

SPINNEY HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2015

Highfields Centre, 96 Melbourne Road, Leicester, LE2 0DS

| NO | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u> |
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| 22. | INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS | <p>Councillor Dawood – Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Inspector Ben Gillard (Police), Priya Thamotheram (Highfields Centre) and Shilen Pattni (NDM).</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p> |
| 23. | ACTION LOG | <p>The Action Log from the meeting held on 27 October 2014 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>A meeting was held with the Directors of several services and Ward Councillors to discuss residents' concerns regarding the issue of trucks causing disruptions on Gwendolen Road.</p> |
| 24. | WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK | <p>Ward Councillors gave feedback on any issues and activities within the Ward.</p> <p>The meeting passed condolences to the family (who reside in the ward) of the young person who had recently lost his life (and a friend) in a car accident.</p> |
| 25. | LOCAL POLICING UPDATE | <p>Sergeant Sanjay Chauhan was in attendance at the meeting. As there were no major issues to be identified, Chair requested the Sergeant to keep watch for some issues which had previously occurred over the summer season and were now generally on the decrease. Some of the issues were said to have been dealt with by residents/ organisations rather than the Police.</p> |
| 26. | CITY WARDEN UPDATE | <p>Jamie Stubbs, the new City Warden for the Spinney Hills Ward gave an insight into activities taking place within the Ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There had been issues of bird feeding. As a result the Warden had erected several 'No Bird Feeding' signs around Arnold Close and |

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| | | <p>Fairfield Road. Residents were also given advice regarding bird feeding and its implications. New permanent signs were anticipated for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of alleyways and gardens were currently being investigated with the aim for the landowners and residents to keep them cleaned and maintained. • Fly Tipping had been a continuous problem in the Ward. Bulk collection leaflets had been given out to residents and some collection appointments booked. • The Chair requested that more awareness for various offences relating to the City Warden could be made to residents. • Attendees were informed of several methods of communication for City Warden services including; Twitter, Facebook and Love Leicester app. |
| 27. | HOUSING UPDATE | <p>John Thomson, Area Manager for Housing attended the meeting and gave an update on the renovation work for the Tower Blocks in the Spinney Hills Ward.</p> <p><u>Tower Blocks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that many of the Tower Blocks on St Peters estate were old. Several had needed to be stripped out in order to replace old heating & drainage systems and remove asbestos etc. As a result residents were being moved out during the renovations to be returned when complete. • Works were now being carried out at Clipstone House. Contractors were currently ahead of schedule and were aiming to have Clipstone House completed by spring/ summer 2015. It was also anticipated that the dwellings would also be painted. • The next Tower Blocks to be worked on were Gordon House. • The lifts in Framland House were being refitted. |

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| | | <p><u>Council Homes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regards to the demand for empty Council homes, attendees received information which stated that there were a small number of houses empty however, these were not yet available. The Housing Department were now in the process of refurbishing the properties. • It was queried why the refurbishment works had taken so long, as some homes had been empty since March 2014 and were still not ready to house tenants. • The Chair requested the Housing Officer to present figures of expenditure for renovating the Tower Blocks. • The Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) were in the process of a programme to renew the flooring in the Tower Blocks. It was anticipated for a major patch-walk to take place next summer in order to identify any issues which needed dealing with on St Peters estate. • It was requested that the Housing Officer provide information as to what happens to private houses after the lease had ended. • The Community Engagement Officer & the Housing Department were requested to arrange a visit for the Young People’s Council to get more understanding of Housing. |
| 28. | WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET | <p>Angela Martin, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) gave an update on the Community Meeting Budget:</p> <p>Application 1199 for £1,917.29. Jabriil Films working to establish a creative learning programme that engages Leicester migrant communities. To set up a series of workshops and exploring storytelling, true stories and dramatisations. Grant of £500 SUPPORT.</p> <p>Application 5058 for £500. Solid Treasure Music aiming to do a music video project. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED.</p> <p>Application 5057 for £250. Stuart White Chair 50+</p> |

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| | | <p>network propose a seaside trip to Mablethorpe in March 2015. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED.</p> <p>Application 5059 for £500. Adhar Project to celebrate cultural festivals in the community in December 2014. Grant of £250 SUPPORT.</p> <p>Application 5060 for £500. Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club programme to develop and flourish grass-root cricket within the local community. Grant of £400 SUPPORT.</p> <p>Application 5062 for £2,000. Muslim Khatri Association to launch new 'Centre for All' youth strand in January 2015. APPLICATION NOT SUPPORTED.</p> <p>Application 1256 for £1,000. Ebrahim Jasat – project for youth on two estates to receive professional football and multisports coaching at the Apollo Close Ball Court. Grant of £1,000 SUPPORTED IN FULL.</p> <p>It was noted that the Spinney Hills application deadlines would now close four weeks prior to the Ward meeting date. The CEO agreed to display this information on the website.</p> |
| 29. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | <p>Martin Fletcher from the Highways Team provided an update regarding issues with the trucks used for BR Environmental - the recycling operation located on Gwendolen Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the issue with the trucks had said to be creating noise pollution and causing inconvenience to residents. The Planning Team and Environment Agency concluded that the company were not being illegal in their practices. • Bollards had now been placed on the corners of Drinkstone Road to stop the trucks from reversing onto pavements and kerbs. • Highways would be liaising with the Police for targeted parking and enforcement. • The Police were said to be inviting BR Environmental to a discussion meeting for this issue and would be leafleting residents on action proposed. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees and residents were encouraged to call and log any complaints with the Environment agency and LCC Noise Team in order to build reports. The aim was to encourage BR Environmental to work with the relevant services to properly manage their delivery arrangements and minimise the impact on residents and road safety. <p>Erkan Pala, the new Committee Development Worker for the St Matthews Big Local provided information on the works. See attached the information leaflet handed out at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors requested the CEO to liaise with the new Development Worker to provide updates as to which organisations/ groups were being funded through this programme. |
| 30. | DATE OF FUTURE MEETING | The next Spinney Hills Community Meeting would take place on Monday 2 nd March 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed. |
| 31. | CLOSE OF MEETING | The meeting closed at 7.06pm. |

Local Trust | **Big Local**



The St Matthews estate in Leicester is one of the 150 areas across the United Kingdom which was awarded £1 Million to use over the next 10 years by the Big Local Trust in 2012. A thorough consultation with St Matthews' residents has told the money should target the poor economical, social and environmental aspects of St Matthews, to turn the area:

- That is cleaner and greener
- Where everyone is appreciated, valued and respected
- Where everyone can reach their potential and local businesses flourish
- Where everyone feels safe and secure
- Where everyone can celebrate diversity, talent and creativity

In order to achieve above goals, we have identified the following priorities for the next 5 years:

Year 1 and 2

- Provide Positive Activities for all ages
- Help start business and social enterprise, and provide small business loans to support the local economy
- Promote road safety and keeping the area clean and tidy
- Provide local infrastructure to improve lives (parking, seating)
- Improve partnership working between all agencies such as police, etc

Year 3 and 4

- Develop inter-cultural and inter-generational activities (visual arts, access to facilities, subsidised entry to sports centres)
- Reduce anti-social behaviour (neighbourhood watch, CCTV, safer areas for all)
- More access to training - develop a credit union

Year 5

- Set up a fitness Park
- Establish more businesses

We are currently on our first year in our efforts to put our priorities into reality. To date, we have provided:

- Education around litter to approximately 500 local children and young people in St Matthews.
- Funded almost £10k to local residents and organisations in St Matthews, benefiting roughly 250 resident through various activities ranging from football to cooking
- Access to training
- Free business support drop in sessions
- In the process of installing more litter bins in St Matthews, bus-stops with seating and benches.

