

Beaumont Leys Community Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, 2 March 2016
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont
Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Hemant Rae Bhatia
Councillor Susan Waddington
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. 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

The Action Log is attached for information and discussion.

4. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES UPDATE

An officer will be present to provide an update on Transforming Neighbourhood Services.

5. HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE

There will be a discussion around local GP Surgeries in the Beaumont Leys Ward.

6. PARKS UPDATE

An update will given on the progress of the Castle Hill Park's natural playground.

7. HOUSING UPDATE

An officer from the Leicester City Council's Housing Service will be present to talk about any housing concerns and work being carried out within the Beaumont Leys Ward.

8. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

A Police update with be provided on any issues relating to the Beaumont Leys Ward.

9. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

A City Warden update will be provided on any environmental issues relating to the Beaumont Leys Ward.

10. PREVIOUS APPLICANT FEEDBACK

Previous applicants who have received funding through the Community Ward Budget will be present to provide feedback on their projects.

11. WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

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

Information on the Community Ward Budget will be provided.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Appendix A

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2015

Held at: Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, Leicester LE4 1DS

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Rae Bhatia
Councillor Waddington
Councillor Westley

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
23.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Rae Bhatia welcomed everyone to the Beaumont Leys Community Meeting. He explained that he would be changing the order of the agenda at the request of some of the people who were presenting items, as they needed to leave early.
24.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	There were no apologies for absence.
25.	ACTION LOG	<p>Attendees were asked to note progress on the action log from the previous meeting held on 30 September as follows:</p> <p>Minute item 14: Speedway</p> <p>Councillors had met with the person responsible for running the Speedway. They were only using one piece of land; two other pieces were being leased from the council but not being used. The council had now contacted the Speedway and asked them to relinquish that land so that it could be used for other purposes.</p> <p>Minute item 18. Patch Walks – Castle Hill Country Park</p> <p>A petition had been submitted requesting playground equipment. The Council had agreed to make some money available during the next financial year.</p> <p>The action log from the Beaumont Ley Community Meeting held 30 September 2015 was agreed as a correct record.</p>
26.	GET HEALTHY	Steven Taylor, a Get Healthy Coach with Parkwood Healthcare was present to talk about his role which

		<p>involved providing advice and support to help people improve their lifestyle to get healthier: Attendees were asked to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme was run by the Leicester City Council alongside the Clinical Commissioning Group. • As part of the scheme, he provided one to one motivation and support. • He had regular access with sure start centres and worked to raise awareness relating to a healthier lifestyle. • He was often at the Beaumont Leys Library and asked people to contact him if they had any queries or if they would like some support.
27.	VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER	<p>The Chair agreed to an update from Krupa, Voluntary Action Leicester (VAL). Attendees were asked to note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had been working in the community earlier in the day to raise awareness of the different support that was available through VAL. Currently there were few referrals from Beaumont Leys. • VAL offered a variety of support, such as business planning, writing applications and accessing funding. There were also volunteering opportunities. <p>Councillor Waddington suggested that Krupa spoke to the young people from Ur Choice as to how they could access additional funding</p>
28.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>Police Sergeant Yakub Ismail provided an update on policing issues. He explained that his objective was to be as accessible as possible and he could be contacted by emailing yakub.ismail@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had responsibility for the Home Farm area; this was no longer a problem profile because the situation there had improved. The area would however be monitored. • There had been increased anti-social behaviour on Upper Temple Walk. The Police

		<p>had applied a way-marker and the situation was improving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was anti-social behaviour on Oronsey Road where young people had been climbing onto bins and then onto a roof. There were plans to replace the bins with plastic bins and to use anti vandal paint as a preventative measure. There was also a great deal of graffiti; the Police aimed to set up an action group with local businesses to try to improve the area.
29.	COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK - PATCH WALKS	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from the Councillors on their patch walks around Beaumont Leys. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patch walks illustrated where and what the problems were. Leafletting took place to give residents advanced notice and their participation in the walks was appreciated. • John Calvert Court which had been empty for about three years had attracted a considerable amount of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. A meeting had been held with Sanctuary Housing and Asra. It was hoped to develop a plan to market the buildings. There had also been anti-social behaviour on Milton Crescent; but the problem had been improved by adjusting the lights on the basket ball court, • Problems had been reported at Upper Temple Walk (owned by Asra Housing). Councillors were going to meet with tenants with the aim of making it a pleasanter place. • Councillors had also worked to improve problems in other areas including Thurcaston Road, Glebelands. and Harris Road.
30.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES	<p>Lee Warner, Senior Project Manager, Neighbourhood Services and Adrian Wills, Head of Neighbourhood Services provided an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme which was being rolled out in the North West area of the city. Attendees were asked to note the update which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council aimed to protect services but by using fewer buildings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous plans to do this had been put on hold, but the comments from prior consultations would still be taken into account • Further consultations, including consultations with young people would be held. People's views were sought as to what services were valued and which buildings were used. <p>Councillors stressed that it was important for staff to have the opportunity to input into the process before it went out to public consultation.</p> <p>Attendees were informed that this would be brought back to the next community meeting in March 2016.</p>
31.	NETBALL IN THE CITY	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Cheryl Wilson, Netball Activator. Cheryl explained that she was employed by Leicester City Council to promote netball. Cheryl explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball could include traditional netball and walking netball. • Netball activities were taking place at Braunstone Leisure Centre and at Aylestone Leisure Centre. She had also been talking to Roy Cole, Facility Manager, Sports Services about using Leicester Leys. • The first few sessions were free; after that there would be a small charge (but no more than £3 per session).
32.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Matthew Davinson, City Warden. Matthew stated that he had received 11 complaints since the previous ward meeting, which included complaints relating to fly tipping, dog fouling, bins on streets and an obstruction on the highway.</p> <p>Matthew had received three complaints through the Love Leicester app. Environmental problems could be reported either by using this free app, by speaking to the city wardens or by contacting the service on 0116 4541001.</p>
33.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update from Ramila Dhobi, Team Leader, Housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Improvement work in the ward had been carried out with funding from the Environment

		<p>budget. Some young people had participated in the work and the councillors asked Ramila to thank those involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 37 empty properties; some of these needed extensive work to bring them back into use. • To date, 150 cases of anti-social behaviour had been reported in Beaumont Leys / Mowmacre and there had been 2 evictions per month between September and November. • 770 housing repairs had been carried out in October. <p>Attendees were asked to note that due to government policy, there would be a reduction in housing rents, but this would result in a shortage in the housing revenue account, which would impact on the service.</p> <p>In respect of Universal Credit, there was a concern that there would be a detrimental impact on rent arrears, as the resident would become responsible for paying their rent themselves. Councillors asked that more information be made available to help tenants understand the new system. Ramila explained that a considerable amount of information had already been sent out. Councillors suggested that it would be useful to arrange a meeting with officers from Housing and other agencies to try to work out an integrated approach in respect of the implementation of Universal Credit.</p>
34.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>Hetha Copland, Neighbourhood Development Manager, presented the ward community meeting budget:</p> <p>Project: maintenance of playing field and improved security at club house and playing field area. Submitted by Belgrave Rugby Football Club (joint bid) Amount requested: £ 1000</p> <p>Councillors had previously agreed funding for the club and on this occasion decided not to support the funding application.</p> <p>Project: Women of Peace Initiative Submitted by Restorative Justice Initiative Midlands CIC</p>

		<p>Amount requested: £1698</p> <p>AGREED: that the funding application be supported in full to the value of £1698.</p> <p>The following funding applications were received too late for inclusion in the agenda.</p> <p>Project: Fiftieth anniversary celebrations Submitted by: St Luke’s Church Stocking Farm Amount requested: £500</p> <p>AGREED: that the funding application be supported in full to the value of £500</p> <p>Project: Tanglewood Youth and Support Group Submitted by: Tanglewood Youth and Support Group (joint bid) Amount requested: £381.25 from each ward.</p> <p>Hetha stated that Councillors supported the funding bid but asked that families in Beaumont Leys benefited from the award and requested feedback on this. If the group could not demonstrate that families in Beaumont Leys had benefited from the grant, Councillors would be unlikely to support any further funding applications.</p> <p>AGREED: that the funding application be supported in full to the value of £381.25</p> <p>Project: Christmas get-together for Beaumont Leys young people and adults Submitted by: Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood CIC. Amount requested: £500</p> <p>AGREED: that the funding application be supported to the value of £500</p> <p>Project: Support to our Lunch Club and Food Bank Submitted by: Christ the King Church Amount requested: £800</p> <p>AGREED: that the funding application be supported to the value of £800</p> <p>Project: Milton House Club Submitted by: Barbara Edgar Amount requested: £500</p>
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		<p>Funding was requested for a shed or similar structure to store mobility scooters at Milton House. As the funding application had just been submitted, Councillors stated that they would consider this outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Project: Barley Croft Youth Centre (Ur Choice Young People’s Project) Submitted by: Katie Nicholas Amount requested: £1180.50</p> <p>It was reported that the funding application had been submitted but not received by the Councillors. The young people presented the project and councillors explained that they would consider the application outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Roy Cole. Facility Manager, Sports Services questioned whether it might be possible to meet up at the start of the financial year to draw up a forward plan of activities to avoid any duplication. The Chair responded that this was a good idea in principle, but it would be difficult to manage as new community groups might be set and submit bids part way during the year.</p> <p>Recipients of previous ward community funding were then invited to provide a verbal evaluation of the outcome of their project:</p> <p>Community Advice and Law Service – Advice Sessions at Barleycroft Community Centre</p> <p>Hetha Copland thanked the community meeting, on behalf of the Community Advice and Law Service, for the funding given. Attendees were asked to note that their sessions were held on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 12.30 pm. People would need to book an appointment by telephoning 0116 222 1090. Councillors asked how far in advance people would need to book for an appointment and Hetha agreed to check. Action: Neighbourhood Development Manager.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note that in future, funding applications would need to be submitted on-line and it would be even more important to submit an evaluation on a project’s outcome. Under the new system, it would not be possible to support further</p>
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		funding applications where previous feedback had not been submitted.
35.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Ward community meetings resident feedback form



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Thank you for attending today's ward community meeting. Please help us by completing this form and handing it to a member of staff. Your thoughts and suggestions are important to us; we will use the information to improve future meetings. All information will be treated and maintained confidentially.

Ward name Date of meeting/...../.....

Q1) How often do you attend ward community meetings? (please tick one only)

- This was my first meeting I have attended once before
 I have been a few times I have been to most meetings

Q2) Did you think the venue was suitable?

- Yes No Not sure

If No, please tell us why

Q3) Please tell us why you attended the meeting (please tick all that are applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> To raise an issue / ask a question | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my councillor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To see a specific presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my local police officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To meet my local city warden | <input type="checkbox"/> To meet other local residents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To help improve the local area | <input type="checkbox"/> General interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To find out what's going on in the area | <input type="checkbox"/> To find out about community grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To apply for a community grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If Other, please specify

Q4) Were the agenda and papers easy to read and understand?

- Yes No Not sure

If No, do you have any suggestions for improvements?

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Q5) How satisfied were you with responses to comments from the last meeting?

- Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, do you have any suggestions on how this can be improved?

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Q6) Were you satisfied with the presentation(s) at the meeting?

- Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, please indicate why

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Do you think ward community meetings:

Q7) help to improve communications between residents and the council?

- Agree Partially agree Disagree Not sure

Q8) keep you informed about local issues?

- Agree Partially agree Disagree Not sure

Q9) enable you to raise issues during the meeting?

- Agree Partially agree Disagree Not sure

Q10) Overall, how satisfied were you with the meeting?

- Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

If Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, please indicate why

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Q11) Are you likely to attend future ward community meetings?

- Yes No Not sure

If No, please indicate why

Q12) How did you find out about the meeting?

- Leaflet through door Advert in local newsletter City council website
 Poster in local area Leicester Mercury Link magazine
 Word of mouth Twitter / Facebook Mailing list (email)
 Other (please specify)

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