

Freemen Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 19 March 2013

TIME: 6:15 pm

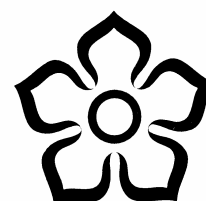
PLACE: Church of the Nativity, Cavendish
Road, Leicester. LE2 7PL

Ward Councillors

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin

Councillor Bill Shelton

There will be a period of 15 minutes from 6.15pm to 6.30pm to meet or talk to councillors , a representative of the City Warden Service, a Local Police Beat Officer or any other officers attending to discuss local ward issues.



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1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Cutkelvin will Chair the meeting and introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

The Action Log from the last meeting held on 20 November 2012, is attached and Members are asked to confirm it as a correct record. Action taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

4. HOW DO I PAY MY COUNCIL TAX

Suzanne Collins, Property Letting Manager, Housing Division, Leicester City Council will give a short presentation of How Do I Pay My Council Tax and Rent. The presentation will provide advice and guidance to those who are having to pay Council Tax for the first time and are receiving benefit payments directly to themselves as a result of the changes to the welfare benefits system.

5. ST MARY'S ALLOTMENTS SITE

Neil Evans, Property Services, Leicester City Council will present an update on the outcome of the ecology survey carried out on the site and the development proposals for the site.

6. AYLESTONE PARK - DRAINAGE/FLOODING UPDATE

Graham Woods, Parks Services, Leicester City Council will give an update on the current position in relation to the drainage and flooding issues on the Park.

7. BLOOMFIELD ROAD - TRAFFIC MEASURES UPDATE

An update will be presented on the outcome of the meeting arranged at the last meeting to discuss traffic measures in Bloomfield Road.

8. BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications,

The following applications have been received and approved by Councillors prior to the meeting under the 'fast track' scheme for grant applications with a value of £500 or less.

1. Leicester City Council – Housing Services - £150

Grant to provide Christmas outing for residents of Cromwell House.

The approved expenditure on Grants so far this year for the Ward is £9,150.41 (including the grant approved above) which leaves a balance of £8,849.59 for future applications, including those below.

The following applications have been received and are to be considered by the meeting.

1) **Aylestone Recreation Ground – Inclusive Sessions** **£1,000**

An application (No 2391) has been received to deliver elite football coaching to children of all abilities and financial background at Aylestone 4g Astro Turf. The sessions are based upon many values, techniques, problem solving, communicating and discipline and aim to provide children with valuable life skills. The application was inadvertently withdrawn at the meeting in September as it was confused with another bid that had been withdrawn. The meeting in November deferred consideration of the bid as the applicant had been invited to attend and was not present.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Balls, bibs, cones	free		
Head coach 1	£1000		£1,000
1 support coach	free		
Posters		£25	
Venue cost	free		
Total	£1,000		

2) Youth Work Sessions – Goldhill Play £500

An application (No 2405) has been received to provide evening sessions for over 13 years old to play and socialise and enjoy activities of table tennis, arts & crafts, football, basketball, music etc and to receive support and guidance from trained staff and volunteers. The Eyres Monsell Ward has also been requested to approve a grant of £500.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Costs of 4 Staff x 2 hour sessions	7.36 per hour = 136.00		£1,000
Total			£500 per ward

**3) Inclusive Football – Leicestershire & Rutland County FA
£1,180**

An application (No 2406) has been received to help fund a scheme to encourage more sport participation from young people in two groups – 9 -14 year olds and 14-18 year olds. The numbers attending the scheme will be recorded for 6 months and the aim is to make the groups self-reliant by charging youths an affordable fee.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Enhance Football Coaching £25 per session x 14 weeks (2 sessions per week)	£700	A	£700
Facility Pitch Hire £20 x 14 weeks	£280	E	£280
Administration fee to cover website and help small reward costs and kit	£250	E	£200
Total	£1,230		£1,180

**4) Inclusive Football – Leicestershire & Rutland County FA
£500**

An application (No 2407) an application has been received to provide a project tournament for students at the GEMEG Acadamy based at the Aylestone 4G pitch. Part of the course involves students planning an event in football. The students will referee for the day, provide

organisation and run the event, deal with applications, posters, provide evaluation, video/pictures of the day, catering and invite council members to attend. The students are local players and some live on the Saffron Estate. The scheme helps to provide local student to gain qualifications, engagement with the community and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
To plan, deliver an devaluate a football tournament at the Aylestone 4G pitch, marketing, promotion and delivery to include trophies.	£500	E	£500
Pitch hire – given in kind thanks to Aylestone Leisure Centre	£250	A	
Referees – £20 x 3 Referees.	£60	E	
Total	£810		£500

5) Shiny Interactive Performance – The Spark

£150

An application (No 2408) to put on an interactive performance for early years children (6 months to 4 years) and their families. The performance will take place during the Spark Festival from 5 – 7 June 2103. The performances will take place at 5 venues in several wards. There will be a performance at the Saffron, Lansdowne and Eyres Monsell Children’s Centre.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Cost of Shiny Performance £800 per day for 3 days	£2,400	Actual	
Artist Accommodation	£225	Actual	
Artist Travel	£75	Estimate	
Cost relating to sponsorship	£200	Actual	
Contribution to festival overheads	£100	Actual	
Total	£3,000		£150 per ward

6) Saffron Summer Fete – Saffron Arts Forum**£1,200**

An application (No 2409) to provide support for the Summer Fete and carnival parade through the estate to be held on a Saturday in August. The event attracts up to 3,000 local residents of all ages. Summer workshops in music production, dance and auditions will be organised. Family fun costume design workshops will also be held throughout the summer.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Stage and entertainment	850		£1,000
First Aid	170		
Insurance	200		
Road Closures	1,200		
Summer activities artist and materials for procession	1,000		
Tournament	300		
Advertising	300		
Total	4,220		£1,200

7) STARS Dance Studio – STARS Freestyle Academy**£1,500**

An application (No 2410) to provide help towards the repair of their building caused by vandalism and drainage problems on Aylestone Park. The club have already raised funds to replace the dance floor.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Roof repairs, replacement of tiles and coping stones, asphaltting of the flat roof and fitting of a new secure/vandal proof door on the outside of the building	£1,500		£1,500
Total	£1,500		£1,500

8) Raising Self Esteem – Self Esteem Project**£425**

An application (No 2411) has been received to provide a project aimed at increasing self-esteem in girls aged 12 – 14 years old enabling them to make well informed decisions regarding lifestyles and relationships formed with partners, family or friends and to engage them in physical activity. The sessions would be for an hour a week split between half an hour of a discussion group and half an hour of high energy kickboxing.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Badges and certificates	£50		
Staff and Expenses	£300		
Paper and Equipment	£40		
Kickboxing Insurance	£75		
Folders	£30		
Total	£425		£425

9) Cleaning River of litter and flotsam – Parks Services**£800**

An application (No 2412) was received and subsequently withdrawn.

10) Green Life Boat River Clean Up Project – Riverside Officers
£800

An application (No 2413) has been received to provide facilities for volunteers to clean the watercourses throughout the City from Loughborough Road Bridge to St Mary's Mill. The responsibility for removing litter and flotsam falls outside all the official agencies remits. The project has been running for 15 years and much of the equipment is reaching the end of its useful life. Personal protection and hand washing facilities are offered and there are costs incurred in disposing of the rubbish collected. The bid had also been made to Westcotes and Belgrave Wards and each ward has been requested to approve £800.00

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Tools and equipment such as litter pickers etc	£800	E	
Welfare and PPE items such as gloves etc	£800	E	
Additional waste disposal	£800	E	
Total	£2,400 between 3 wards		£800

11) The Big Lunch – Saffron Community Health Alliance £250

An application (No 2414) has been received to provide 50 local residents with a free 3 course meal that complies with the healthy message of 5 a day. Vulnerable people, such as those that have accessed the food Bank in the last year and the elderly from local lunch clubs will be priority recipients. The bid is a joint bid with Eyres Monsell Ward who have also been asked for a grant of £250

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
50 settings at £5.00 per head	250.00		250.00
Promotion flyers	150.00		
Table cloths, decorations & materials	100.00		
Total	500.00		£250.00

12) Aylestone Leisure Centre – Community Library and Café Furniture Aylestone Library £3,000

An application (No 2415) has been received to provide café tables and chairs for the Aylestone Library when it relocates to the Aylestone Leisure Centre in late spring 2013. Quotations are currently being requested from suppliers and an update will be provided at the meeting.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
6 x café study tables (quotations are being sought)		E	
24 x chairs (quotations are being sought)		E	
2 x small café tables (quotations are being sought)		E	
8 x chairs (quotations are being sought)		E	
Total			£3,000

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information contact

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Freemen Community Action Log As at 20 November 2012

Meeting held 20 November 2012 at The Linwood Centre, Linwood Road, Leicester

Cllrs attending – Councillors Cutkelvin and Shelton

Ref no	Item	Response at meeting	Action Required	Action Required by	Action Taken	Follow up / action from subsequent Community Meeting	Item Closed / Further information
20/12	Introductions	No interests declared	None				Item Close
21/12	Action Log	<p>Approved as correct record.</p> <p>Action 4/12 (St Mary's Allotment) – The ecology report has not yet been received – the development brief will now be submitted to the March meeting.</p> <p>Action 19/12 (Aylestone Road Tree) A grant application had been submitted and was fast 'fast tracked' for approval. The tree had now been replaced.</p> <p>Action 19/12 (Aylestone Park, Flooding) an update report will be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Item to be put on next meeting agenda.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Report to next meeting.</p>	19 March 2013			<p>Item Closed</p> <p>Item Closed</p>
22/12	Voluntary Action Leicester –VAL	<p>Presentation given by Sue Dales, Development and Volunteering Advisor, on her role and for supporting community volunteers.</p> <p>It was suggested that Sue should contact the Aylestone Park Residents Group and use the Newsletter to promote ideas and recruit volunteers. Also the Linwood Centre had a drop in facility. Links with Saffron Arts could also be beneficial.</p> <p>It was also suggested that tapping into existing projects such as the Leicester Towpath Team Voluntary Project could also help to develop further</p>	None	Sue Dales			Item Closed

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		projects and opportunities.					
23/12	Welfare Reform Overview	Karen Wenlock, Revenues and Benefits Team Leader, gave a presentation on the changes to the welfare benefits system that would take effect next year. Copy of presentation attached. Leaflets and information also distributed to public.	None				Item Closed
24/12	Neighbourhood Policing - Update	<p>Sgt Little presented the crime figures for the last three months. Overall crime for the Welford Road Policing Unit was 13% down on previous year.</p> <p>Crime in the Ward was also down. Crime figures for last three months were; Burglaries - 7, Burglaries other than dwellings – 7, Theft of Motor Vehicles -14 (9 could have been avoided if cars were locked), Theft from Motor vehicles – 5.</p> <p>Bike thefts were still a problem but most were due to either bikes being left in rear gardens or left on the street with flimsy/inadequate locking devices, which were easily cut with bolt cutters.</p> <p>Sgt Little canvassed views on how the Police could engage with the community and outlined the response time to incidents.</p> <p>It was suggested that an incident reporting box for non-emergencies could be placed at the Linwood Centre and be emptied every 2-3 days. This would also allow anonymous reporting of information where there was a fear of reprisals.</p>	<p>Residents to be vigilant and report suspicious incidents to the Police on the 101 non-emergency number.</p> <p>Sgt Little to consider.</p>				
25/12	City Warden – Update	<p>The following initiatives had taken place recently:-</p> <p>Graffiti clean-up operation – Warden talking to local businesses to see if they would use Graffiti kits to help remove graffiti from their premises.</p>	<p>City Warden to continue talking to local</p>				

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		<p>150 incidents of 'name tagging' graffiti had been identified. The Police had arrested 2 offenders and were co-ordinating all incidents of name tagging in City and would take action against offenders once they were identified.</p> <p>The Bins on Streets Monitoring Project had started. 82 bins had been left out and 9 penalty notices had been served.</p>	<p>business and liaison with the Police on 'name tagging' incidents.</p> <p>On-going.</p>				
26/12	Neighbourhood Housing – Update	<p>Ian Stapleton – Area Housing Manager reported on the following housing services activities and initiatives in the Ward:--</p> <p>Fences in Montrose Road and Aylestone Road had been painted by youth offenders under the Community Payback scheme.</p> <p>Work was progressing in Neston Gardens and Heathcote with the help of volunteers.</p> <p>Housing Services staff were now involved in completing Fire Inspections in flats following the transfer of the responsibility from the Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Communal Painting schemes had started with the help of volunteers.</p> <p>Work was progressing well on the Welfare Reform Act changes in partnership with other stakeholders to provide as much assistance to tenants as possible,</p> <p>Following a City wide Repairs Satisfaction Survey, the Saffron Housing Office had the highest level of satisfaction in the City. The number of outstanding jobs had been greatly reduced.</p> <p>Parks staff were being consulted</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>				
				31 March			

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		about play equipment and it was hoped to have this installed before the end of the end of March 2013.		2013			
27/12	Budget – Four grants approved under the ‘fast track’ scheme.	Approval of ‘fast tracked’ bids noted.	None	None			
28/12	Budget – Pink Lizzard Developing Youth (2383) £3,225 requested	£750 approved	MSO to process - £750 to be paid to applicant.	Within standard timescale.			
29/12	Budget – Aylestone Recreation Ground – Inclusive Sessions (2391) £1,000 requested	Cllr Cutkelvin declared a Declarable Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Management Board and took no part in the discussion upon the item. Application deferred until the applicant attends the meeting to present the application.	MSO to note.	Within standard timescale.			
30/12	Budget – Traffic Calming Measures (2402) £761 requested	£761 approved.	MSO to process - £761 to be paid to applicant.	Within standard timescale.			
31/12	Budget – Free Running (2403) £480 requested	£480 approved.	MSO to process - £480 to be paid to applicant.	Within standard timescale.			
32/12	Any Other Business Traffic Issues	Bloomfield Road - it was noted that the road was used as a ‘rat run’ and whilst motorists were not speeding as such; the narrow width of the road aligned with parked cars made it unsuitable and potentially hazardous. It was suggested that a site visit	Councillor Shelton to arrange a site visit before the next meeting.	19 March 2013			

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		should be held with Councillors, Highways Staff, Police, Area Housing Services Manager and Karl Craig-West to see what could realistically be achieved and at what cost.					
33/12	Next Meeting	Next Meeting To be held 19 March 2013 at a venue to be decided.	Agenda to be despatched by 5 March.				

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