

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH WIGSTON RESIDENTS FORUM HELD AT BASSETT STREET COMMUNITY HUB, BASSETT STREET, SOUTH WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J Boyce – Chair

Councillors G Boulter , R E R Morris

Residents in attendance: W Simmons, C Walter, T. Sumpter, P.James, R.Carter, J.Guesford;
P.Bates, M. Bates, P.Tebbutt; D.Tebbutt,

Others in Attendance: V Quintyne (OWBC).D Cliffe(Voluntary Action Leicester), PC C Sutherley
(Police Officer), F Middleton(Family Foodies Project)

Apologies: Councillor S Morris , J.Cooke (The Conservation Volunteers); A.Kind

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20.	<p><u>LOCAL POLICING ISSUES</u></p> <p>Police Officer Sutherley provided an update on crime prevention for the period since the Forum last met. This is summarised below:</p> <p align="center">LAST 3 MONTHS</p> <p>PREVIOUS 3 MONTHS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>BURGLARY DWELLING</td> <td align="center">5</td> <td align="center">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING</td> <td align="center">13</td> <td align="center">18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE</td> <td align="center">2</td> <td align="center">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE</td> <td align="center">5</td> <td align="center">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROBBERY</td> <td align="center">0</td> <td align="center">0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Beat officers are now deployed to create community links with all residents , shops schools ,families and the public generally to address local crime prevention issues and build sustained community cohesion. This work has seen a visible fall in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Speeding in the Fairfield area is being addressed. The Police is also addressing setting up a community speed watch scheme in the Borough. Funding is being negotiated for this. Special constables and volunteers would be used on this scheme.</p> <p>Some residents expressed concern that the 101 Police phone line seemed out of operation on Monday and Tuesday last week. The Police agreed to check to ensure it was working correctly and inform Councillor Boyce of this.</p> <p>Residents expressed concern about cyclists going through red lights on the</p>	BURGLARY DWELLING	5	5	BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING	13	18	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	2	5	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	5	8	ROBBERY	0	0	PC Sutherley
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	<p>Blaby Road and Landsdown Grove area between the South Leicestershire College and the lights going towards Tesco Superstore. The Police informed the Forum that stats on accidents around this junction can be obtained from County Council. Councillor Boulter added that he would look at the issue of the stats to see if there was anything of significance. If not significant then this would be left as an item of information.</p> <p>On concluding the Update the Chair thanked the Police</p>	<p>Councillor Boulter</p>
<p>21</p>	<p><u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW FOR ENGLAND</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Officer explained that the County Council had approached the English Boundary Commission to look at recommending a new pattern of electoral voting wards across the County so no Councillor would be providing support to more than nine thousand electoral voters.</p> <p>The Boundary Commission sought feedback and comment from electorally registered voters on whether they agreed with recommendations to change Oadby and Wigston electoral ward divisions. This is in order to ,provide what it termed “electoral equality”, reflecting the interests and identities of communities and promoting effective and convenient local government. Ultimately no County Councillor would represent on average no more than 9,000 elected voters .This is deemed a more manageable number than say 14,000.</p> <p>Feedback and comments were being requested from all three Resident Forums to inform the proposed Boundary Commission Recommendations.</p> <p>Residents were also informed they could make their own submission on the Boundary Commission Recommendations, on line using the following web site link.</p> <p>http://www.leics.gov.uk/oadbyandwigston_electoral_review_proposals.pdf</p> <p>Residents were also informed their comments would be gathered together and used to provide a Borough wide response to the Boundary Commission Recommendations. The deadline for submission of comments to the Boundary Commission is 21st July 2015.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Community Engagement Officer is to a copy of the Oadby and Wigston Council submission based on the recommendations made by the Resident Forum attendees to all three Resident Forums.</p> <p>On concluding her presentation the Chair thanked the Community Engagement Officer for the presentation.</p>	<p>Veronika Quintyne</p>
<p>22.</p>	<p><u>FRIENDS OF BROCKS HILL-CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS PROPOSAL(Presentation)</u></p> <p>Mike Bates on behalf of the Friends of Brock`s Hill Group gave a presentation on a proposal to increase the number of Super Conservation Volunteers across the whole borough over the next two years. Copies of this written proposal was circulated at the meeting and was also circulated electronically.</p> <p>The outcome of the proposal would be to increase further community engagement, focus on biodiversity sites across the Borough, up skill volunteers , further establish ongoing volunteer groups, incorporate health</p>	

	<p>and safety legislation, work towards recruiting a Project Officer for Volunteer development, run training courses and make the Borough a better place to live ,learn and work.</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust Volunteers is engaged in this community development work and Voluntary Action Leicester is willing to set up a “friends” group to support the project. The established “friends groups” would make their own applications for funding. There is also a funding box at Brocks Hill to raise funds. The Project is focussed on the whole of the Borough.</p> <p>On concluding the proposal the Chair thanked Mike Bates for the presentation, requested residents to state whether they were in agreement to award the £2,000 of funding requested. One resident voted against the proposal and the others agreed to defer the proposal to the next meeting of the Forum for further debate.</p>	
23	<p><u>COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING PRESENTATION & VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER PARTNERSHIP WORKING.</u></p> <p>Dave Cliffe gave a brief update on the joint work between Voluntary Action Leicester and the Conservation Volunteer Project, led by Jessie Cooke. These two agencies are working together to see how best to use their funds to support voluntary and Community action in the South Wigston area.</p> <p>A support/advisory networking group, South Wigston Community Action Group_has been set up. A range of projects including community managed libraries and volunteer led projects have started to run.</p> <p>An asset based community tool is being used to help set up the focus of the projects and measure what difference they will make. People can work informally or through constituted groups.</p> <p>A community newsletter is in the process of development. The community work is seeking to build on what is being developed in South Wigston and act complimentary to this.</p> <p>On concluding his presentation, the Chair thanked Dave Cliffe.</p>	
24	<p><u>SOUTH WIGSTON TRADERS UPDATES</u></p> <p>A question was raised as to why South Wigston Traders seemed not to be signing up to Pride of the Borough Scheme. It was stated that sign up in this economic climate was not yet viewed as viable until Traders could see the benefit of it.</p>	
25	<p><u>PRIDE OF THE BOROUGH</u></p> <p>The Pride of the Borough is going for the gold award again. It was noted that the Blaby Road flagpole has been received and will be going up shortly. The mobile awareness sign has arrived. Three locations have been chosen for its use; lamppost number 29 on Saffron Road, 13 and 14 on Dorset near the football ground</p>	
26	<p><u>CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES INCLUDING CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE,REQUESTS FOR SPENDING AND UPDATE ON FORUM BUDGET</u></p> <p>A paper copy of the Resident Forum Budget Update Report was circulated</p>	

	at the meeting and electronically to those who supplied an email address.	
27	<p><u>ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ITEMS</u></p> <p><u>THE FAMILY FOODIES PROJECT</u></p> <p>The Family Foodies Project put forward a proposal requesting £2000. The proposal is to help promote the new Family Foodies extension project at Parklands School, in South Wigston.</p> <p>The Family Foodies currently cook and provide healthy meals for families on a low income at All Saints Primary School. The funding will help to pay for the launch of publicising the extension of the Project's work with Parklands School and also help buy some initial supplies of food. Teachers are coming on board as volunteers. Family Foodies is a constituted group. It approaches other charitable givers to obtain funding.</p> <p>The Chair suggested Family Foodies connects with the Conservation Volunteer Project and Enviromental Health. Environmental Health is aware of the remit of Family Foodies Project which is health compliant. Following the proposal Family Foodies was awarded £2,000.by the Forum. VQ was requested to forward notification of this award to Finance and send the Family Foodies Project the necessary forms for accessing the award.</p> <p>The date of the next Forum meeting is: September 9th 2015. 7pm till 9pm.</p> <p>Residents were to be reminded that should they wish to discuss issues that affect them before the full meeting begins, there is a confidential one to one surgery session with the Police, Councillors and Council Officers between 7.00pm and 7.30pm.</p>	Veronika Quintyne

Meeting closed at 20:55