

Western Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 8 December 2015
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: St Anne's Church, Letchworth
Road, Western Park, Leicester

**Please note that the meeting will be held in the Church
(not the Church Hall)**

Ward Councillors

Councillor Dr Susan Barton
Councillor George Cole
Councillor Malcolm Unsworth

Your Community – Your Voice

Conduct Guidance

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- Respect the views of others
- 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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- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted ;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ 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 AND 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.

2. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

The Action Log from the meeting held on 23 September 2015 is attached for information and discussion.

3. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Hetha Copland, the Neighbourhood Development Manager will provide an update on the Transforming Neighbourhood Services programme which is expanding to the North West area of the city.

4. EUROVIA ROADWORKS UPDATE

Joanne Plews from Eurovia will be present to provide an update on roadworks in the ward.

5. LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE

The meeting will receive an update on the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

6. HOUSING UPDATE

There will be an update on local housing issues.

7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Officers from Leicestershire Police will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in the Western Ward.

8. HIGHWAYS ISSUES - LETCHWORTH ROAD

There will be a discussion item relating to traffic issues on Letchworth Road.

9. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

Richard Sutton, the City Warden will give an update on issues in the Western Ward.

10. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Hetha Copland, Neighbourhood Development Manager will provide details on the different community activities that are available in Western Ward,

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.

An update will be given on the Ward Community Meeting Budget.

Funding Applications to be considered at the meeting

Project Name: Plot to Plot – Funding requested to create a community orchard and fruit farm.

Submitted by: New Parks Community Panel

Amount requested: £1200

Project Name: Christmas Extravaganzas – Funding requested for an Alice in Wonderland Fun Run and Tea Dance at Abbey Park. (Joint Bid)

Submitted by: GLAD and Community Wellness Service

Amount requested: £500

Project Name: Christmas Extravaganzas – Funding requested to hold community workshops to develop a Christmas grotto which will be a resource for future years.(Joint Bid)

Submitted by: GLAD and Community Wellness Service

Amount requested: £500

Project Name: Celebrating Academic Success – Funding requested to celebrate the success of Key Stage 4 African Heritage students.

Submitted by: Phoenix Agenda (Joint Bid)

Amount requested: £400

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Help us to make improvements!

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

WESTERN COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

Held at: New Parks Community Centre, St Oswalds Road, Leicester LE3 6RJ

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Cole
Councillor Unsworth (Chair)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	Councillor Unsworth, Chair, welcomed all those present to the Western Ward Community Meeting.
2.	WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATE	<p>The Chair stated that there had been issues of anti-social behaviour in the ward, but recently there had been a considerable improvement. This issue would be covered by the Police during their update later on in the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was asked to note the following:</p> <p>There had been a fantastic event in the Western Park in the summer, with an attendance of up to 10,000 people.</p> <p>The New Parks Extravaganza had been very successful and children had enjoyed themselves.</p> <p>Councillor Barton had been working to bring the old Western Park School building back into use and had raised this issue with the City Mayor and Councillor Adam Clarke, the Heritage Champion.</p> <p>In response to questions about the ECO House, the meeting heard that there had been a potential purchaser, but the sale had fallen through. Concerns were expressed about vandalism at the site. The Chair responded that vandalism and anti-social behaviour were difficult problems to address there because the building was on a very large area of land with easy access.</p> <p>Councillor Cole reported that concerns had been</p>

		<p>raised in relation to anti-social behaviour in Comet Close / Sampson Close. He was aware that there were difficulties there for residents and efforts were being made to address the issues, but that work involved a number of different agencies including Health services and the Police. Concerns were raised from attendees that anti-social behaviour was a general problem in New Parks, including at St Clements Court.</p> <p>Councillors responded that they were aware of problems in St Clements Court and had taken up the issues with relevant officers.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>UPDATE ON ROAD WORKS IN THE WARD</p>	<p>John Dowson from the Leicester City Council Transport Strategy team gave an update on the Leicester Northwest highways and transport project between the county and city which aimed to improve road networks along the A50 corridor, towards the A47 and the A6 and roads around the western bypass and outer ring road.</p> <p>The first phase of works had commenced in July and had impacted on the area around the Glenfield Hospital, New Parks Way and Groby Road. The road works were being carried out in response to significant growth and employment opportunities that were anticipated in the area over the next few years. Increased traffic was expected and the highway improvements would also make the roads safer.</p> <p>Joanne Plews, Public Liaison Officer from Eurovia, the company which was carrying out the roadworks was then introduced to the meeting. Joanne stated that the company was aware of the impact on the community and she was there to try to ease that impact on residents. Joanne held four drop-in sessions per week and was trying to find key areas where she would be accessible for members of the public. Amongst other venues, Joanne used Glenfield Library, Leicestershire County Council foyer and New Parks Library. Information about the road works was displayed on notice boards around the area and Joanne asked people to contact her with any queries or concerns they may have.</p> <p>It was also Eurovia's practice to put something back into the community and the company had already helped with a number of projects, including a garden at New College. Joanne welcomed ideas for new projects that Eurovia might be able to help with and</p>

		asked people to contact her with suggestions.
4.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Attendees at the community meeting were asked to note an update from the Police as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main issue had been anti-social behaviour; this concern had been raised earlier in the meeting. • St Clements Court in Comet Close was a big concern but the criminality there was being dealt with and arrests had been made. • There had been an issue with the theft of motorcycles, particularly in Western Park and Beaumont Leys. 91 motorcycles had been recovered since February this year, some of which had been burnt out. There had been numerous prosecutions. The Police were thanked for the work on this problem, • A consultation would be starting on 24 September around Sampson Close, and other areas would follow. Members of the public were invited to suggest streets for future consultations. • There had been an increase in the number of house burglaries. People were asked to think about house security, and as the darker evenings were approaching, to switch lights on before going out. <p>Councillors thanked the Police for work they were doing, particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour.</p>
5.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Caroline Walsh, the City Warden explained that she was being seconded from October and that Richard Sutton would be taking over as City Warden in the Western Ward.</p> <p>The Chair raised concerns about fly tipping, and said that as soon as an area was cleared, more rubbish appeared. There was a cost to the council for rubbish clearance and attendees were asked to think about reporting people who they knew to be fly tipping. People however were asked not to challenge the culprits in anyway.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to continue reporting concerns with the Warden Service or their Councillor at the Councillor surgeries held in the ward or on the</p>

		Love Leicester app.
6.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>The meeting received a housing update from Marie Murray, Area Housing Manager for the Western, Fosse and Westcotes Wards.</p> <p>Marie talked about the achievements for 2014-15, which included the investment of £400,000 on projects in the three wards. These included improved car parking spaces and landscaping projects. £3m had also been spent on capital works to council housing stock.</p> <p>Projects for 2015-16 also included improvements to provide car parking as well as landscaping. £300,000 had been set aside for improvements to the flats on Aikman Avenue.</p> <p>Further expenditure was also currently being considered for 2016-17 and people were encouraged to contact Marie if they had ideas for new projects.</p> <p>Marie concluded her presentation by stating that during last year and the current financial year, the Council were looking to spend £6m on council housing in the area.</p> <p>Marie was thanked for the work being undertaken on housing in the area.</p>
7.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>Councillors were reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct, they should declare any interest they had in the budget applications. No such declarations were made.</p> <p>The following funding applications were considered:</p> <p>The Klick: African Caribbean Carnival.</p> <p>£500 had been requested to enable young people's involvement in the annual festival. This took place on 1 August 2015 and funding was requested to make costumes and cover costs for the preparation for this event.</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £500.</p> <p>Woodgate's Residents' Association: Music Development Programme</p> <p>£500 has been requested for the Youth Development</p>

		<p>Programme, held at the Woodgate's Resource Centre. This programme taught children various musical instruments including guitar, keyboard, violin, flute, clarinet, drums as well as singing.</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £500.</p> <p>Brian Hookway: Soccer School</p> <p>£1000 had been requested for soccer training for young people aged 5-14 years for 16 hours a week over the school holidays in October and December.</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £1000</p> <p>Braunstone Frith Tenants and Residents Association: Christmas Meal</p> <p>£500 had been requested for a Christmas Meal for people isolated by age and / or disability. 50 spaces would be made available for the event which was due to take place on the first Monday in December.</p> <p>Funding application supported in full to the value of £500.</p> <p>Action: the Community Engagement Officer to process the above funding applications.</p>
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>Concerns were expressed relating to a pedestrian crossing on Liberty Road. The crossing was not a pelican crossing with lights and was deemed to be dangerous. It was reported that people had been knocked down by speeding traffic there.</p> <p>The Chair commented that the ward funding had been used to invest in a radar gun for use to deter speeding motorists, and he questioned whether this should be put to use there. After some discussion, it was agreed that the best way forward would be to start a petition. The Neighbourhood Development Manager agreed to progress this further.</p> <p>Councillor Surgeries</p> <p>Members of the community were asked to note the details of their surgeries as follows:</p>

		<p>1st Friday of the month at New Parks Customer Service Centre, Aikman Avenue, between 3- 4 pm</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of the month at St Anne's Church Hall, Letchworth Road between 7.00 – 8.00 pm</p> <p>3rd Saturday of the month at Braunstone Frith Recreation Centre, Sharman Crescent between 11.00am – 12.00 pm.</p>
9.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 8.55 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
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 Other (please specify)

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