

Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

5:00 pm, Wednesday, 14 December 2011

Held at: Fullhurst Community College, entrance via Imperial Avenue

Who was there:

Councillor Michael Cooke

Councillor Anne Glover

Councillor Wayne Naylor



INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ 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 service representatives.

Police Issues Representatives from the Local Policing Unit were present.	Neighbourhood Housing Office Representatives from the local Neighbourhood Housing Office were present.
Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	

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.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 16 August 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

33. WOTBOX PROJECT

This item was not discussed as the person presenting did not attend the meeting.

34. UPDATE ON THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL SITE

Paul Hackwell, BSF Programme Manager and Lorna Simpson Senior Development Officer provided an update on the ex-Riverside School site.

Paul explained that a consultation had taken place on the potential design of the new school to be re-located to the site and this had finished yesterday. In general, the consultation had asked if people had understood and had agreed to the move. It was noted that all respondents had been in support. A number of questionnaires and posters had been distributed and an article had been published in the Leicester Mercury. It was also noted that a questionnaire had been placed on the BSF website.

The Community Meeting was informed that 28 responses had been received and a report was being produced, which would be made publicly available on the BSF website in addition to the copies that would be sent out to those respondents who had requested feedback. It was explained that some of the ideas that had arisen out of the consultation included a community café facility and a youth club.

Discussion took place around the constraints of the BSF programme and in particular, cost considerations. The Community Meeting was informed that there was a need to develop designs based on the school's education priorities and vision for the future. It was stated that there would be open events held to explain the developments as things moved further into the process.

A resident stated that a key issue was the access to the playing fields from the Great Central Way. Paul explained this had been received as a specific response during the consultation and would be considered.

A query was raised with regard to who would make the final decision for the site. Paul stated that the programme and project team for the site would make the decision with the final approval coming from the City Mayor and Cabinet.

Discussion took place about the move of Ellesmere School. It was acknowledged that engagement was important along with the safety of the students.

35. PERFORMANCE BY ER CREW

At this point in the meeting, there was a dance performance by the ER Crew.

36. BUDGET

The Chair presented the Community Meeting budget.

The following applications were submitted for consideration.

- **Community Dance Sport and Fitness Project, Essential Rejuvenation Dance Sport and Fitness - £1,352**

It was explained that the application was to help fund the project which was designed to promote and encourage community cohesion amongst Leicester's young people and bring Leicester's young people from diverse communities together to participate in organised dance and drama session.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £1,352 be allocated subject to final approval from the relevant Cabinet Lead.

- **Crèche Refurbishment / New Toys, Angels and Monsters - £1,998.44**

It was explained that the application was for funding to improve and decorate rooms in the crèche along with providing new toys and equipment.

Members decided to fund the cost for new toys and recommended that other options for funding be explored with regards to the other aspects of the application.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £400.84 be allocated subject to final approval from the relevant Cabinet Lead.

- **Annual Photographic Exhibition 2012, Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society- £500**

It was explained that the application was to help support the Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society Exhibition 2012 held at the Brite Centre between 25 May to 27 May.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £500 be allocated subject to final approval from the relevant Cabinet Lead.

- **The Phoenix Club, Ann Regan - £500**

It was explained that the application was to help fund a series of away days for groups of up to 15 elderly residents in the Braunstone area

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £500 be allocated subject to final approval from the relevant Cabinet Lead.

- **Braunstone Golden Gloves Boxing Club, Clare Lynch - £2,000**

It was explained that the application was to help support the Braunstone Boxing Club so that it could remain open in 2012 and keep going.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported and £2,000 be allocated subject to final approval from the relevant Cabinet Lead.

37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents raised concern at the threat to Community Centre as a result of the budget cuts by the City Council. The Members explained that nothing had currently been agreed however it was possible that more voluntary involvement to run centres would be sought. It was stated that it was down to each community to decide whether they wanted to run centres or not.

Councillor Naylor informed the Community Meeting that he had started a virtual surgery on Facebook.

38. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:35pm.

