

Castle Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:00 pm, Tuesday, 22 April 2008

**Held at: Quaker (Friends) Meeting House, 16 Queens Road,
Leicester**

Who was there:

Councillor Matt Follett

Councillor Phil Gordon

Councillor Patrick Kitterick

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Follett welcomed everyone to the first Castle Community Meeting and introductions were given.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Follett was elected as Chair for the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applied to them.

No declarations were made at this time.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Councillor Follett gave a presentation on the new Community Meetings and explained how the new system would work. The key features of the new Community Meeting were as follows:

- More involvement with residents
- Include informal ways of working
- To develop a Ward Action Plan for the area
- Focus on local needs to improve local facilities and services
- Influence larger funding streams and allocation of services

6. WARD PRIORITIES

At this point of the meeting the public were invited to split into groups to identify ward priorities for inclusion in the Draft Area Plan. The initial findings of the session were to be reported back towards the end of the meeting.

7. RESIDENTS PARKING

Councillor Kitterick presented an overview to the Clarendon Park residents parking independent consultation, which was partially funded from the previous Castle and Knighton Area Committee budget.

Andy Thomas, Head of City Development, and Kit Lampitt, SRA Associates, who were undertaking the independent study, described the consultation process in detail. The key points raised were as follows:

- The consultation was to research the viability of a residents parking scheme, amongst other options, and gather opinions of residents and other visitors to the area.
- The consultation process would take place over a two-month period.
- A small mobile exhibition stall was to be placed around various places in the area to gather opinions from those that parked in the area, but did not reside there.
- If a non-profit residents parking scheme was to be established, it was expected to cost approximately £25/£30 per car per year.

8. FEEDBACK

There was a short feedback session, informing members of the public of the initial findings from the group work on ward priorities. The key issues that were identified were as follows:

- Development (Planning Policy / Enforcement / Consultation)
- Street Scene issues including litter and graffiti
- Parking

It was explained that these initial findings formed the start of the process and once all the responses had been received, a priority list would be drawn up.

9. CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members of the public were informed that they would be contacted with the dates of future meetings.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

At the conclusion of this formal session, members of the public were invited to take part in the informal 'carousel' session of the meeting.

INFORMATION SHARING – ‘CAROUSEL’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and the local Police and to bring enquiries and raise and issues.

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| <u>Table 1</u> | Ward Councillors |
| <u>Table 2</u> | Waste Management (Leicester City Council) and Biffa
Responsible for recycling and of the removal of household waste |
| <u>Table 3</u> | Emergency Management (Leicester City Council)
Responsible for the effective co-ordination and management of civil emergencies |
| <u>Table 4</u> | Leicester City PCT
The PCT were planning to establish a new GP practice in the City Centre and sought views on this. |
| <u>Table 5</u> | De Montfort Hall
Staff were on hand to answer questions relating to the Hall as a “neighbour” in the Castle Ward |