bid: 1178

Applicant: Daman Community of Leicester
Project Name: End of Year Gathering and Celebration
Amount Requested: £1,200.00

Joint Bid: 5052

Applicant: East Midland Puntland Diaspora Forum (EMPDF)
Project Name: EMPDF Event to launch the organisation
Amount Requested: (£1,305.00) £435.00 each ward x 3

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next Charnwood Community Meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed.

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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.

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Appendix A

CHARNWOOD WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Northfield Neighbourhood Centre, Brighton Road, LE5 0HA

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
15.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Osman welcomed everyone and led introductions.
16.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Chrissie Field & Tracy McAllistair on behalf of housing.
17.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	No interests were declared.
18.	ACTION LOG	<p>A few items were selected from the previous action log and were given an update. Those items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns that an update on the Food Park at Lewisher Road had still not been provided.• The pot-hole repairs for the Cottesmore Road area were still outstanding.• The removal/ relocation of the bus shelter on Uppingham Road opposite Sparrow Park still needed to be addressed.• It was noted that although funds had been made available, no changes had been made in regards to the Woodhill gates. The request was to see if modifications could be made to reduce noise levels caused from opening and closing the gates. It was suggested that the Community Engagement Officer would go out and get an update on the situation.
19.	COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Members of the Community were asked to note the Councillor's Ward Report.</p> <p>This included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair was currently awaiting an update on the petition he was presented, regarding a zebra crossing on Gypsy Lane near the junction with Woodgreen Road.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees were asked to note a petition that had been presented for Vulcan Rd to become a one way road. The petition had 300-400 people and had also been presented in Parliament on behalf of residents which also cover the Charnwood Ward. • The Governing Body of Northfield House Primary School were considering whether to convert the School to become an academy. Discussions with partners were taking place. • The issue of street drinking on Uppingham Road near Sparrow Park was still a concern.
20.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>No representatives from Highways were present to give an update. The Chair and attendees discussed any Highways issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Victoria Road East there were concerns that the recent installation of speed signs had not been effective as there still seemed to be speeding traffic. Some suggestions to improve this issue included: speed cameras and an increased presence of the Police Speed Awareness Van. It was also suggested that there could be monitoring from the Traffic team to compare the differences in speeding traffic now the signs were present. • It was noted that a member of the community showed willingness to do a 'community speed watch', in order to help monitor the speed of vehicles using speed detection devices (with sufficient training and Police support). Police representatives were to liaise with member of public to discuss this further after the meeting. • There was an existing proposal that was sent to the Councillors to change the stretch at the top of Victoria Road East from a 30mph to a 40mph zone. • Attendees were informed that the Council was looking at obstructive pavement parking; a recent report from the Highways Scrutiny Commission identified Green Lane Road as a problem area. Attendees also named some of the following areas; Farnham Street and Birch

		<p>Close area (near garages).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that parking problems were evident near schools in the Charnwood Ward. PCSO Kay Simpson stated that parking operations were in progress each day at a different school, to try and improve this situation.
21.	NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE	<p>There was no Neighbourhood Housing update as Housing Officers sent apologies and were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>An update on the Neighbourhood Housing Service was to be provided at the next meeting.</p>
22.	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE	<p>Leicester Police representatives; Sergeant Sarah Widdowson, PC Philip Smith-Lester and PCSO Kay Simpson were present to give an update on local Policing issues and respond to any questions from attendees:</p> <p>Sergeant Sarah Widdowson gave a presentation on the 'Leicester Police Change Programme', as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the existing and future budget cuts within the Leicester Police, would result in a smaller Police force. However, the force would remain committed to local Policing and addressing specific issues within the community. There would now be more targeted patrols in areas where Police were required and more focus on local services. It was discussed that there would be a more scheduled response team whereby calls, complaints or issues reported to the Police would be graded. The more crucial reports would receive a quicker response; others would be responded to through a diary booking system. Attendees were informed that when the information had been finalised, the Police would provide a new list of Police teams within the Charnwood Ward so that residents could be aware of their beats and PCSO's in the area.
23.	CITY WARDEN	Barbara Whitcombe, Team Manager for City Wardens

gave an update on progress made in the area since the last meeting.

Residents were given details on the new 'Love Leicester' campaign:

- Attendees were informed that a new app called 'Love Leicester' would soon be available for download on smart phones. This app allowed residents to send images and report problems such as fly tipping, graffiti, littering, overhanging trees amongst other issues, directly to the Council Service who would be able to respond.

Barbara Whitcombe then informed attendees on the 'Woodgreen area' which was one of the main topics of concern. The following information was noted:

- A significant amount of money had been spent by the Council in cleaning up the Woodgreen area. This was due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, drinking, continuous fly tipping, amongst other issues.
- The land was not Council owned and public funds could not continue to be used to remove fly tipping etc. The residents/ landowners had a responsibility to do this. To resolve the situation, the Council were willing to propose the following:
 - To install two large gates into the car park (residents will have 2 sets of keys).
 - In the middle; the wall would be repaired and rebuilt.
 - The rear and back; would have closed board timber fencing
 - A pedestrian gate would be fitted near Woodgreen
- All proposed work would be carried out by Housing apprentices.
- The full costs of the project, not including cleansing or labour would amount to approximately £7,905. It was discussed that the Council would be willing to pay 50% of the costs. It was suggested that the Councillors would approach the City Mayor to see if there was any money remaining from the Local

		<p>Environmental Works budget which could possibly be used for this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that 80% of the Woodgreen residents' would have to approve/ agree in order for this project to be carried out. • Councillors suggested that there would need to be a consultation with details of the scheme and drawings. Further suggestions from Councillors were noted that a meeting in the community should be arranged with Barbara Whitcombe, Woodgreen residents and the CEO in approximately 6 weeks' time to continue the discussion. Further to this, the situation would be reviewed at the December meeting.
24.	BUDGET	<p>Angela Martin, the Community Engagement Officer presented an update on the Community Meeting Budget.</p> <p><u>Grants Fast Tracked since the last meeting:</u></p> <p>1112: Youth Football Team Applicant: NYC Football Team Amount Requested: £349.74 Result: SUPPORTED IN FULL</p> <p>1158: Rass Garba Competition Applicant: Shree Damania Machi Mahajan Amount Requested: £490.00 Result: SUPPORTED IN FULL</p> <p><u>Applications considered at the meeting:</u></p> <p>5020: Playfair Summer PGL Activity Camp Applicant: Leicester Play Fair – Stephen Ashley Amount Requested: £1,400.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED</p> <p>1106: Charnwood Ward Magazine Applicant: West Humberstone Gospel Mission Amount Requested: £2,143.05 Result: SUPPORTED IN FULL</p> <p>1122: Football Pitch Applicant: FC Wyvern Arms Amount Requested: £450.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED</p>

		<p>5045: Daman & Diu Youth Cricket Club Applicant: Shahid Mamodmia & Altamash Nazirahamed Amount Requested: £1,000.00 Result: SUPPORTED IN FULL</p>
25.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	The 'Charnwood Magazine', 'Ready to Switch' campaign and 'Crimestoppers' leaflet were all distributed to attendees.
26.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>The dates of future Charnwood Community Meetings for the municipal year 2014/15 were confirmed:</p> <p>Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed</p> <p>Monday 9 March 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed</p>
27.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.50pm