

Freemen Community Meeting

**On Wednesday, 24 November 2010
Starting at 2:00 pm
Linwood Centre, Linwood Lane**

The meeting will be in two parts

2:00pm – 2:30pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Housing
- Consultation on housing allocations policy
- Wearsheaf Works planning application
- Multi-Access Centre (training and employment advice)
- City Warden
- Police and Community Support

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Get involved in your area and planning for the future. There will be presentations and discussions on:

- Wearsheaf application
- Multi-Access Centre (training and employment advice)
- Knighton Fields Arts Centre
- Police priorities update
- Funding applications

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Dale Keeling
Councillor Bill Shelton**

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INFORMATION FAIR

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Community Safety Find out about community safety issues	Housing Office Discuss housing issues with the local Neighbourhood Housing Manager
Housing allocation policy Take part in consultation on the new housing allocation policy	Multi Access Centre Find out about the employment and training advice services available
City Warden Discuss environment and street scene issues with the local City Warden	

The first part of the agenda covers formal items which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Freemen Community Meeting, held on 1 September 2010 have previously been circulated and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.

5. WHEATSHEAF WORKS PLANNING APPLICATION

Developers Richard and Tom Hazleton and JSP Architects will be present to lead a discussion on the plans for the Wheatsheaf Works site, along with officers from the Council's Planning Section.

6. MULTI ACCESS CENTRE

Elizabeth Botmeh will explain the services offered by the Multi Access Centre which is based at the Linwood Centre. The Centre offers employment and training support.

7. KNIGHTON FIELDS ARTS CENTRE

This item was deferred from last meeting.
A response will be given to the question asked at a previous meeting regarding

the Knighton Fields Arts Centre.

8. POLICING PRIORITY UPDATES

An update will be given on current policing priorities and work that is ongoing in the ward.

9. BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Jerry Connolly, Member Support Officer will introduce budget applications that have been received. Applications received are summarised below:

Application 1 - The Saftas - Saffron Community Health Alliance

£1,330

The Health Alliance wish to organise a community event to celebrate volunteering in the Freeman ward area. The event shall be named the Safta's and will be held in February 2011 at a suitable venue in the Freeman ward. Nomination forms will be distributed throughout the Saffron area via 'Keeping Saffron Posted'. To recognise the time, energy and hard work that volunteers in Saffron give to the area free of charge.

Last year Inspector Richard Toone awarded over 100 local community members with a trophy at the Safta's and we hope that he will attend again this year.

The funding will pay for nomination forms to be distributed throughout Saffron in the 'Keeping Saffron Posted' project and the forms will be available in all public buildings. The fund will also pay for the paper & printing of Certificates and a buffet dinner on the evening and entertainment & photographer.

Application 2 – Goldhill Adventure Playground Sports Project (GAP)

£250 – with remaining £250 requested from Eyres Monsell Ward

The project is aimed at providing young people (13+ year olds) sports equipment to utilise in a safe and friendly environment. This is to take place at Goldhill Adventure Playground in a supervised setting, to ensure that the young people are safe and free to socialise with other young people of their own age while engaging in physical activities.

The project is needed to ensure that options are available for young people to utilise the provided facilities in the supervised setting. A lack of such activities would mean that young people are not being engaged and as such will seek their own alternatives in an unsafe environment such as the streets or gardens where they may be likely to cause damage to property or be a nuisance to others.

Application 3 – Community Engagement – Saffron Arts Forum –

Community Newsletter

£900

We want to make sure that every household on the Freeman ward is made aware of local relevant information. We do this by designing, interviewing, writing, printing and distributing The SAFF, which is a new magazine project that has proved very successful in its 1st and 2nd issues.

We have found from feedback that local people are keen to hear local news in this way. We want a section of the magazine to highlight what the Freeman Ward Meetings are about as well as try to encourage more involvement from the community, as well as highlighting, advertising and reporting on projects that the Ward Meetings have supported throughout the year raising the positive profile of the Freeman Ward and community for a year.

This magazine reaches every household on the Freeman ward (3000) every other month. The key to this project is community engagement and making residents aware of what's going on in their local community.

Application 4 - Welford Road Local Policing Unit, Neighbourhood Action Team - Plain vehicle

£750

In early 2010 the Ward Committees of Aylestone, Eyres Monsell, Freeman and Knighton funded the provision of a plain vehicle (rental) for use by the Neighbourhood Action Team in performing its duties and functions as outlined in the ward presentations. Further funding was also obtained from the local Joint Action Group and this enabled the team to have use of a vehicle throughout most of 2010.

This application is to obtain funding to continue the provision of the plain vehicle throughout 2011.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

For further information contact

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