

# **Spinney Hills Community Meeting**

**DATE:** Monday, 12 January 2015  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Highfields Centre,  
96 Melbourne Road,  
Leicester,  
LE2 0DS

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Hanif Aqbany  
Councillor Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury  
Councillor Mohammed Dawood**

## Conduct Guidance

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

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- 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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- ✓ 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. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS**

The Chair will introduce those present and make necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**2. ACTION LOG**

**Appendix A**

The Action Log of the Meeting held on 27 October 2014 is attached at Appendix A and Members are asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

**3. WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK**

Councillors Mohammed Dawood, Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury and Hanif Aqbany will provide an update on issues they have been dealing with as Councillors for the Spinney Hills Ward.

**4. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Officers from the Local Policing Unit will be at the meeting to provide an update on Police issues in the Spinney Hills Ward.

**5. CITY WARDEN UPDATE**

The City Warden will provide an overview on environmental and enforcement activities in the Ward.

**6. HOUSING UPDATE**

Housing Officers will give a report on housing issues in the Spinney Hills Ward.

**7. 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 bids will be considered at the meeting:**

**Bid: 1199**

Applicant: Jabriil Films

Project Name: Jabriil Films

Amount Requested: £1,917.29

**Joint Bid: 5058**

Applicant: Solid Treasure Music

Project Name: Viva Africa (Music Video Project)

Amount Requested: £500.00

**Joint Bid: 5057**

Applicant: Stuart White Chair 50+ Network

Project Name: 50+ Network Leicester

Amount Requested: £250.00

**Joint Bid: 5059**

Applicant: Adhar Project

Project Name: To celebrate cultural festivals in the Community (Dec 2014)

Amount Requested: £500.00

**Joint Bid: 5060**

Applicant: Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club

Project Name: Grass Root Cricket Development (Ages 8-13)

Amount Requested: £500.00

**Joint Bid: 5062**

Applicant: Muslim Khatri Association

Project Name: Centre For All – Youth Strand

Amount Requested: £2,000.00

**Bid: 1256**

Applicant: Ebrahim Jasat

Project Name: St Peters Youth Council – Wembley Sports Project

Amount Requested: £1,000.00

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING**

To note that the next Spinney Hills Community Meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed.

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# Appendix A

## SPINNEY HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2014

Coleman Primary School, Gwendolen Road, Leicester, LE5 5FS

<b>NO</b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
11.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Dawood – Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ed Kocik, Head of Service Highways and John Thomson, Area Housing.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Chowdhury declared an interest in agenda item 8 – Ward Community Budget, application 5009. Councillor Dr Chowdhury declared for the avoidance of doubt that he was not a member of the Greater Noakhali Shomati UK organisation/ association however he had helped many from that Bangladesh community.</p>
12.	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	<p>Action Log from the meeting held 11 August 2014 was circulated and confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>Councillor Dr Chowdhury referred to item 3 of the Action Log for the meeting held on 11 August 2014. It was confirmed that the information regarding the new boundaries had been included in the Boundary Commission final recommendations report published on 12 August 2014 and defined that the existing Spinney Hills Ward would be divided in two wards; Spinney Hills Ward and Wycliffe Ward. The report recommended that each of the two wards would be allocated two Councillors.</p>
13.	<b>WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK</b>	<p>Members of the community were asked to note the Councillors' Ward Report.</p> <p>This included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many requests were being submitted for housing accommodation however there existed a housing problem due to the limited number of houses available within the ward. Some of the reasons for this were due to the increased number of persons who applied for housing and the right to buy schemes.</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Dawood expressed his concerns that representatives from the Traffic/ Highways department were not present to give an update and answer any queries. The Chair requested the Neighbourhood Development Manager to raise these concerns with the relevant service department.</li> <li>• It was intended that more details on Ward Community Budget applications would be displayed online.</li> <li>• It was observed that there had not been as much antisocial behaviour during the month of Ramadan in comparison to last year.</li> <li>• Councillor Dawood reported that there had been some issues whereby private landlords had rented properties in a substandard condition to families and residents of the Spinney Hills Ward. Some of the poor conditions included damp walls and rodents however many tenants were reluctant to come forward and make a complaint. Councillor Dawood suggested that he would like to pursue this further as an action.</li> </ul>
14.	<b>HIGHWAYS UPDATE - TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON GWENDOLEN ROAD</b>	<p>The Chair led a discussion on Highways issues relating to an independent recycling plant located on Gwendolen Road which recycled electrical equipment. This had become an ongoing problem as the level of activity had increased. Attendees expressed concerns regarding the trucks used for the recycling operation. Some of the concerns were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of trucks delivering/ collecting items appeared to be excessive.</li> <li>• Noise levels had become quite disruptive to local residents, sometimes from the early hours of the morning.</li> <li>• Concerns regarding the safety of children who attended local schools especially as many trucks were reversing and performing other manoeuvres without being directed.</li> <li>• Inconvenience was caused to residents where driveways were being blocked and</li> </ul>

		<p>occasionally damaged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various attempts had been made to resolve the issue but without success. The Chair requested the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) set up a meeting with Directors of the relevant services to discuss further and look into a solution.</li> </ul>
<b>15.</b>	<b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>Sergeant Sanjay Chauhan gave an update on local policing within the Spinney Hills Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the existing and future budget cuts within the Leicester Police, would result in fewer Police Officers but more Police Community Support Officers. 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 an increased focus on local services/ issues.</li> <li>• The main changes would commence February 2015.</li> <li>• The number of Local Police Units (LPU) across Leicester would be reduced from 15 to 8. Spinney Hill Park LPU would now be paired with Keyham Lane LPU.</li> <li>• The Police team anticipated that with the new changes, response times would be improved.</li> </ul>
<b>16.</b>	<b>CITY WARDEN UPDATE</b>	<p>Alexander Kazmierz, City Warden gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that fly tipping on Gwendolen Road had been a big problem. Some of the possible reasons for the problem were the language barriers of residents and the lack of understanding on how to dispose and recycle correctly.</li> <li>• In order to address the environmental issues, the City Warden had posted leaflets, issued penalty notices, informed residents of disposal methods and worked with shop owners to tackle the problem.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees were asked to encourage any neighbours/ residents to use the correct disposal methods where possible and contact the City Warden directly with any issues.</li> <li>A resident expressed concerns that the corner of Evington Valley Road, Gedding Road and Gwendolen Road was often used as a dump site for food and furniture amongst other items. This was private land and the problem had been ongoing for the past few years. The Chair requested that the Community Engagement Officer possibly with a Police Community Support Officer went out to the site and looked into this further.</li> </ul>
17.	<b>HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>The Chair and attendees discussed local Housing issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that as a consequence of fire safety regulations, the Framland House tower block gates at Pluto Close (St Peters estate) needed to be kept open. However, this had resulted in local students entering this area during lunch breaks and evenings and causing anti-social behaviour. In addition, drug users and members of the public were able to gain access as a result of the open gates. Attendees suggested a new locking mechanism or push bar as a solution and requested that Ward Councillors looked into this issue.</li> <li>Councillors requested that an Officer contact the Housing Director and other relevant local organisations regarding a solution to the issue.</li> </ul>
18.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>Angela Martin, the Community Engagement Officer presented an update on the Community Meeting Budget.</p> <p>The attendees were asked to note:</p> <p><b>1119: Family Support Group</b>  Applicant: Firoza Mulla – Home Start Leicester  Amount Requested: £480.00  Result: Grant of £250.00 was SUPPORTED &amp; FAST TRACKED</p>



**5038: Leicester Twilight Group Christmas Meal**

Applicant: Leicester Twilight Group

Amount Requested: £515.00

Result: Grant of £515.00 was SUPPORTED

**1121: Financial Healthcheck Service**

Applicant: Checkpoint Advice and Support

Amount Requested: £1,421.71

Result: Grant of £1,000.00 was SUPPORTED

**1123: Community Needs Assessment – St Matthews Leicester**

Applicant: The Empowerment Project

Amount Requested: £997.00

Result: NOT SUPPORTED

**1124: Self Development Workshop**

Applicant: Somali Advice and Information Services (SOMINFOS)

Amount Requested: £485.00

Result: Grant of £100 was SUPPORTED

**1129: Oggal News Letter**

Applicant: Gandal Media

Amount Requested: £980.00

Result: Grant of £500.00 was SUPPORTED

**5043: Lestas Got Raw Talent (LGRT)**

Applicant: Miss Shephelah Pringle-Bridges

Amount Requested: £600.00

Result: Grant of £400.00 was SUPPORTED

**5045: Daman & Diu Youth Cricket Club (DDYCC)**

Applicant: Sahid Mamodmia and Altamash Nazirahamed

Amount Requested: £800.00

Result: Grant of £800.00 was SUPPORTED

**5046: Inclusive Sports Programme**

Applicant: David Codd

Amount Requested: £285.50

Result: NOT SUPPORTED

**5047: Memon Youth Sports Tournament 2014**

Applicant: Memon Youth Association

Amount Requested: £500.00

Result: Grant of £500.00 was SUPPORTED

**1180: Eid-UI-Adha Celebration and Get Together**

Applicant: Somali Elders Community

		<p>Amount Requested: £500.00 Result: Grant of £500.00 was SUPPORTED &amp; FAST TRACKED</p> <p><b>1195: Eid-UI-Adha Celebration and Get Together</b> Applicant: IFTIN – Somalia Community Solutions Amount Requested: £800.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED</p> <p><b>1199: Jabriil Films</b> Applicant: Jabriil Films Amount Requested: £1,917.29 Result: Deferred to next meeting</p> <p><b>The following bids were deferred at the last meeting. A decision was given at this meeting:</b></p> <p><b>5009: Eid Function &amp; Celebration</b> Applicant: Greater Noakhali Shomati UK Amount Requested: £800.00 Result: Grant of £500.00 was SUPPORTED</p> <p><b>5012: Community Support for New Mothers &amp; Babies</b> Applicant: Mamas Community Breastfeeding Support Project Amount Requested: £600.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED</p> <p><b>5014: Family Health &amp; Wellbeing Event</b> Applicant: Leicester Partnership Trust Amount Requested: £300.00 Result: NOT SUPPORTED</p>
19.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>1. A resident who lived on Guthlaxton Street queried if a residents' parking scheme would be implemented on the street. It was explained by a representative from St Peters Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) and Councillor Chowdhury that an exercise previously had been carried out to identify if residents' parking was desired. This mainly identified Council tenants in St Peters, however, only a small number of residents' opted for residents' parking and the majority were against. Concerns were expressed that the initial survey/ exercise was only carried out on Council tenants, therefore it was requested that officers made contact with all residents of Guthlaxton Street to find out how many were</p>

		<p>included in the original survey/ exercise.</p> <p>2. Concerns were noted that the closure of Highfields Medical Practice was sudden and had now moved to Merlyn Vaz Health &amp; Social Centre. The closure left many patients without a practice and with a problem of joining other practices. A petition was previously sent to the NHS. Residents also wanted to inform the Member of Parliament as they felt their views had not been taken into consideration.</p> <p>The Chair asked the CEO to send a letter to the NHS regarding the short notice of closure and the issue of where patients should now go.</p>
<b>20.</b>	<b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	<p>The dates of future Spinney Hills Community Meetings for the municipal year 2014/15 were confirmed:</p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6pm – Highfields Centre</p> <p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed</p>
<b>21.</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 7.38pm

