

Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, 4 March 2015
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Christ the King Church, Beaumont
Way, Leicester, LE4 1DS

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Vi Dempster
Councillor Sundip Meghani
Councillor Paul Westley**

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- Keep to the Agenda
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- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

2. 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 to be discussed.

3. ACTION LOG OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING **Appendix A**

The Action Log for the last meeting held on Monday 1st December 2014 is attached and Members are asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

Any update on actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

The Community Meeting to receive an update on local policing.

5. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

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

6. PATCHWALKS

Councillors will provide an update on patch-walks in Beaumont Leys.

7. BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications.

APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER AT THE MEETING:

- (i) Leicester Zimbabwean Community Project – 2015 Community Get Together
Amount Requested: £500
- (ii) Stephen Podesta – Meadows Bar
Amount Requested: £1,500

- (iii) Belgrave Rugby Football Club – Restoration of Disused Playing Field
Amount Requested: £1,000
- (iv) Michelle Welland – Leicester Partnership Trust – Communities are doing it for themselves – Tea Party
Amount Requested: £375

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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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.

For further information, please contact

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Appendix A

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2014

Christ the King Church

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>																																				
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Westley in the Chair. Everyone welcomed and introductions given.																																				
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Councillor Dempster and Councillor Meghani.																																				
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	There were no declarations of interest given.																																				
4.	ACTION LOG OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	The action log of the previous Beaumont Leys Ward Community Meeting held on 30 th September 2014 were agreed as a true record and noted.																																				
5.	POLICE REPORT	<p>PC Adam Woolman gave the following statistical information:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="635 1160 1394 1800"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="635 1160 858 1272"></th> <th data-bbox="858 1160 1027 1272">2014 4th quarter – 2 months</th> <th data-bbox="1027 1160 1193 1272">2014 3rd quarter 2 months</th> <th data-bbox="1193 1160 1394 1272">2013 4th quarter</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1272 858 1346">Burglary dwelling</td> <td data-bbox="858 1272 1027 1346">32</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1272 1193 1346">15</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1272 1394 1346">21</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1346 858 1458">Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td data-bbox="858 1346 1027 1458">13</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1346 1193 1458">17</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1346 1394 1458">16</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1458 858 1532">Theft from motor vehicle</td> <td data-bbox="858 1458 1027 1532">40</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1458 1193 1532">27</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1458 1394 1532">18</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1532 858 1606">Theft of motor vehicle</td> <td data-bbox="858 1532 1027 1606">5</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1532 1193 1606">5</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1532 1394 1606">18</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1606 858 1680">Robbery/theft from person</td> <td data-bbox="858 1606 1027 1680">7</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1606 1193 1680">7</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1606 1394 1680">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1680 858 1718">Sex offences</td> <td data-bbox="858 1680 1027 1718">4</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1680 1193 1718">9</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1680 1394 1718">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1718 858 1756">Drugs</td> <td data-bbox="858 1718 1027 1756">13</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1718 1193 1756">15</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1718 1394 1756">12</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 1756 858 1800">Total</td> <td data-bbox="858 1756 1027 1800">114</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1756 1193 1800">95</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1756 1394 1800">96</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul data-bbox="635 1839 1394 2024" style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a significant rise in burglary of dwellings and theft from motor vehicles. • As Christmas neared people were advised to remain vigilant, keep presents out of sight and premises secure. 		2014 4 th quarter – 2 months	2014 3 rd quarter 2 months	2013 4 th quarter	Burglary dwelling	32	15	21	Burglary other than dwelling	13	17	16	Theft from motor vehicle	40	27	18	Theft of motor vehicle	5	5	18	Robbery/theft from person	7	7	7	Sex offences	4	9	4	Drugs	13	15	12	Total	114	95	96
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of people on bail had been arrested, and the police were looking for a main suspect on prison recall. • People were asked not to leave items on show in motor vehicles. • A significant number of sex offences had seen some prosecutions and people being placed on the sex offence register. A press release regarding recent indecent exposures would be given to the media. • The number of motorbike incidents had fallen. • An emerging issue was school parking, and an action plan would be developed. The police were working with the Council, and a number of motoring offence tickets had been issued. • An increase in push and motor bike thefts near to the leisure centre had resulted in the arrest and charge of a number of people. The Police were promoting the use of D locks on cycles. <p>The Chair thanked the Police for the update.</p>
6.	NEW LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Officers from Leicester City Council delivered a presentation on consultation being undertaken on new Local Plan for Leicester. A copy of the presentation is attached for information. • The Local Plan is a statutory document to set out policy framework, and will be used to determine planning applications. • Key themes in the document were economy, housing, city centre, people and spaces, neighbourhoods, health, sports, environment, transport, congestion and climate change. <p>The Chair encouraged people to comment on the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People were concerned the car user was being legislated against and it was important the city had a strong public transport system, and that transport concessions for the elderly should remain. • Beaumont Leys was lucky as it was having a new interchange, but if bus subsidies were cut, then people in the city would feel the effects. • Residents said it would be useful if the council could inform the public if a tram system could be viable for Leicester.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion was made for derelict buildings to be knocked down and housing developed to alleviate housing problems. • Sport should play a major role in the city, and that leisure facilities should be developed and further venues made available for young people to take part in activities. <p>The Chair thanked officers for the presentation and informed the meeting the document could be downloaded from www.leicester.gov.uk/issuesandoptions with comments made until the end of January 2015. It was hoped the Plan would be adopted by early 2016.</p>
7.	PATCHWALKS	<p>The Chair informed the meeting that cleaning contracts in flats that paid a cleaning levy were being looked into by the Housing Scrutiny Commission at Leicester City Council. Feedback from tenants was being sought by the Commission Members, and the document would be made public once the Housing Scrutiny Commission had debated the issues.</p> <p>Young People’s Council joined Councillors on a walk to Ur Choice, Orange Park, and surrounding areas. They found a lot of littering around Orange Park, and poor street lighting. There was a lot of overgrowth at nearby housing, and there were concerns it could give rise to violence and muggings. Goal posts on the park had been removed, and young people asked for them to be restored. Near to Ur Choice, there was poor lighting and missing posts in fencing near Gresley Close and Glovers Walk. Fencing was needed to prevent dog fouling in the play areas. Issues raised had been forwarded to Ward Councillors, who would forward them on to the appropriate council department Director for action.</p>
8.	SPORTS AND LEISURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sports Facility Manger at Leicester Leys Leisure Centre was present. His role was to get people involved in the leisure centre, to improve their health and wellbeing. • A Government key priority was to ensure children of primary school age learnt to swim, and an officer was employed at the centre to teach children. • Other classes included gymnastics and karate • Over 60s also attended the centre through a GP referral scheme.


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was important to raise fitness standards for children and young people. • Part of the remit to use Ur Choice was to consult with young people on why they did not use the facilities, what could be done further to encourage them to use the facilities. • It was proven that people that took part in sport showed an improvement in the standard of their education also. • Sports were also proven to reduce crime levels. • There was a sports improvement plan for the whole of the city, working with other areas, for example, parks were helping to deliver cycle areas. • The Sports Regeneration Team could help people become sports coaches, with some funding assistance and courses held at Aylestone Leisure Centre. The Junior Sports Leaders award was the first step into coaching. • Further information and contact details would be made available at the next Community Meeting.
9.	BUDGET	<p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p> <p>Applications Considered at the Meeting</p> <p>(i) Christ the King Church – Christmas Lunch and Food Parcels. Application for £1,000. The application was SUPPORTED IN FULL for £1,000.</p> <p>(ii) Places for People – Can Anybody Hear Us. Application for £2,740. The application was SUPPORTED FOR THE AMOUNT OF £1,500. A request was made for information on the number of children attending from Beaumont Leys to be provided.</p> <p>(iii) Katie Wray, Christ the King Church – Children’s Christmas Presents for Families in Need. Application for £250. The application was SUPPORTED IN FULL FOR £250.</p> <p>Other Budget Discussion</p> <p>It was noted that the following application was not supported:</p> <p>Solid Treasures Music - Viva Africa (Music Video Project). Application amount was for £500. This was a joint application, and it was unsure as to how the project would benefit the residents of Beaumont Leys</p>

		<p>Ward.</p> <p>The meeting was informed there would be no carry forward of the Ward Community Budget due to it being an election year.</p>
10.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Warden Service leaflet was noted and distributed at the meeting. It was agreed that fencing needed to be replaced around the play area to prevent dog fouling. It was also noted complaints had been received regarding people selling cars from grass verges in the ward which was illegal. • The next Community Meeting will take place on 4th March 2015, at 6.00pm.
11.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Leicester's New Local Plan

Issues and Options Public Consultation

Ward Meeting



Leicester

- Tenth largest city in England
- Provides employment, shopping, leisure and housing. A regional centre
- Historic and Green City - Parks, wildlife areas, conservation areas
- Rich tradition of entrepreneurship
- Highly acclaimed University's. Three major hospitals and premier sports clubs
- We are a growing City so how do we deal with future growth? These are still challenging times
- For example, we need to find land for housing and high quality employment



What is a Local Plan?

- A statutory document that the council must produce
- The document that says where development can go in the future.
- Used to determine planning applications on issues such as new housing, employment, shopping and green spaces



What we are consulting on

- This is the first stage of the local plan process. We expect the plan to be adopted in 2016

Key stages - when can people participate


Key stages in preparing our Local Plan (LP)

- Public consultation on key issues and options
- Publication of draft LP for public consultation
- Public consultation on any major changes to draft LP (if required)
- Submission of draft LP to Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate
- Independent Public Examination of information LP
- Adoption of LP by the Council

- We need to know what you think the issues and options are for the City as a whole but also for the community that you live in.
- The consultation started on 15 October 2014 and will end on 10 December 2014.

New Leicester Local Plan

- The document is split into three themes:
- A Growing City (economy, housing, city centre),
- People and Spaces (neighbourhoods, spaces, heritage, health) and
- The Environment (transport, climate change, green space and sport).



Some Key Questions:

- Where should new housing and employment development go?
- Are current local centres the right size? Do any need to be made bigger or smaller?
- Should we allow a greater mix of uses in local centres. E.g. Health, shops, community facilities?
- Should we restrict the number of takeaways near schools?
- How can we protect our natural and historic environment?

- What can be done to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport?
- What else is needed in the city centre to make it attractive?
- We are also asking for suggestions of sites to be allocated for development or to be protected.



Leicester: New Local Plan

- We can take comments/questions now and provide some answers.
- You can e-mail planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk with comments.
- You can download the document and fill in the on line response form www.leicester.gov.uk/issuesandoptions
- **Thank you for listening.**