

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 4 June 2008

Held at: Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church, 147 Narborough Road, Leicester.

Who was there:

Councillor Andy Connelly
Councillor Sarah Russell

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘CAROUSEL’ SESSION

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.

<u>Table 1</u>	Ward Councillors
<u>Table 2</u>	Waste Management (Leicester City Council) Responsible for recycling and of the removal of household waste
<u>Table 3</u>	Emergency Management Responsible for the effective co-ordination and management of civil emergencies
<u>Table 4</u>	Redevelopment of Upperton Road
<u>Table 5</u>	The Leicester Riverside Festival (plus events on Bede Park)
<u>Table 6</u>	Stand title 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. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Connelly was elected as Chair of the Community Meeting.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Connelly welcomed those present to the first meeting of the Westcotes Community Meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applied to them.

No declarations were made at this time.

5. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Councillor Russell gave a brief presentation on the new Community Meetings: -

- £10,000 budget to be available in 2008/09, £15,000 in subsequent years
- To consult on City Council's Local Environmental Works Budget
- Community Meeting to meet every 3 months. Consideration will be given to meeting informally in different locations across the area in between the Community Meetings
- Will be asking public to list 5 local issues of concern that could be solved, to form basis of a Draft Action Plan
- Next meeting will receive Draft Action Plan that will then be formulated into the agreed Action Plan
- Third meeting will prioritise items in the agreed Action Plan

Councillor Connelly stated that the City Council had agreed to implement a pilot City Wardens scheme with the first Wardens starting in September 2008. The Westcotes Warden would be attending the Community meeting on a regular basis. The duties of Community Wardens would deal with issues such as: -

Abandoned Cars	Unsightly premises
Fly-tipping	Stray Dogs
Graffiti removal	Noise Pollution
Rubbish removal	Potholes.

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 following main issues were highlighted: -

- Cleaner pavements
- Litter problems
- Car Parking
- Bins on pavements
- Reduce Graffiti
- Noise pollution/restriction on bar hours/licences
- Police patrols/Security/Drug prevention
- Upkeep of rental properties
- More CCTV, especially Narborough Road
- More trees, especially Bede Park
- More bins/more recycling sites
- Recycling bins emptied more frequently
- Anti-social behaviour reduction in Narborough Road area
- Upkeep of Fame Fashion warehouse
- Uneven pavements (between Fosse Road and Narborough Road)
- Health and Safety/hygiene
- Community/arts/fun events

The following issues were also raised: -

- Traffic flow on Narborough Road
- Demolish Bowstring Bridge
- Leadership
- Greater presence of parking wardens
- Energy efficiency
- Extension of road cycling routes
- Access to a swimming pool
- Signage, attractive and more positive
- Speeding
- Address road safety on Narborough Road/Upperton Road

It was stated that the concerns raised would be incorporated into a draft local Action Plan that, it was anticipated, would be sent out for consultation prior to being presented at the next Community Meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Any Other Urgent Business.

8. FUTURE MEETING

It was reported that the next two meetings of the Community Meeting would be held on Thursday 4th September and Thursday 11th December 2008.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

