

## CHARNWOOD WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2014

Northfield Neighbourhood Centre, Brighton Road, Leicester, LE5 0HD

<b>NO</b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<p>Cllr Newcombe – Chair welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies received from John Dowson, Chirag Rhuda and Hilary Sanders.</p> <p>Officers unable to attend a meeting should send a representative to present the item and answer questions from members of the public.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>
<b>30.</b>	<b>ACTION LOG</b>	Agreed and Noted
<b>31.</b>	<b>COLLECTIVE SWITCHING</b>	<p>Presentation by Hemali Thakar, Home Energy Office, Leicester City Council on Collective Switching Scheme designed to help people save money on their gas and electricity bills noted. Contact: 0116 2211179 or e-mail <a href="mailto:hemali.thakar@leicester.gov.uk">hemali.thakar@leicester.gov.uk</a> for further details</p>
<b>32.</b>	<b>FOOD AND DRINK BUSINESS INVESTMENT AREA - UPDATE</b>	<p>Hilary Sanders had now left the Council and the Council's Head of Economic Regeneration had taken the lead on the initiative. Work was scheduled to start in February and be completed by November. The Head of Economic Regeneration be invited to the next meeting to give an update on the proposal and the employment opportunities for local people.</p>
<b>33.</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT LOCAL WORKS PROGRAMME UPDATE</b>	<p>In the absence of John Dowson (Team Leader, Sustainable Transport) it was noted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The temporary 'activated' speed signs on Victoria Road East had now been given approval for the procurement and installation of permanent signs.</li><li>b) The Cottesmore Road area would be resurfaced to repair pot-hole damage.</li><li>c) Traffic improvements would be made to Green</li></ul>

		<p>Lane Road and Mere Road.</p> <p>d) The Bus Shelter on Uppingham Road was to be relocated.</p> <p>e) The Bus Company would ensure that people could get on and off the bus safely at the shelter on Victoria Road East.</p> <p>Councillors would write to Arriva to outline the public's concerns about routes poor running of services 58 and 58A and to ask why there was no school bus service from the ward to Hamilton Community College.</p> <p>Councillors requested that they wanted to receive timescales of when the action on the bus shelters would be completed and that progress should be made before the next meeting, particularly as they had met with John Dowson after the last meeting to consider these issues.</p>
34.	<p><b>BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE - UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Boyd Pick and Karen Mills (Property Services) attended the meeting to provide an update on BSF. There were no future BSF projects planned for the ward. The work at Hamilton Community College was nearing completion and there were no plans to increase the capacity at Netherhall School.</p> <p>Councillors requested that an update on the action taken since the Ofsted inspection at Netherhall School and how the new arrangements were working since the interim Headteacher appointment. A full update on how all the schools in the ward were performing was also required.</p> <p><u>Falcon Primary School</u></p> <p>Mr S Snelson, Principal of Falcon Primary School attended the meeting to give a short presentation on establishing the school under the Academies Act 2010. The school was due to open in September 2014 in George Hine House on Gypsy Lane. A consultation document was circulated and views were requested. These could be made through the schools web site at <a href="mailto:info@falconsprimary.org">info@falconsprimary.org</a>. The school would give priority admission to looked after children or children with exceptional medical, social or welfare needs. 50% of the remaining places would be for children of the Sikh faith and the remaining 50% to children of other or no faith.</p> <p>Members asked whether any Section 106 funding</p>

		could be made available for the Play Barn.
<b>35.</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE</b>	<p>Chrissie Field, Area Team Manager, introduced Tracey McAlister as the new Housing Team Leader covering the ward. Team Leaders had to be rotated every three years and although Andy East was no longer covering the ward he still remained with the Area Team. Andy was unable to attend the meeting as he had recently suffered a broken shoulder.</p> <p>The public noted the following progress on matters discussed at a previous meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deep clean programme was on hold as the Assistant City Mayor Housing was considering re-introducing a painting programme.</li> <li>• The lights in Victoria Road East had been referred to highways.</li> </ul> <p>Update from Tracy McAlister (Housing Team Leader) on local housing issues involving security fencing and Merrydale Court and Charnwood, improved parking bays at Bramwell, Hastings and Brooklyn, door entry schemes on the Morton estate noted.</p> <p>Residents noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term programme underway to assist tenants to improve appearance of front gardens especially in Northfields.</li> <li>• A bulb planting programme planned for 2015/15 to help improve the environment.</li> <li>• Officers looking to reduce the 'void period' of properties between tenancies.</li> </ul> <p>Public requested to inform Police if parking on the pavement was causing obstruction to prevent pedestrians passing by.</p> <p>Tracy to present statistics on 'void periods' at the next meeting to see if they are reducing.</p> <p>Chrissie Field to look into the circumstances of a property that had been empty for a long time to see if it could be brought back into use.</p>
<b>36.</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE</b>	<p>Update on local policing issues and report crime statistics noted.</p> <p>Public noted that:-</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Section 30 Order for Vulcan Road would expire later in the month but ASB incidents were reduced. Public to let Police know if ASB incidents occur again.</li> <li>• Woodgreen Walk – CCTV had been installed and regular police patrols taking place. Graffiti cleaned up and programme of installing white lighting should be completed by the end of March.</li> <li>• Spate of damage to cars on Greenwalk – public to report incidents to the Police.</li> <li>• Police have supply of number plate screws to deter thefts of number plates.</li> <li>• Local campaign for school parking would be carried out over the next two months. Police noted the public's comments about need to attend more regularly and move on cars causing parking obstruction.</li> <li>• Local campaign being undertaken to discourage people handling stolen goods. Public asked to assist by reporting information to Crimestoppers.</li> <li>• There had been a reduction in burglaries and the public were encouraged to be vigilant in ensuring windows were locked and lights left on if no one was in the property.</li> <li>• Police to arrange a community safety event on a Saturday at the Community Centre in conjunction with Community Services to be included in the next newsletter. Angela Martin to assist in co-ordinating a programme of events for the day.</li> </ul>
37.	<b>CITY WARDEN</b>	<p>Chirag Rhuda was unable to attend the meeting to present an update on neighbourhood issues. A written report on actions taken by the City Warden on dog fouling issues was noted.</p> <p>Councillors requested that a representative of the City Warden staff attend in future if the City Warden was unable to attend. Councillors asked that the information requested at the last meeting on the number of penalty notices issued in the ward be made available at the next meeting.</p>

38.	<b>BUDGET</b>	<p><u>Grants 'Fast Tracked Since Last Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Awareness Day (1890) – Grant of £490 to Daman Community of Leicester</li> </ul> <p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodgreen Action Plan – Alleygates (1891) – Application for £1,500 requested. Grant of £1,500 supported for Community Safety Team.</li> </ul> <p><u>Applications Supported in Principle subject to satisfactory applications being received.</u></p> <p>Fitness Activities – Mothers and Toddlers - £2,000  Woodhill Security Gates - £1,300  Residents and Tenants Association – upgrade facilities - £500  Archery Group Northfields Community Centre - £500  Bowls Club – outing - £600</p>
39.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Presentation from representatives of the Play Barn on its work and its benefit to the local community noted. Ward Councillors asked to support continued funding for the Play Barn as part of the current review of children's play spaces. Ward Councillors invited to attend the visit by councillors as part of the review the following Friday.</p> <p>Noted that an expression of interest had been received in running the Northfields Community Centre.</p> <p>Public requested that a letter be sent to the City Mayor outlining the communities disappointment that the Humberstone Park Bonfire did not happen and requesting that this be funded centrally by the City Council in future.</p>
40.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Residents to note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at a venue to be decided.
41.	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

