

**Church of the Nativity, Cavendish
Road
On Thursday, 29 September 2011
Starting at 6:30 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- New Orange Bag Recycling Service
- City Warden
- Police and Community Safety
- Housing Office

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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

- Councillors Community Report
- New Orange Bag Recycling Service
- Police and Community Safety
- City Wardens
- Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Elly Cutkelvin
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

New Orange Bag Recycling Service Officers will provide information on the new recycling services	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Housing Office An Officer from the Housing Office will be present	City Wardens Your local City Warden will be available at the meeting.
Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	

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.

1. 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 22 June 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. COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY REPORT

Your Ward Councillors will report on things they have been involved in within the ward and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

6. NEW ORANGE BAG RECYCLING SERVICE

Officers from the City Council's Waste Management Service will be at the meeting to explain the new recycling collection service being introduced across the city.

7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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

8. CITY WARDEN

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

The following applications for grants are submitted for consideration:-

Application 1: Safta's Volunteer Awards Ceremony

Applicant: Saffron Community Enterprises Ltd

Amount: £700

Description:

To deliver a volunteer award ceremony for Saffron Volunteers

This is to celebrate and recognise the great work that volunteers do in their community. This will be an evening of fun and entertainment for the volunteers themselves to enjoy and receive and award from a prominent figure within the city.

This years planned ceremony we hope will be themed around heroes and super stars that improved lives for the better. We also plan to have more entertainment and an adequate buffet to say a huge Thank You!!

Application 2: Joining two communities through gymnastics project

Applicant: Catch 22

Amount: £300 (plus £300 to Eyres Monsell Community Meeting)

Description: The project will engage existing core Junior Youth Inclusion Project young people from Saffron Lane/ Eyres Monsell with existing core JYIP young people in New Parks in a joint weekly gymnastics session at New colleges' purpose built international standard gymnasium. We are proposing to start w/c 3/10/11 to run for 8 weeks after school. We would need to transport young people to New Parks on a weekly basis and cover the cost of the qualified coach and venue charges.

We currently work with 40 core Children and Young People (20 in each location) 8-12 years, who have been identified as being at risk of becoming/ or are, involved in offending behaviours. The young people involved in the project will be less likely to be involved in ASB or criminal activity because of the stability that being involved in something positive and meaningful can provide. The project will bring together young people from different communities. Also focusing on improving the young people's confidence, self discipline, self control and concentration and ultimately behaviour towards others.

Application 3: Supporting our artistic youth

Applicant: Pink Lizard

Amount: £3,504

Description: The proposal is to continue delivering sessions in the Arts for young people in the (SEAK) areas for six months while we seek funding from the arts council and other funding bodies who support youth in development. The sessions will be delivered at Samworth Academy. If successful the project will continue straight away.

The project sees young people from 10-18 being taught skills in acting dance, singing guitar and music tuition, play and song writing. The project has been running for one and a half years, funded by Saffron Arts before running out. Since starting the project our numbers have risen to 22 young people attending regularly two times a week for two hours a session.

Application 4: Wheelchairs

Applicant: Saffron Support for Elderly People

Amount: £320

Description: We would like to purchase four new wheelchairs so we can continue to offer assistance to those with mobility issues. Our current chairs are coming to the end of their lives. Having wheelchairs helps us to get isolated older people out and about and involved in their local community.

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.

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Freemen Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

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

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin Councillor Bill Shelton
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INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ 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 service representatives.

Ward Councillors and General Information	Police Issues
Saffron Fete	Community Safety
City Wardens	Youth Services Information
Link	Kingfisher Youth Centre

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Shelton was elected Chair of the meeting.

2. WELCOME

Councillor Shelton and Councillor Cutkelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave thanks for support given. Councillor Cutkelvin introduced herself and noted that there would be four councillor surgeries a month in the Freeman Ward.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were sent by Dave Budd, Neighbourhood Development Coordinator and Sarah Peel, Saffron Acres.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bill Shelton declared that in respect of the Community Meeting Budget, a funding application had been received from the Saffron Fete Community, and that he was Chair of the committee but would personally receive no financial benefit from the funding application.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

6. AYLESTONE RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Mark Laywood, Sports Project Manager, Leicester City Council, explained that there was a city wide sport investment strategy. There were eleven sites across the city allocated for football pitches. Mark explained the following points:

- There was to be changing facilities and community lounge at the sites.
- The football foundation did not allow for exclusive use and therefore the site was open to other people.
- There had been concerns raised at other locations regarding the use of the sites and the potential for vandalism. It was felt that ownership of the facilities was the best form of security.
- At Aylestone Recreation Ground the perimeter fence would remain and the football pitch would be re-marked out.
- The artificial pitch would have floodlights and there would be no overspill into gardens. The lights would be turned off by 10pm in the week and 6pm at the weekend.
- Each facility would have a management group and most have representatives from community, police and schools.
- There would be an opportunity for people to become involved.
- Mark was happy to meet residents onsite and show them around.
- There had been problems with the grass and the contractors were returning to reseed.
- Mark could be e-mailed on Mark.Laywood@leicester.gov.uk if there were any problems.

A resident raised concerns that information about the works sign was placed on a side road and not on the main road where most people would see it. Mark noted that it had been agreed that information about the sites would be placed on the main entrance. At Aylestone Recreation Ground this was not on the main road. The Chair noted that when the planning application was made all residents in close proximity were sent letters and given the opportunity to submit objections.

In response to a question it was explained that there was a two tiered band charging system and a slight increase in fees and charges due to new facilities. It was anticipated that these pitches would be cheaper as it was through the local authority.

It was discussed that an officer could attend the Saffron Fete on 20 August to provide information to local residents.

It was queried if the maintenance of the perimeter fence was included in the sites development and noted that it needed attention. Mark agreed to enquire.

The use of the pitches would depend of demand with a spread of football sites across the city.

7. SAFFRON ACRES COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS PROJECT

A representative for Saffron Acres Community Allotment Project attended the meeting and explained the benefits of the project. This item was discussed further under 'Community Meeting Budget'.

8. POLICE UPDATE

Police Sergeant Darren Little gave an update on crime in the area and provided details of the last sixty days crime figures for the Freeman Ward compared with the previous year. Overall there had been a reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour.

It was reported that Marriot Road had been removed from the priority list. More work had been carried out with housing agencies and at the last consultation no more problems were reported. Sergeant Little noted that there was availability for a new priority and asked for suggestions.

A resident queried if vacant housing properties were reported to the police and explained that the property could be vacant for a few months before new tenants were appointed. It was noted that the police were not informed in normal circumstances. Ian Stapleton, Housing Services, explained that only if the property was thought to be vulnerable would the police be informed.

9. CITY WARDENS

Scott Clarke, Freeman City Warden, distributed information detailing the key issues in the ward and new ways to contact the City Wardens. The City Wardens were carrying out work on the 100 days priorities and One Clean Leicester project.

A key target for the area was people smoking outside their work premises. The aim was to change perspectives for the mess to be cleaned away by the employer.

Scott explained that the City Wardens were able to distribute fix penalty notices as a deterrent.

In response to a question Scott noted that within the Freeman Ward there had not been much uptake with the Environmental Crime app and that the website identified the wards where the reported incidents happened.

10. COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET

The Chair reported that the 2011/12 funding allocation was £15,000 and that the following applications were submitted.

Application 1

Applicant: Lifestyle Focus – The Chill Out Group
Amount requested: £1510

Representatives from the group were in attendance at the meeting and described the purpose of the group. Two people who attended the group explained how beneficial it had been to them in building confidence and providing support towards employment. In future the group hoped to generate funding through selling products made during activities.

The Chair suggested that the meeting part fund the application and the remainder be sought from the Eyres Monsell Community Meeting, as people also attend from that ward. It was added that should the application be unsuccessful the Freemen Community Meeting could support the remainder.

RESOLVED:
that the funding application be supported to the value of £755.

Application 2

Applicant: Saffron Fete community procession
Amount requested: £2000

The applicant explained the project and that funding was based on 100 hours of work over the summer. Following discussions on the limited amount of Community Meeting funding it was noted that the project could be run on reduced funding. The meeting agreed to fund half the project.

RESOLVED:
that the application be supported to the value of £1,000.

Application 3

Title: Carnival Procession
Amount requested: £1400

The applicant explained that the funding was for closing the road and was a set amount.

RESOLVED:
that the application be supported to the value of £1,400.

Application 4

Applicant: Saffron Acres Project
Amount requested: £1821

A representative explained the role of the Saffron Acres Project and the benefit to the users of the allotment. In response to a question it was explained that the project

was funded by the lottery and the application was for additional items. A member of the public praised the project and explained how useful it had been for her and other users. The meeting discussed the amount requested and the possibility of funding certain parts of the application to ensure funding remained available for later bids. The meeting agreed that the application would be supported for £1,000 and the remaining £821 would be forwarded to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the application be supported to the value of £1,000.

Application 5

Applicant: Saffron Directory

Amount requested: £2000

The applicant explained the directory and that it was already part funded by the Neighbourhood Management Board. The meeting discussed different possibilities for the directory such as joining with the housing office publication, using an internet version and applying to Eyres Monsell Community Meeting. The applicant was concerned that a collaboration with the housing office would double the costs and that the people who produced the directory were Saffron based. It was suggested that the date be removed from the front of the directory to prolong its use. The Chair suggested that the application be deferred and discussions take place outside the meeting

RESOLVED:

that the application be deferred.

The Chair reported that three applications had been agreed through the fast track system before the meeting.

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

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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