

Residents Focus Group

Meeting 2: Monday, September 19, 2016

Minutes

Present:

- Wasim Khan (WK) Chief Executive LCCC
- Phil Atkinson (PA) Operations Manager LCCC
- Dan Nice (DN) Communications Manager LCCC
- Graham Lloyd (GL) (Park Hill Drive)
- Lucy and Stuart McMillan (LMcM/SMcM) (Curzon Road)
- Ann and Alan Sturgess (AnS/AIS) (Percy Road)
- Shirley Brown (SB) (Percy Road)
- Chris Garner (CG) (Aylestone Road)
- Kym Sehmi (KS) (Milligan Road)
- Daniel Clements (DC) (Milligan Road)

		Action
1.	Introduction from WK.	
2.	<u>Apologies:</u> Andy Morley (AM) (Lansdowne Road) Councillor Adam Clarke.	
3.	<u>Minutes and Matters arising</u> Minutes signed off from previous meeting.	
4.	<u>Terms of Reference</u> GL had sent a copy to the club prior to the meeting, WK thanked GL for his hard work in compiling these. The club made some changes, agreed at the meeting. Need to be put on website.	DN
5.	<u>Milligan Road Wall</u> PA advised that work to the 10m Gower gate to commence next Monday (September 26). The work will consist of the new gate being put into position. The club is also looking to raise the height of the railings at the bottom end near the Players and Officials car park. PA also advised that 13 Maple/Birch trees will be replanted in the same area mentioned above. DC asked if we were planning to replace the rest of the Milligan Road wall as it is leaning. PA said the club is monitoring the situation and will act if it becomes a safety issue, but no immediate plans in place.	
6.	<u>Park Hill Drive/Tennis Courts/Matchday Parking</u> PA advised that Martin Fletcher from Leicester City Council had conducted a	

	<p>site visit as planned. The Club is now looking at access via Curzon Road rather than Park Hill Drive for players/staff to park. It was noted that the car park will not be used commercially. There is the potential for the car park to be used by residents on non-matchdays. PA advised that Park Hill Drive is still being looked at as a potential exit route as it is the safest route out of the ground following a game. There would be low level ambient lighting to allow safe exiting.</p> <p>GL stated that using Park Hill Drive for exiting could cause an issue for traffic flow but felt that the low level ambient lighting was a good idea.</p> <p>There was no further news to update on the situation regarding the jitty on the Park Hill Drive side of the ground.</p> <p>PA advised that the club is currently in discussions with Ryan Carter, a traffic and transport expert who worked with the club during the Elton John concert, about introducing a similar residents parking scheme for the club's seven home NatWest T20 Blast matches in 2017. This would potentially cover the same residential areas as the concert. PA to continue dialogue with Ryan and give feedback at the next meeting</p> <p>LMcM/SMcM spoke about the problematic situation with traffic at the Hawkesbury Road/Curzon Road junction. PA advised that councillors are currently reviewing all junctions in the area. There was talk at the meeting about a potential one-way system with the top of Curzon Road becoming no entry; traffic therefore would go down Duncan Road, turn left at the mini-roundabout on to Milligan Road, turn left into Hawkesbury Road before going right into the ground. This is something that could be discussed further with Leicester City Council.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PA</p>
7.	<p><u>Issue with noise on non-matchdays</u></p> <p>LMcM raised the issue of Christmas parties and other non-matchday events causing problems with noise as people leave the ground to get into a taxi. This can involve problems after midnight right outside houses on Curzon Road.</p> <p>WK/PA agreed to look into setting up a system with our events team to ensure that this does not continue. Plans to set up an internal loop for taxis to collect from closer to the Charles Palmer Suite (CPS). This to be trialed at a future event, with the club conscious that Christmas is fast approaching.</p> <p>It was noted that this is not an issue on matchdays, it is around the late nature of non-matchday events, especially at the weekend.</p> <p>AnS raised the issue of litter on Hawkesbury Road and Curzon Road, and LMcM spoke about bottles occasionally being left on the street after events, PA to Address Stewarding duties regarding alcohol taken out of the Function Suite and to provide seated areas within the ground for guests to wait for taxis.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PA</p>
8.	<p><u>Winter plans at the FCG</u></p> <p>WK said only real plan for development is a new Milligan Road scoreboard.</p> <p>WK asked residents for ideas of events that may bring the community together.</p> <p>Some good ideas emerged including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AnS – Leicestershire and Rutland History Society meetings - LMcM – Granby School/local schools holding their sports day at the ground (and potentially using the facilities at times that are not busy for the club) - GL – Traditional Christmas Fayre - KS – Ice skating rink (linked to Christmas Fayre idea) - LMcM – Mother and Baby classes - WK also explained idea for Zumba/fitness classes and a café in the 	

	<p>Indoor School</p> <p>WK agreed that local school children using the club's facilities for their sports day is an idea that the club would definitely support</p> <p>PA explained he is speaking to the commercial team about additional events in the calendar year, particularly in the quieter winter months, and will speak to them about the ideas presented during the meeting.</p>	PA
9.	<p><u>Website</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the following should go on the club website in the Residents section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes of previous meeting once signed off - Terms of Reference - A section where people have the facility to ask the club a question, and potentially for answers to be posted (may turn into a FAQ) <p>KS also revisited the idea of a noticeboard on Milligan Road and PA confirmed the club are looking into that and will action in due course.</p>	DN PA
10.	<p><u>Questionnaire</u></p> <p>GL and CG had submitted lists of questions to gain a consensus from residents on a number of key issues and were thanked by WK for their contribution. Club suggested changes to GL's version that were accepted. GL advised that questions about car parking and floodlights, that formed part of CG's version, should be added to his. Club agreed and will amend.</p> <p>WK asked how club could distribute, it was suggested that it could go out with the local newsletter and e-mail. DN to also explore the potential of an online version through Survey Monkey.</p>	DN
11	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>Floodlights:</u></p> <p>a) PA advised that there will be testing for the louvres of the floodlights that is scheduled to take place on October 4th and 5th weather permitting. Testing will be during the day/night with <u>approximate</u> completion time of 9.30pm. PA advised that the club will endeavour to spread the information via the website, social media, local media and signage.</p> <p>b) WK advised that the club will speak to Leicester City Council about daylight usage of floodlights i.e. when conditions are not good enough for play to continue between 10.30am-6.30pm. The lights would not take anywhere near full effect. WK explained that these uses would be in addition to the ten uses during the evening. General consensus was that daylight use would not cause too much of a problem but that the club should keep communicating all plans to residents.</p>	PA/DN
13.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 7pm</p>	
14.	The meeting closed at 8.50pm	