

THURNCOURT WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

27 MARCH 2014

ACTION LOG

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
35.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	Councillor Fonseca, in the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions. Apologies were received from Chrissie Field and Andy East.
36.	ACTION LOG – 27 January 2014	Agreed as a true record and noted.
37.	THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER	Sir Clive Loader discussed his role, the police and crime plan and issues important to the area, summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He aimed to cut crime and deliver an efficient police force, holding the chief constable to account for operational delivery, setting and updating a police and crime plan, setting the force budget and precept (Council Tax) and engaging with communities.• The police and crime plan first published in March 2013 had been revised and republished in October 2013. It had four key themes, reduce offending and re-offending, support victims and witnesses, make communities and neighbourhoods safer, protect the vulnerable.• The service needed to save £20 million; it would become smaller and less burdened by bureaucracy.• There would be greater use of technology; Body worn cameras were already used and tablets/ i-Pads could be used on the street to reduce the amount of paperwork.• Investments would be made in smaller modern police units, more special constables, more PCSO's and using volunteers. The Chair thanked Sir Clive Loader for attending the meeting and responding to questions from those present and invited him to a future meeting to feedback on strategy and the restructuring of the police force.
38.	POLICE ISSUES	Inspector Ben Gillard gave an update on operational

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	UPDATE	<p>matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurncourt had a firm commitment on policing, neighbourhood officers would remain in place. • Under re-structuring local officers would spend more time on streets. • In any situation where police need to be contacted public should call 101 or for emergencies 999. • Concerns of residents were recognised especially since the recent mugging and resources would be targeted where risks were highest.
39.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>The City Warden gave an update on progress made in the area since the last meeting and distributed information leaflets to those present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that incidents of dog fouling had risen, complaints received relating to Brook Road and the school routes to Humberstone Schools along Scraftoft Lane and Vicarage lane would be followed up. • A number of unlicensed skips had appeared. All reminded that skips and scaffolding required licences. Follow up and investigation into Skips and Scaffolding issues in the ward would continue. Details of licence requirements could be obtained from the council's website. • A new system for garden waste was being introduced from April. Residents who signed up would be issued a green bin by Biffa. The scheme cost £30.00 a year. Those signed up before 30 April would get a discounted rate of £20.00. The current scheme waste removal scheme for large objects and garden waste would be reviewed. Further information on the scheme could be found on the council's website www.leicester.gov.uk • If residents had any issues they could contact the City Warden whose details were on the leaflets distributed.
40.	HIGHWAYS ISSUES	Mike Pears from the Highways team at the council

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		<p>gave an update on issues in the area.</p> <p>All to note the issues raised at the last meeting had been addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New LED light upgrades had been installed in the area. • Bollards installed on Colchester Road. • Gulleys and drains replaced outside the Parkway. • Two bus stops on Colchester Road – relocation still being assessed. • Thurnby Lodge School pedestrian crossing on Dakin Road/Dudley Avenue requested, this was one of ten sites requested and surveys had to be done. It was hoped the outcome would be known by the end of March and if site deemed suitable it would probably be a zebra crossing. • Some pothole issues had been dealt with. Residents to let Highways team know of other pothole, road surfacing issues in the area. • It was reported that pavement parking was a big issue for many areas. A review was being held for the city in terms of problematic areas. Residents were asked to provide details of the areas they were concerned about to be referred to the parking review. • 20 mile per hour zone: Mike reported that he was not sure when that would take effect, he would check and report back to the next meeting. • Areas of concern (as regards Pavement Parking) raised in the meeting were noted:- Nursery Road, Colchester Road, Colthurst Road, Dudley Avenue, Scraftoft Lane, Wakeley Road, outside Thurnby Lodge primary school.
41.	HOUSING ISSUES UPDATE	<p>Chrissie Field, Area Manager (Housing) submitted apologies and provided written reports on housing matters in the Ward which were distributed to all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents were concerned that some of the proposed improvements to Thurncourt Shopping parade would not benefit the area

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		<p>and the removal of the fence/shrubs/dwarf wall and triangle concrete area would encourage youths to gather there. Chrissie Field to provide full update on the Thurncourt shopping parade refurbishment at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The noticeboard outside the funeral parlour would be moved during the refurbishment – Andy East to report back at the next meeting on progress. <p>Contents of the housing reports noted.</p>
42.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Carine Cardoza provided an update on the community budget.</p> <p>Since the publication of the agenda six bids had been received and the total value of the bids received was in excess of the funds available from the 2013/14 ward budget.</p> <p>It was proposed to take the bids in date order and once the balance was spent remaining bids would be deferred to the next financial year and considered at the next meeting. The meeting was in agreement with this course of action.</p> <p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Trip – Chit Chat Group (3202) – A bid was received seeking £500. Deferred to the next financial year. • Bus Trip – Seabrook group (3203) – A bid was received seeking £500. Grant of £500 supported. • Storage – Thurnby Lodge Community Association (3204) - A bid was received for £2000. Deferred to the next financial year. • Staffing costs for Willowbrook Activity Centre – Mr G Cornish, Willowbrook (3205) – A bid was received for £4000. Deferred to the next financial year. • Indoor Sports Equipment – Imran Patel, The Peace Centre (3206) – A bid was received for £350. Grant of £350 supported. • Coach Hire for Day Trip – Eunice Palmer, Silverthreads Group (3207) – A bid was received for £400. Grant of £400 supported.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Hire x3 & lunch for Memorial Day Trip – Thurnby Lodge Community Association (3208) – A bid was received for £1500. Deferred to the next financial year. <p>An additional request for funding was received from Park Services towards the planting of poppies to commemorate the 1st World War – the bid was not specified. Further details to be obtained.</p>
43.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	A resident informed those present of the consultation on the future of the Leicester City Council owned golf courses and that there was an e-petition on the council website opposing any closures. The consultation would close on 18 th April 2014.
44.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The date, time and venue of the next meeting to be confirmed in the new municipal year.
The meeting closed at 8.35 pm		

