

Fosse Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 7 May 2008

Held at:

Who was there:

Councillor Manish Sood

Councillor Rob Wann

INFORMATION SHARING – INFORMATION FAIR

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and the local Police and to bring enquiries and raise and issues.

Table 1 Waste Management (Leicester City Council)

Responsible for recycling and for the removal of household waste.

Table 2 Emergency Planning

Responsible for the effective co-ordination and management of civil emergencies.

Table 3 Leicestershire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre

Responsible for the promotion of energy efficiency across Leicester and Leicestershire.

Table 4 Ward Councillors/General Enquiries

Stand details

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Manish Sood welcomed everyone to the first Fosse Community meeting and introductions were given.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Manish Sood was elected as Chair for the meeting

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

5. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Councillor Manish Sood gave a presentation on the new Community Meetings and explained how the new system would work. The key features of the new Community Meetings were as follows:

- The meetings provided an opportunity for local people to get more involved in what was happening in their local area.
- Community partners and key agencies such as the Primary Care Trust and the Police would be invited to participate along officers from various departments, staff from agencies, projects that had a local base and most importantly people who lived and worked in the Fosse Ward.
- Members of the Public would be encouraged highlight successes and what was not working well, they would also be encouraged to have their say on their local area such as the needs of the area and how working together could achieve those needs.
- There would be a minimum of four meetings per year; possibly more if residents wished.
- The first part of the meeting would consist of information stalls, which would be varied over time. Community groups were welcome to hold an information stall at the meetings and were invited to contact Councillors or the Officers who worked on the meetings.
- The second part of the meeting would be more formal and discuss issues that needed formal decisions such as budget proposals
- The meeting's initial task was to identify and prioritise residents' issues or concerns within their ward.
- The aim was to use these ideas to develop and design a Draft Action Plan that will then be formulated into the Ward Action Plan.

Adrian Russell, Service Director Environmental Services, reported that the meeting process was to involve the residents in the decision-making process. He encouraged them to report the areas and issues that they thought were important.

6. WARD PRIORITIES

At this point of the meeting the public were invited to split into groups to identify ward priorities for inclusion in the Draft Area Plan. The initial findings of the session were to be reported back towards the end of the meeting.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

