

# Freemen Community Meeting

**The Linwood Centre, Linwood Lane,  
Leicester. LE2 6QN  
On Tuesday, 19 June 2012  
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:-**

- City Wardens
- Community Safety/Police
- Housing
- Stars – Dance Group
- Clockwise Credit Union

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

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

- Councillor Report
- St.Mary's Allotments – Site Development Guidance
- City Wardens update
- Police and Community Safety update
- Housing – Criteria, Cladding and Repairs
- Angels and Heroes
- Saffron Fete
- Budget

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Elly Cutkelvin  
Councillor Bill Shelton**

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<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 Wardens</b>  Talk to your local City Warden	<b>Stars Dance Group</b>  Talk to representatives from the Group
<b>Clockwise Credit Union</b>  Talk to representatives from this Credit Union.	

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 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. ST. MARY'S ALLOTMENTS - SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE**

Officers will be attending the meeting to present the Site Development Guidance for the St.Mary's Allotments site.

## 7. HOUSING ISSUES

To receive an update on the issues around the cladding being installed on Bloomfield Road and of the criteria applicable.

## 8. ANGELS AND HEROES

The Community Meeting to receive a presentation from this group.

## 9. SAFFRON FETE

The Community Meeting to receive an update on the 2012 Saffron Fete.

## 10. 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 have been received and approved prior to the meeting:

1)	Bloomfield Road Street Party	£377
2)	Southfields Community Assn – Diamond Jubilee Celebration	£500
3)	Diamond Jubilee Street Party - Richmond Close residents	£400
4)	Aylestone Library Street Party	£250

The following applications have been received and are to be considered at the meeting:

- 1) Aylestone Library Community Activities £938.60**  
An application has been received to fund the purchase of vital equipment to enable a craft club and a film club, both based at the Library, to continue operating through 2012.
- 2) Luncheon Club refit £1425.87**  
An application has been received to fund the refit of the kitchen at Southfields Drive Community Centre where a Lunch Club operates five days per week for the benefit of elderly residents of Saffron, Eyres Monsell, Aylestone and Knighton Wards.

- 3) Pink Lizard cohesion project** **£3225**  
An application has been received to fund the delivery of a community cohesion Arts project, based around music, dance and singing/song writing. The project aims to work with young people in the area who would have the chance to showcase their new skills at the 2012 Saffron Summer Fete.
- 4) DV Toolbox** **£310**  
An application has been received to build on the work previously funded by the Community Meeting that provided training and putting the DV toolbox together at 8 separate locations within the Freeman Ward. This application is to fund the promotion and advertising of the DV Toolbox across the Ward.

## **11. 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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# Appendix A

## Freeman Ward meeting

14 March 2012 (6.15 -8.00pm)

Aylestone Recreation Ground (Football Pavilion)

## Information Fair.

The following stands/information were in the room

- City Warden Service
- Community Safety information
- Saffron Fete
- Saffron Young People's Project

Members of the public were also given the opportunity to meet their local Councillors, Police, and City Wardens.

## Election of Chair

Cllr Cutkelvin was elected as chair

## Apologise for Absence

Were received from Ann Sturgess

## Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

## Minute of previous meeting

Were agreed as correct, no matters arising

## Councillors Report:

- Seven grot spots had been cleaned up around Neston Bridge, Meadow Gardens area.
- Grit bin installed at **Knighton Fields Road West**.
- Tic Toc park new equipment installed.
- Clean-up of Fly tipping in St Marys allotments off Saffron Lane
- Plans being put together to develop St Marys allotments for housing, not publicised yet. Cllr's to state that if it goes ahead that some land is retained for green space. Consultation in the summer.
- Leicester City Council have approved the library plan and now after consultation the overall scheme is improved (from the first proposal). Old library building to be retained for community use.

- Patch walks completed in Neston gardens identifying housing issues
- Attended events at SAFTA volunteers awards, Friendly Friday goes large, Catch 22 Arts project
- Opening event of phase 1 old Wheatsheaf building.
- Saffron fete – now has access to the new ATP for the day. Improving toilet facilities.
- Meeting with City Mayor in the coming weeks on local issues
- Cllr's thanked David Budd for all his hard work in the area. His contract is coming to an end and he is retiring this month.

### **Football Investment –ATP and Grass Pitches Update Mark Laywood (ML)**

Outlined early teething problems but generally the site is working well. Encourage users to contact Aylestone Leisure Centre (ALC) to book for room hire. not only the sporting facilities.

Due to issues with reinstatement by contractors use of the grass pitches has been delayed until the new season (weather permitting). Work is planned to re-seed and correct levels across the park.

Q Resident – will flooding at top end be sorted? -ML yes, contractors are coming back

Q Resident – is park going to be dug up again? -ML No

At this point both Cllrs stated they are very keen for the facilities to be used by local people.

### **Local Football Activity Partner Club and other projects**

#### **St Andrews Barry Daniels (BD)– Partner club to the football development on Aylestone Recreation Ground (ARG)**

Expressed disappointment about the delay with the grass pitches which has caused some significant problems for the club.

Stated the Local Management Group (LMG) was up and running which focuses on the day to day running of the facility to ensure it benefits the local area.

Now attracting local children to the club who see St Andrews training on the ATP.

St Andrews FC has charter standard and CRB in place to evidence their commitment to high quality and safe provision

Q - Resident what are the club doing to develop girls football. – BD –the club are working to the development plan which focuses on developing girls, football

Q Cllr Cutkelvin –When the club is ready she would like an article to go into the Saff magazine.

**Saffron young people project (SYPP) Jules (J)**

Working with young people in the area on attached youth projects. Developing self-esteem by getting young people to run their own football tournament. Jules runs skills camps at half term.

May 19<sup>th</sup> is a inter faith tournaments for 8 teams on the ATP

**Lewis King**

Runs a drop in football session on Mondays, £1 per child. Helped to deal with a number of anti-social issues giving youth people something to do. This project has very good feedback from young people. Cllr Cutkelvin to look into funding for equipment for this project.

**Aylestone Library proposals Adrian Wills (AW)**

Highlighted the recent changes to the proposals after considering consultation.

The main changes are:

- 1) Old building will be retained for community use.
- 2) Library Staff be located at the ALC library during some operating hours including some toddler sessions.
- 3) A direct phone link to other libraries.
- 4) New computer service will be introduced

This provides additional opening hours for the library service for local people. This will be operational by Oct/Nov this year

**Aylestone Leisure Centre lockers Marc Read (MR)**

Presented information around recent repairs to dryside lockers and highlighted about 28 dryside lockers were currently operational. This is an improvement over recent weeks this improvement was welcomed by everyone at the meeting.

**Saffron Fete Kellie Bugby (KB)**

Outlined the theme for the fete this year (2012 Olympics) to take place on the 11th August 2012 (same day as the Olympics closing ceremony). Asked for more local residents to volunteers to help with planning the event. The planning committee meet each month but volunteers are not required to attend every meeting.

Q Resident –The stage on the floor not as effective as the raise stage used previously. (KB) explained it is a cost issue, but they will consider using a raised stage this year, if possible.

### **City Warden update Scott Clarke (SC)**

Handed out a 6 month priority plan to the meeting for comment. Concentrated on dog fouling and illegally car parking i.e. Cars for Sale.

Q - Resident highlighted dog fouling is a real problem around the perimeter of ARG. SC stated he undertakes both plain cloths and uniform patrols, also if anyone has information on dog fouling to contact Scott's team.

Q Resident –How often are bus shelter damaged. SC not a problem at the moment but may change in the summer with longer days.

Police update Darren Little (DL)

No priorities at present but may change in the summer. All crime in the area either reduced or static to the moment. Currently 5 officers working the area but June/July staffing will be increased to approx 10. This will enable more proactive targeting of crime.

Q resident- raised an issue about a vandalised car. The chair suggested this best dealt with after the meeting by the police and Cllrs.

### **Ward Budget funding applications**

- **Pink Lizard- £700 Auditions –**
- Resolved **Approved** *concerns expressed over cost of sessional worker in bid*
  
- **Owen Johnson -£300 –.**
- Resolved **Reject**
  
- **Dee Dixon -£2000**
- Resolved **Approved**
  
- **Audrey Matuer -£500**
- Resolved **Approved**
  
- **Pink Lizard -£1075**
- **Resolved Deferred** welcome the applicant to attend a ward meeting to present a case for approval.
  
- **Saffron Arts Forum £700**
- Resolved **Approved**

## **AOB**

Q resident –Housing solar panel installation work looks good. Cllr, raised some issues about how the installations on Bloomfield Road have progressed. Some houses seemed to be included other not!!

Cllr's to check how houses are being selected re council owned/owner occupiers.

Q Resident – Rendering on houses along The Fairway been done 2 times in recent memory and it coming away again. Future item for housing managers to report on.

Q – CSO, can consideration be given to signs on the perimeter footpath ARG where cars drive in warning cars to take extra care due to pedestrian and young children on footpath. Some near misses so far.

Q- Cllr to include angel and heroes and Stars Dance group on next Agenda.

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