

Charnwood Community Action Log As at 13 March 2013

Meeting held 13 March 2013 from 6.00pm to 7.25pm

Cllrs attending – Cllr Newcombe and Councillor Osman

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30/12	Introductions and Apologies	<p>Councillor Newcombe announced he would be Chair for the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Jos Johnson, Spence Street Sports Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Newcombe declared an Other Declarable Interest in item 44/12 as he was a member of the Council's Allotment Committee. However, this was not considered to be so significant that it would prejudice Cllr Newcombe's judgement of the public interest.</p>	None				N/A
31/12	Action Log 11 December 2012	Approved as correct record.	None				N/A
32/12	Help How Do I Pay My Council Tax	<p>Suzanne Collins (Property Lettings Manager) and Mike Watson (Income Collection Manager), Housing Services, gave a presentation on the many ways that could be used to pay Council Tax and Housing Rent payments. The presentation also outlined the initiatives that had been introduced to help those worst affected by the changes to the welfare benefits system, particularly those that would be paying Council Tax for the first time. Details of a Credit Union Budget Account (CUBA) scheme was also outlined and the Council had agreed to pay the joining fee for Council tenants affected by the welfare reform changes. Leaflets and information were also distributed to public.</p>					Closed

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		<p>Further information can be obtained on the Council's web-sites at the following links:</p> <p>http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/housing-and-council-tax-benefits/big-benefit-changes/</p> <p>http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/council-tax/how-to-pay-your-council-tax/</p> <p>Or by ringing 0116 252 7006</p> <p>Both officers were thanked for the informative presentation.</p> <p>Teresa Delaney offered the use of the local library to display information on the CUBA scheme.</p>					
33/12	Neighbourhood Housing Update	<p>Andy East reported upon the schemes being carried out under the Environmental and Communal Improvements Budget in the Ward identified at the last meeting. Photographs of the work carried out on the Charnwood estate security gates, the outdoor mutli-gym, and the raised allotment beds at Humberstone Allotments schemes were circulated to the meeting.</p> <p>15 new security gates had now been fitted to the Charnwood estate and a further 20 were planned for 2013/14. Incidents of ASB on the Morton estate should be reported to the Police as this would support initiatives to fit further security gates.</p>					
34/12	Neighbourhood Policing Update	<p>Sgt Thompson reported that crime had fallen over the previous year. There were 125 crimes now compared to 184 crimes for the same period last year. Burglaries were now 17 compared to 24 for the previous year.</p> <p>There had been a restructuring of the Neighbourhood</p>					

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		<p>Police teams and there would be more officers on the beat in the Ward. PC Karen Welford and PC Ash Lorgat had been appointed as the two Beacon Officers. There were also two new PCSOs.</p> <p>Sgt Thompson reminded residents to keep security gates locked at night following incidents of youths sitting on stairs when these had been left open. The Police were liaising with the local housing office to have duplicate keys to the security gates.</p> <p>Cllr Osman referred to the extension of the Designated Public Places Order around Sparrow Park and asked for additional patrols to enforce this. Sgt Thompson reported that she would pass this on to the Spinney Hill LPU as they patrolled that area of the Park.</p> <p>The Local Beat Surgery would be held at Shenton Primary on 19 March at 3.30pm.</p> <p>Incidents of possible drug dealing in the ward were reported by a member of the public. Sgt Thompson requested the public to keep reporting such incidents to the Police to build up intelligence information. Car registration numbers should also be reported where possible.</p>					
35/12	City Warden Service	<p>Chirag Ruda, City Warden reported upon the following initiatives had taken place recently:-</p> <p>The first prosecution in the City against a person selling cars in the streets in the Ward had been successful. This was now being monitored.</p> <p>Incidents of fly-tipping and abandoned shopping trolleys had reduced.</p> <p>Victoria Road East would be targeted for bins being left on the street.</p>					

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		<p>Early morning and late night patrols had been started in Craven Park to address dog fouling issues. The fixed penalty fine for offenders was £80. Cllr Newcombe welcomed the patrols in order to improve the area for everyone to use.</p> <p>Chirag agreed to investigate a complaint of dog fouling opposite the Northfields Children's Centre.</p>					
36/12	Budget – CASP – Food Share – Northfields Food Share Scheme (1856) £250 requested	Noted that £250 had been approved by both Ward Councillor under the fast-track approval scheme.	£250 to be paid to Northfields Food Share Scheme	Within standard timescale			
37/12	Budget – Max Fisque - Healthy Living Room (1853) £2,700 requested	Application refused as the applicant was not present to provide the additional information on the application as previously requested.	Applicant to be informed.	Within standard timescale			Item Closed
38/12	Budget – Spence Street Sports Centre – Connecting Our Community Together (1857) £300 requested	£300 approved, and the Sports Centre requested to submit photographs of the event to a future meeting.	£300 to be paid to Leicester City Council Sports Service (Spence Street Sports Centre)	Within standard timescale			
39/12	Budget – Leicester Play Fair – Lame Duck Summer PLG Activity Camp (1858) £1,150 requested	£1,150 approved	£1,150 to be paid to Leicester Play Fair	Within standard timescale			
40/12	Budget – The Spark Arts For Children – Shiny	£150 approved	£150 to be paid to The Spark Arts For Children	Within standard timescale			

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	(1859) £150 requested						
41/12	Budget – Sahara Centre – Health Awareness Day for women (1860) £307.50 requested	£307.50 approved	£307.50 to be paid to Sahara Centre	Within standard timescale			
42/12	Budget – Leicester Goan Association – Hire of venues, senior citizens social events (1861) £980 requested	£980 approved	£980 to be paid to Leicester Goan Association	Within standard timescale			
43/12	Budget – Mehmman Lunch Club – social and mental health wellbeing (1862) £1,500 requested	£1,500 approved	£1,500 to be paid to Mehmman Lunch Club	Within standard timescale			
44/12	Budget – West Humberstone Allotment Society – Uppingham Road and Carpe Road Equipment (1863) £1,286 requested	£1,286 approved.	£1,286 to be paid to West Humberstone Allotment Society	Within standard timescale			
45/12	Budget – Marketing and Publicity for Ward Meetings £2,500 requested by Councillors	£2,500 approved for marketing and publicity for ward Meetings for 2013/14. Cllr Osman asked community groups and the public to supply contact details and events for inclusion in ward publicity material.	£2,500 to be committed to marketing and publicity for Ward meetings and promotion of the community	Within standard timescale Community Groups and public to			

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			budget for 2013/14	submit information.			
46/12	AOUB – Northfields Community Centre	<p>Martin Forbes, gave a short presentation to promote a Family Fun Day at the Community Centre on 2 April to raise funds for the Northfields Youth Club. The event was also being organised to promote the opening of the new fitness track at Craven Park. Martin also asked for ideas from the public for activities that could be provided as he was keen to have greater community participation.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services, be invited to the next meeting to discuss how the access to ,and use of, the Community Centre can be increased.</p>	Steve Goddard to attend next meeting to discuss increasing the use of the Centre.	TBC			