

STONEYGATE COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2014

Muslim Khatri Association, Dashwood Road, Leicester, LE2 1PH

Members in attendance at the meeting: Councillor Chaplin and Councillor Desai

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Councillor Chaplin, elected as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillor Kamal, Darren Evans (City Warden), Michael Davies, Cynthia McKay and Helen Everett.</p>
2.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<p>AGREED as correct.</p> <p>The Chair asked that a note of councillors present at the meeting be made to the current and future Action Logs.</p>
3.	UPDATE ON STREET DRINKING/ PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS	<p>The Chair read out a statement from Councillor Russell, Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhood Services. Consultation in the city was re-opened until 5th October 2014, as the Government were bringing in updated legislation on antisocial behaviour, which might have had impact on previous consultation undertaken in relation to anti-social street drinking. The following information was given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The report of the consultation findings would go to the next Neighbourhood Scrutiny Commission Meeting on 13th October 2014 and the final report and recommendation would go to Full Council on November 13th 2014.• Residents could forward any questions they might have to Councillor Desai, a member of the Scrutiny Commission, or to officers at the Council, at least five clear days before the date of the meeting. Residents were informed it was a public meeting if they wished to attend.
4.	CITY WARDEN SERVICE UPDATE	<p>Darren Evans, City Warden, forwarded the following information to the meeting:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flytipping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Devana Road had seen a decrease; ○ Ongoing in Draper Street – a leaflet drop containing information on enforcement action would be circulated; ○ Mere Road – a slight increase; ○ Mill Hill Lane – a new project to be done involving area work on front gardens and flytipping information; ○ Evington pathway – monitoring on patrol; • Skipworth Street – the successful pilot project in Westcotes ‘Love Leicester’ would be extended and project packs would be issued by the end of October. • Shop owners had a duty of care and should ensure they had the correct documentation and waste disposal plans in place. <p>The Chair reported that Roy Rudham, Neighbourhood Watch had no issues to report in the area, but would be looking to conduct a survey in the area to see if there were any issues residents would like him to address, and would provide feedback at the next Community Meeting.</p>
5.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>Sergeant Yusuf Nagdi gave the following crime statistics and information for the ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 372 crime reports generated over the last 90 days. • 15 live antisocial behaviour investigations. • One area deemed as an acute demand area between Osmaston Road, Devana Road and Beckingham Road which had the most complaints made. One action day a month was dedicated to the area in partnership with other agencies, such as Community Safety. • Street drinking was a key issue, and new powers if given, would be utilised. Antisocial behaviour powers had been used to advise people in Evington Road. • If problems persisted, the Police would implement

		<p>a plan of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.</p> <p>Comparison of statistics for July to September for the same three-month period in 2013:</p> <table data-bbox="624 367 1278 622"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">2013</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2014</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary Dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Motor Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft of Motor Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicestershire Police needed to make savings of £15.4million by 2017. Assisting to make the savings would see a new restructure of local policing to commence early 2015, though the public would not see any change to officers on the beat. • Police could only ticket vehicles causing an obstruction. • A representation had been made to the City Mayor for further residents parking schemes in the ward. Evidence would need to be gathered of issues with existing parking schemes to press for enforcement officers in the area. • A request was made for a traffic island near to the post office on Evington Road to be removed. The Chair informed the meeting that due to cost implications, Council officers were looking at the option of moving a bus stop on Evington Road to relieve traffic choke points. The strength of feeling at the meeting was the island should be removed, and the bus stop to remain where it was. 		2013	2014	Burglary Dwelling	16	26	Burglary other	3	6	Robbery	6	3	Theft from Motor Vehicle	22	17	Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	3	Drugs	13	9
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6.	UPDATE ON CEDAR AND ONSLOW PARK	<p>A meeting was held, and included officers from Parks, Community Safety and the City Warden as a follow-up to a recent patchwalk, and the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of anti-social behaviour were outlined for both parks, including drinking, drug taking, urinating, dog fouling and the breakdown of boundary walls. • Litter picking and the recording of anti-social behaviour type littering was being monitored 																					

		<p>and recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CCTV camera on St Stephens Road did not cover Onslow Park unfortunately. • More signage would be installed to discourage people using the park as a toilet. • Councillors would continue to press for central funding, and asked residents to consider proposals to use Ward Community Funding for improvements on the parks. • Councillors asked for provisional work to be undertaken on the walls. • A request was made to ask for the parks to be run from Victoria Park which was closer. • An agenda item on the parks would be included at the next ward meeting.
7.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICANTS</p>	<p>Feedback on the recent commemorative 40th anniversary celebrations of the Shree Sarvosaya Samaj (UK) was read out. A successful cultural and community dinner and dance event was held at the Peepul Centre for people living in Evington and Stoneygate Wards. Monies received from Community Ward funding had helped towards the cost of hiring a DJ and hall hire. The event organisers had been unable to find a venue available in either of the wards. The religious ceremony was honoured by a religious VIP guest from India.</p> <p>Mr Alan Fox gave feedback on funding received by Highfields Association of Residents and Tenants (HART) over the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £800 funding was received and put towards the 2014 South Highfields street party, which was a huge success. Photographs of the day can be found on the HART website. • £240 funding was granted towards a South Highfields coach trip to Skegness. Everyone who went on the trip enjoyed themselves, though it was reported to be warmer in Leicester than it was in Skegness on the day. • £1000 was granted towards youth club activities, previously held in Evington URC, and now held in

		<p>St James the Greater. £700 had been spent up to now, and events included boxing, basket ball, golf, and art sessions. A film project was also arranged with one of the volunteers.</p> <p>HART reported it was undertaking a World War 1 project, and had asked the City Mayor if they could place a time capsule as part of the carriageway to the war memorial, and were awaiting a response.</p> <p>The Stoneygate Ward Community Fund newsletter was circulated at the meeting, and contained contact details on many of the groups in the area.</p>
8.	WARD COMMUNITY FUNDING AND BUDGET	<p>The Community Engagement Officer outlined the following Ward budget applications:</p> <p><u>Applications approved under the fast track process</u></p> <p>5037 – Build Community Development Application for £500 SUPPORTED – for the amount of £500</p> <p><u>The following applications were discussed</u></p> <p>1143 – Checkpoint Advice and Support – Financial Health Check Service Application for £1,421.71 DEFERRED – applicant to attend the next Ward meeting</p> <p>5045 – Shahid Mamodmia and Altamash Nazirahamed – Daman and Diu Cricket Club Application for £600 SUPPORTED – for the amount of £600</p> <p>5042 – For Families – Children’s Activity Sessions Application for £500 DEFERRED – applicant to attend the next Ward meeting</p> <p>5038 – Leicester Twilight Group – Christmas Meal Application for £515 SUPPORTED – for the amount of £100</p> <p>5049 – Stoneygate Shops Retailer Forum – Allendale Road / Francis Street Community Market (December) Application for £500 DEFERRED – applicant to attend the next Ward meeting</p>

		<p>1184 – Community Safety Team – Myrtle Road Gates Application for £850 DEFERRED – Capital Funding options to be explored</p> <p>5050 – Akwaaba Ayeh - Choosing Health for World Mental Health Day & Networking Event Application for £500 PROVISIONALLY SUPPORTED – pending confirmation from Leicester City Council regarding procurement processes.</p> <p><u>Applications previously deferred</u></p> <p>1103 – Evington Road Business Association – Street Festival Application for £5,000 DEFERRED – Awaiting a response</p> <p>The Chair gave feedback from the Deputy City Mayor, Councillor Palmer, and said that under the current contracts the city council’s public health division had with Leicestershire Partnership Trust for community health work, there was some limited funding to support projects. He had also said he was looking to set up a special community health grants programme for the council over the coming year, though criteria had not been established. Applicants were requested to resubmit bids again, though Members would not revisit those whose events had happened.</p> <p>Joint Bid: 5014 – Leicester Partnership Trust – Family Health & Wellbeing Event Application for 300 NOT SUPPORTED</p> <p>Joint Bid: 1077 – Shree Sarvodaya Samaj (Leicester UK) – Health & Wellbeing Event Application for £480 NOT SUPPORTED</p> <p>Joint Bid: 5029 – Sahara Centre Girls Girls Summer Workshop Application for £500 NOT SUPPORTED</p>
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	i) Cllr Desai informed the meeting that Evington Road Business Association was hoping to have their first issue distributed of a business community leaflet. People were requested to

		contact Michael Davies if they wished to have something included in the publication.
10.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	The next meeting would take place on the 4 th December 2014, 6.00pm, and the venue would be advertised nearer to the date.
11.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

