

EYRES MONSELL COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Held at: Pork Pie Library & Community Centre, Southfields Drive, Leicester,
LE2 6QS

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Pickering (Chair)
Councillor Pantling

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Kevin Doyle, Head of Service for Housing.
2.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The action log of the meeting held 27 September 2022 was noted as a correct record.
3.	WARD COUNCILLOR'S FEEDBACK AND UPDATES	<p>Ward Councillors provided an update into their ongoing work in the ward, it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors had been busy dealing with Housing cases. In particular there were a lot of Section 21 cases, with private tenants facing the threat of eviction. In these cases many families were being put into temporary accommodation.• The amount of time council properties were spending void was high because of maintenance works. There were delays with materials and staff shortages.• A local newsletter was in development, the different methods for delivering the newsletter were being considered.• Eyres Monsell Primary School was facing difficulties, however a new Headteacher had recently been appointed.
4.	SOUTHFIELD NEWRY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	<p>Lauren Tyrell, Head of Development Projects for Planning, was present to give an update on the ongoing housing development at the Southfield Newry site. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2 sites had previously been vacant and derelict.• £600k funding had been secured for the development.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both buildings had now been demolished. • Abandoned air raid shelters had been discovered at the site, a photographic survey had been undertaken to preserve the current structure. • The site would deliver 53 new Council homes, the design for the site was intended to support a community. • An area for green space had been identified. • Letters of consultation had been delivered to the local area. • The footpath between Southfields Drive and The Newry would be removed. However, a section would be incorporated into the highway. • The vast majority of the houses in the area surrounding the site were Council Houses. • A STEM careers event had been held locally to advertise the scheme and other roles available. • At the local school Year 7 Geography students would be following the development. • A vehicle route through the site was not planned, there would be a one-way loop road. • On street parking would be available alongside driveways. • All buildings would meet accessibility standards and were sustained for the highest possible sustainability. • There would be consultation to manage noise and dust from the development. <p>In response to a question from a member of the public, it was noted that who lived in the new houses would be determined by Planning and that the goal was to create a community. The long-standing community in Eyres Monsell was noted and there was a desire to continue this with the new development.</p> <p>In response to a question from a member of the public it was noted that it was not possible to keep the current Coat of Arms on the site. Options for a replica were being considered.</p>
5.	LOCAL PLAN UPDATE	The Chair noted that she had received a written update regarding the Local Plan. The written update noted that the latest round of consultation on the Drat Local Plan had concluded and feedback was being

		considered. A Statement of Common Ground had been agreed with the County Districts to meet the unmet need for new housing in the city.
6.	HOUSING REPAIR REPORTING SYSTEM	It was noted that Kevin Doyle was not present to provide this update so it would be taken at the next meeting.
7.	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS	<p>Daljit Ghai of the local charity Hope for Hunger gave a presentation about the charity. It was noted that the charity delivered home made meals to those who needed it. In order to avoid exploitation of the system, anyone needing to use the service would need to be referred by a relevant organisation. There was a limit of 3 meals per person per week. Funding had also been received from Western Power to provide 'warm banks' which included radiators, heavy curtains, and blankets.</p> <p>There was discussion in which it was agreed that Ward Councillors would be able to refer residents onto the service.</p> <p>It was noted that Public Health were putting together a support group locally for those struggling with the cost-of-living.</p> <p>The dates for community events over the Christmas period were noted. There would be a lights switch-on at the Eyres Monsell Community Centre on 2 December and a Winter Wonderland there as well. A Christmas Fayre would also be at the Community Centre on 10 December and feature a Santa's Grotto.</p> <p>It was noted that a community kitchen was being trailed at the Eyres Monsell Community Centre.</p> <p>It was noted that the Pork Pie Library and Eyres Monsell Community Centre would be used as 'warm banks' over the winter period on certain days of the week. This would also include free food on the 'warm bank' days.</p> <p>It was noted that information on different upcoming community events was available to find at the community centres.</p>
8.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Sgt Michael Rowell was present to give an update on policing issues in the ward. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the unrest in the east of the city in September, police resources had been

		<p>focused more so on that area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, all crime was down in the ward. There had been an increase in thefts with the shorter days. • There had been a serious incident on Bayberry Gardens, this was thought to be an isolated incident and a person had been arrested. • There was a case of a man living in a tent on Exchange Play Park. Police asked that any incidents involving this man be reported to them. • An operation to tackle nuisance bikes had come to an end in the summer, however issues were ongoing. Enforcement was difficult due to CCTV cameras not working. More camera coverage in the area was required. <p>Sgt Rowell encouraged all residents to continue reporting local issues to the police so they would have as much intelligence as possible.</p>
9.	CITY WARDEN SUMMARY	<p>Noel Cazly, City Warden, was present to give an update on City Warden issues in the ward. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no ongoing issues other than the standard City Warden issues. • There were issues with dog fouling around the library. There would be plain clothes officers to tackle this issue with targeted enforcement around Christmas time. • A new patrolling officer was in place, focusing mainly on highway work. • Lots of evidence was obtained through the Love Leicester app and reporting to libraries was still an option. • Emails from Ward Councillors could be used as evidence for targeted enforcement. • Most issues with fly tipping in the ward were passed to Housing as they were related to Council properties. • There were educational leaflets available, but they were limited so how they would be targeted would need to be decided.
10.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET SUMMARY	<p>A summary of the ward community budget for 2022/23 was provided.</p>

		<p>The total number of applications received to date was 16. The ward funding for 2022/23 had been entirely spent.</p>
11.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<p>It was noted that St Hugh Parish Church was offering free brunch on 10 December.</p> <p>It was noted that LCFC in the Community had distributed leaflets regarding men's health. Talks were ongoing to hold an event at the Community Centre.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.47am.</p>