

Thurncourt Community Meeting

DATE: Monday, 30 November 2015
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Ocean Road Community Centre,
Ocean Road, Leicester, LE5 2ER

Ward Councillors

Councillor Teresa Aldred
Councillor Paul Newcombe

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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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- ✓ 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 & DECLARATIONS

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 of the Meeting held on 28 September 2015 is attached at Appendix A and Members are asked to confirm it as an accurate record.

3. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

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

4. ASB TEAM UPDATE

A representative from the ASB Team will attend the meeting to give an update.

5. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Highways officers will give an update on highways issues in the Ward.

6. HOUSING ISSUES

Housing officers will give an update on housing issues in the Ward.

7. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

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

8. LEICESTER AGEING TOGETHER (LAT) PROJECT UPDATE

A representative from the Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) programme will give an update at the meeting.

9. 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 reported for noting at the meeting:

Bid: 1523

Applicant: Silver Threads
Project Name & Summary: Christmas Party.
Amount Request: £500
Result: Grant of £400 approved.

Bid: 1528

Applicant: Beryl Cooper – Seabrooke Group
Project Name & Summary: Christmas dinner and coach.
Amount Request: £500
Result: Grant of £300 approved.

Bid: 1535

Applicant: Hamilton Bowls Group
Project Name & Summary: Funds for a Christmas outing.
Amount Request: £325
Result: Grant of £175 approved.

Bid: 1540

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Tea Dance Group
Project Name & Summary: Lunch for forty members.
Amount Request: £400
Result: Grant of £200 approved.

Bid: 1541

Applicant: Wednesday Club
Project Name & Summary: Travel cost & meal.
Amount Request: £400
Result: Grant of £200 approved.

Bid: 1559

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Community Association – Allan Gratrix
Project Name & Summary: Thurncourt Ward taxi scheme.
Amount Request: £1,000
Result: Grant of £1,000 approved in full.

Bid: 1560

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Community Association – Allan Gratrix
Project Name & Summary: Purchase of defibrillator.
Amount Request: £1,000
Result: Grant of £1,000 approved in full.

Bid: 1561

Applicant: Thurnby Lodge Community Association – Councillors Aldred & Newcombe

Project Name & Summary: Christmas tree forever for Thurncourt.

Amount Request: £900

Result: Grant of £900 approved in full.

Bid: 1563

Applicant: John Echlin

Project Name & Summary: Royal Horticultural Society – purchase plants, seed and small items of equipment.

Amount Request: £150

Result: Grant of £150 approved in full.

10. FEEDBACK FROM SUCCESSFUL WARD FUNDING APPLICANTS

Successful applicants for Thurncourt Ward funding will give feedback or a presentation on what was achieved with the funding received.

11. 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

THURNCOURT COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

Held at: Thurnby Lodge Youth and Community Centre, Thurncourt Road,
Leicester, LE5 2NG

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Newcombe (Chair)
Councillor Aldred

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u> |
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| 1. | INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS | <p>Councillor Newcombe, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Martin Fletcher – Head of Highways, Andy East – Team Leader for Housing and Nicole Powell – City Warden.</p> <p>Councillor Aldred declared an interest in Application 1510 - 'Christmas on ice' and an upcoming application for summer events as Councillor Aldred organised the events.</p> |
| 2. | FEEDBACK FROM PATCHWALK | <p>It was noted that two patch walks had taken place in the ward during the past few months. The Chair confirmed that further Patch walks would be taking place in Thurncourt.</p> <p>Anita Clarke, Community Engagement Officer (CEO) gave an overview of issues identified during the recent Patch walks, most of which were allocated to the correct department to action.</p> <p>A resident thanked the ward Councillors and CEO for arranging the rapid action of road markings being repainted/ street cleaning at the corner of Gervas Road, Ocean road and Elmcroft Avenue.</p> |
| 3. | COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK | <p>Councillors informed the meeting on the issues they had been dealing with in the ward for the past few months. Some of the matters included: setting up surgeries, setting ward community meeting dates, case work, working with Thurnby Lodge School to clean up the area and a walk about which took place with the City Mayor concerning the state of pavements.</p> <p>Issues of concern:</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speed of traffic on Thurncourt Road was still an issue. • Many paving/ pavement issues, one of which was unstable slabs on the pathways at the side of Thurncourt Road shops – Councillor Aldred reported that Highways confirmed this work would soon be carried out. • The ward Councillors informed attendees of meetings that were held with Highways managers to address several concerns. It was requested for the CEO to invite Highways to feedback at the next Thurncourt meeting. • Members informed the meeting that they were contactable by email, telephone or surgeries. |
| 4. | LAT PROJECT FEEDBACK | <p>Rob Hunter, Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) representative gave an insight of the programme.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAT was a consortium of 15+ voluntary organisations and funded by the Big Lottery Funding. • Over 900 50+ year olds were in isolation to some degree in the Thurncourt ward. • Thurncourt was one of the four wards in Leicester that the LAT programme would be focussed. • Over the next few months the LAT programme would be aiming to identify as to where the older people were in the ward, what they would like to do and how the programme could support the older people to become less isolated. • Thursday 1st October 2015, would be the 'Annual Big Event' celebrating the launch of Leicester Ageing Together at Leicestershire County Cricket Club. |
| 5. | LOCAL POLICING UPDATE | <p>PC Ben Orton from the Local Policing Unit attended the meeting and gave an update regarding Police activities in the ward.</p> <p>A consultation of residents was carried out, which identified three priorities;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackle anti-social behaviour – sanctions were implemented against the offenders. 2. Loose horses on land which were escaping onto the A47 – the land owners were identified and action taken. Since then the horses had been removed from the land. 3. Motorists parked on street junctions of |

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| | | <p>Roborough Green and Dudley Avenue. A new zebra crossing was installed on Dakyn Road (in conjunction with Highways). Attendees at the meeting requested for residents to be posted information regarding parking restrictions on Dudley Avenue.</p> <p>It was reported that there had been an increase of suspicious vehicles parking and approaching young people. The Police were currently looking into the attempt abduction of a young child and requested people call 101 or 999 with any information or to report crime.</p> <p>A resident requested whether the joint action group still met. PC Orton would obtain details on this.</p> |
| 6. | CITY WARDEN UPDATE | <p>Nicole Powell, City Warden had sent her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. The Chair read a brief summary from the update provided by the City Warden and informed the meeting of contact details for the City Warden.</p> <p>A resident reported the issue of vehicles being sold at the junction of The Parkway and Colchester Road. This concern would be reported back to the City Warden for investigation.</p> |
| 7. | HOUSING ISSUES UPDATE | <p>Andy East, Housing Officer sent a housing update which can be seen attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had concerns that the piece of land outside disused Doctors surgery on Stornaway Road (at the side of the shops) had been previously cleared several times by the Housing team. It was reported that the land was again, now in a bad state. The Community Engagement Officer (CEO) would forward this information to Housing Officers. • It was noted that Ela Krychowska-Hall was the new Area Housing Manager for the Thurncourt ward, she had replaced Chrissie Field. |
| 8. | WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET | <p>Anita Clarke, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) provided an update on the Community Meeting Budget.</p> <p><u>The following applications were discussed at the meeting:</u></p> <p>1435 - The 55th FECR – Requested £500 for the re-wiring and installation of low energy lighting in the</p> |

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| | | <p>lower part of the building - grant of £400 approved.</p> <p>1436 - Tuesday Bingo Club – Requested £600 to support a community bus day trip to a seaside resort or an area of interest that will be beneficial to all of the community who reside in the Thurncourt Ward - grant of £400 approved.</p> <p>1437 - Thurnby Lodge Primary School – Request of £1,500 funding to hold a summer play scheme held at Thurnby Lodge Primary School for two weeks - grant of £750 approved.</p> <p>1438 - Thurnby Rangers Football Club – Requested £1,000 funds to replace a sit on mower - grant of £750 approved.</p> <p>1439 - Friday Bingo Club – Requested £300 funding towards bingo tickets and raffle prizes - grant of £300 approved.</p> <p>1440 - Creations Builders - Proposal for £500 funding to help with the running costs of the team for the 2015/2016 season - grant of £500 approved.</p> <p>5089 -The Dream Academy of Dancing – Requested £500 to take local (many from low income families) children from our dance classes to London to have the opportunity to perform on a west end stage on 20/12/2015 - grant of £500 approved.</p> <p>1441 - Thurnby Lodge Community Forum – Requested £3,000 in support of the Thurnby Lodge Fun Day to take place on Saturday 27th June 2015 - grant of £3,000 approved.</p> <p>1428 - Clan Lodge Pipe Band – Requested £1,000 funding for kit and equipment - grant of £900 approved.</p> <p>1459 - Card Craft Group – Requested £260 funding towards cost of materials for the Card Craft Group - grant of £250 approved.</p> <p>1461 - Thurnby Rangers – Requested £500 funding towards running cost of Football Club - grant of £250 approved.</p> <p>1503 - Creations Builders – Requested £500 to purchase of Equipment for Football Team -</p> |
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| | | <p>Application not supported.</p> <p>1507 - Kick Start Soccer Academy – Requested £750 with plans to hold a Halloween event on Saturday 31st October for 250+ members of their academy. Children aged 4-11 years will be invited to Willowbrook Activity Centre (Boyzee) - grant of £400 approved.</p> <p>1508 - Tuesday Lunch Club – Requested £500 funding to continue providing healthy lunches every Tuesday for 35-50 local people. The funding will help buy essential equipment - grant of £400 approved.</p> <p>1510 - Thurnby Lodge & District Community Association – Requested £3,000 to support the ‘Christmas on Ice’ event, planned to take place on Saturday 12th December 2015 on Willowbrook Park - grant of £3,000 approved.</p> <p>It was noted that where possible the Councillors would prefer to fund ward based events.</p> |
| 9. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS (TO BE DECLARED PRIOR TO START OF MEETING) | <p>Anita Clarke, Community Engagement Officer (CEO) informed the meeting of her hopes to bring back the community cinema to the Thurncourt ward.</p> <p>Members informed the meeting of their aims to provide the ward with a defibrillator as it was said to be lifesaving equipment which could be a benefit to residents. Councillor Khote present as a resident of Thurncourt (Member of North Evington Ward) suggested looking into the Health & Wellbeing budget. Councillors said that more information would be provided on this topic in due course.</p> |
| 10. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | The next Thurncourt Ward Community Meeting will be held on Monday 30 th November 2015 at Ocean Road Community Centre. |
| 11. | CLOSE OF MEETING | The meeting closed at 7.12pm |

Minute Item 7

2015-09-28 Thurncourt Ward Meeting - Housing Update

2015-16 Projects:

Environmental & Communal Sums Budget:

- 1) Fitting 10 metal gates to the rear of the Thurncourt Road shop units
w/c 2 Nov 2015
- 2) Bulb Planting – Corner of St Austell Road/Bowhill Grove

Growth Bid

- 1) PIR lighting scheme - Croyland Green & Stornaway Road bungalows
Completed
- 2) Internal block painting – Willowbrook View stairwells & 12-15 Thurncourt Gardens
- 3) Renovation of St Austell Road flats sheds
w/c Nov 2015

Grounds Maintenance

Thurncourt Gardens remove shrubs & turfing – area cleared of weeds and rubble in 2014

w/c Nov 2015

2016-17 Projects:

Environmental & Communal Sums Budget

- 1) Parking schemes, £50k:
 - a. Bowhill Grove (lower, between Croyland Green and Eddystone Road
 - b. Roborough Green/Colthurst WayAgreed with Councillors, awaiting detailed plans from Highways

- 2) Phase 2 Bungalow PIR lighting:
 - a. Ocean Road
 - b. Homestone Gardens

- 3) 1-8, 15-22 Rona Gardens – fencing and gates

- 4) Bulb Planting – Bowhill Grove