

# Freemen Community Meeting

**Linwood Centre,  
Linwood Lane  
On Wednesday,  
22 June 2011  
Starting at 2:00 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

## Part 1

**Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-**

- Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator
- Community Safety
- Housing
- City Warden
- Police Issues
- Youth Services

## Part 2

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

- Football development near the Leisure Centre
- Saffron Acres
- Police update
- City Warden
- Community Meeting Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Elly Cutkelvin  
Councillor Bill Shelton**

## **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

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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

<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b>  Talk to your local Councillors or raise general queries	<b>Police Issues</b>  Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
<b>City Warden</b>  Information about environmental and street scene issues	<b>Community Safety</b>  Find out about community safety initiatives
<b>Housing</b>  Advice and information about housing issues	<b>Saffron Acres</b>  Information about the Community Allotments Project
<b>Youth Services</b>  Find out about youth services in the ward	

**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**

[Appendix A](#)

The minutes of the previous Freemen Community Meeting, held on 16 March 2011, are attached 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. AYLESTONE RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Laywood, Sports Project Manager, will give an update on progress with the football pitches development on Aylestone Recreation Ground.

**6. SAFFRON ACRES COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS PROJECT**

Representatives from the Saffron Acres Community Allotments Project will be present to introduce the work of the project to the Community Meeting.

## 7. POLICE UPDATE

Police Sergeant Darren Little from Leicestershire Constabulary will give an update on policing in the Freeman Ward.

## 8. CITY WARDENS

Scott Clarke, the Freeman City Warden, will give an update on issues in the Ward.

## 9. COMMUNITY MEETING 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.**

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The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:-

### **Application 1**

Applicant: Lifestyle Focus – The Chill Out Group

Amount: £1510

Description:

(Please note that representatives will be present to explain the work of the group further.)

To fund a local community group called The Chillout Group, who meet on a weekly basis for two hours in Saffron. The sessions held are ran by two adult tutors who introduce a flexible learning programme, such as art and craft activities, gardening, sampling complimentary therapies and Health and Wellbeing sessions. Some of the individuals need confidence and self esteem building, as the group is aimed at people who may feel isolated in the community. The local G.P Dr Kerbal now refers some of his patients that may suffer low level mental health issues, he has over the past 2 years had positive feedback from them due to accessing this group. Many have been given opportunities to engage and participate on other courses such as First Aid, Food and hygiene and gained a qualification. This group is an anchor for people to make the first stages of lifestyle changes, and many have gained employment after attending the group.

Evaluation of this proposal will be done through photographs, G.P feedback and NHS Mental Health workers. We will be introducing a Chillout Craft Sale which will give the group a chance to sell some of the products that are made during the sessions such as cards, Christmas gifts, plants etc. This will give the group a chance to understand the importance of sustaining and eventually working towards being a social enterprise, looking at putting a profit back into

the group to fund materials as well as promoting business skills through financial literacy.

## **Application 2**

Applicant: Saffron Fete community procession

Amount: £2000

Description:

The Saffron Arts Forum intend to provide an opportunity for local residents to get involved in the saffron fete by providing a number of artistic workshops from March to August throughout the estate which would include dance workshops, costume making workshops and art and design. They will work with existing groups to promote the saffron fete and get as many local people involved in the process as possible by promoting the benefits artistic programs can have on local communities as well as local people. The workshops would reduce isolation and bring the community together and provide the opportunity for different generations to work alongside each other. In addition there would be the opportunity for family learning in after school activities and summer workshops where parents and carers can work with their children.

Community Meeting funding would be to cover the costs of professional artists to engage and work with residents throughout the costume making workshops and the cost of materials needed for the costume making.

## **Application 3**

Title: Carnival Procession

Amount: £1400

Description:

The Saffron estate would benefit from this event, the saffron summer fete procession, youth groups, luncheon clubs and individuals of all ages can come together at the fete and showcase their work, their costumes, their groups as we parade through the Saffron Estate. The funding would cover the legal expenses of road closures and a professional traffic management team to ensure a safe route through the estate in August 2010.

## **Application 4**

Applicant: Saffron Acres Project

Amount: £1821

Description:

Saffron Acres Project are planning a number of improvements this summer, all of which will either help to reduce costs or increase revenue. The number of educational visits (which we charge for) will be increased due to us having more points of interest. These help to make the project more sustainable. The improvements will be constructed by our volunteers. In helping with the construction local people feel engaged and inspired by being able to make lasting improvements to the project which is a well used community resource. People can not only learn practical skills but learn about benefiting the environment, are active outdoors in a positive activity and work as a team.

Everyone can achieve something at the activities on offer at SAP, volunteers do not be literate or numerate to succeed. The life and work skills that people learn can help them find employment or training. We already work with local schools that will be actively encouraged to be involved in the improvements and will benefit from the educational opportunities provided by the new resources.

We want to build a cooking area so we can offer more healthy eating sessions using the produce that we grow, including a smoker to show people how to preserve what we have grown in time of gluts and a fire base for campfire cooking. Seeds and compost are necessary so that our volunteers and visitors can take part in learning to grow, cook and enjoy eating.

Increasing the amount of water we harvest from our tool shed roofs will reduce our water bills as we have to use less mains water for irrigating the crops we grow. It also shows people practical measures they can take at home to reduce their household bills.

As a project our running costs are low, the largest being our rent. Help with that payment will ensure our survival for another year.

### **Application 6**

Applicant: Saffron Directory

Amount: £2000

Description: The money will be used to update and print the 2011 Saffron Directory for local residents new and old in the area.

The following applications for grants have been agreed by Ward Councillors between meetings:-

1. Love Hoops Foundation for £250
2. 100% Best Attendance for £ 500
3. National Big Lunch for £100

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Help us to make improvements!**

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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