

# Freemen Community Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, 20 November 2012

**TIME:** 6:15 pm

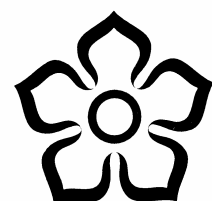
**PLACE:** The Linwood Centre, Linwood  
Road, Leicester, LE2 6QN

## Ward Councillors

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin

Councillor Bill Shelton

There will be period of 15 minutes form 6.00pm to 6.15pm to meet or talk to Councillors, a representative of the City Warden Team, the Police or any other officers attending to discuss issues affecting the Ward.



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## **Conduct Guidance**

The behaviour of people at ward community meetings is important to the success of the meeting. Everyone attending today's meeting is kindly asked to comply with the following arrangements:

- Respect the views of others
- Keep to the Agenda
- One person speaks at a time
- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

If anyone does not comply with the guidance, they may be warned that they may be asked to leave the meeting.

## **Making Meetings Accessible to All**

### **WHEELCHAIR**

Meetings are held in a variety of community venues. We will only hold meetings in venues where there is suitable access for wheelchairs. If you have any concerns about accessing a venue by wheelchair, please contact the Democratic Services Officer on the details provided.

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### **INDUCTION LOOPS – HEARING AT MEETINGS**

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## **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Shelton will Chair the meeting, 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 27 September 2012 is attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record. Actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

## **4. VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER (VAL)**

Sue Dales, Development and Volunteering Advisor, VAL, will attend the meeting to give a short presentation on her role and supporting community volunteering.

## **5. WELFARE REFORM OVERVIEW**

To receive a short presentation by a member of the Revenues and Benefits Service on the changes to the reform of the welfare benefits system that will take effect next year.

## **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING - UPDATE**

To receive an update on Policing issues in the area.

## **7. CITY WARDEN - UPDATE**

The meeting will receive an update on street scene enforcement issues.

## **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING - UPDATE**

To receive an update on any local housing issues in general and a request for volunteers for a project on Neston Gardens/Neston Road.

## **9. 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. Saffron Acres Burglary - £500

Grant to replace tools used by volunteers that were stolen from the secure storage facility on the Saffron Acre Project site.

2. Aylestone Road Tree Replacement – Highways Asset Management – £442.04

Planting a small leaf lime, *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire' at the junction of Aylestone Road with Brazil Street to replace a sycamore tree that had to be removed on highway safety grounds. The grant provides for the cost of the tree and 5 years after care.

3. Actions Have Consequences – Leicestershire Constabulary - £50

Provision of a prize for pupils at Marriott Primary School who will write a report on a Police Team Project visit at the school. The prize money will be spent on Crime Prevention.

4. Sound Around – Goldhill Jnr Management Group - £300

Purchase of amplifiers, speakers and microphones to be used at various events for Halloween, Christmas, Diwali, karaoke, play schemes, carnivals and open days. The equipment will be available for use by local youth projects.

The approved expenditure on Grants so far this year for the Ward is £7,009 (including the four grants approved above) which leaves a balance of £10,991 for future applications, including those below.

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

**1) Pink Lizard Developing Youth**

**£3,225**

An application has been received to fund a project that will give young people an accreditation qualification in music production, using pro-logic music software, tutored in singing, lyric/song writing and playing live instruments. The project will work with young people in Evington, Freeman and Eyres Monsell wards. The application was deferred at the last meeting for consultation to take place with Councillors from Eyres Monsell and Evington Wards. This has taken place and Eyres Monsell Ward has approved £750 and Evington Ward has approved £500.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting
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			(£)
Lead youth worker /Music tutor 15 Week project x 6 over 2 days	£20hr	A	1800
Music engineer 15 Weeks project 6 hrs over 2 days	£10hr	A	900
Travel 2 x times a week	£10 a session	A	300
Dance Tutor 1hr week	£15hr	A	225
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3225</b>		<b>£3225</b>

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

An application 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 last meeting as it was confused with another bid that had been withdrawn.

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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,000</b>		

## 3) Traffic Calming Measures – Park Services Area 4      **£761.37**

An application has been received to install speed humps near to the entrance to Aylestone Recreation Ground on Knighton Lane East to slow down vehicles as they enter and leave the park. The road crosses the main footpath that goes around the park. It is felt that the work is essential on safety grounds now that there is an increase in the number of vehicles entering the new car park for the pavilion and sports pitches.

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Two Speed Humps at Aylestone Recreation Ground		£761.37	£761.31
<b>Total</b>			£761.31

#### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next Community Ward Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March 2013 at a venue to be decided.

#### 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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# Freemen Community Action Log As at 27 September 2012

Meeting held 27 September 2012

Cllrs attending – Cllr Cutkelvin

Ref no	Item	Response at meeting	Action Required	Action Required by	Action Taken	Follow up / action from subsequent Community Meeting	Item Closed / Further information
1/12	Introductions	Cllr Shelton submitted apologies. Cllr Cutkelvin explained that Freemen ward was part of a pilot review and several options were being trialled. No interests declared	None				N/A
2/12	Minutes	Approved as correct record, subject to minute no 9 being amended to delete 'the cost of implementing the procedure would then be reduced' and replaced with 'the cost of the fines had been reduced from £110 to £80.'	None				N/A
3/12	Planning Application – Velodrome	Presentation given by Kathy Bourassa (Housing) Lisa Culhane (ASRA) and Rob Wollerston (RGP – Architects)	None				
4/12	Update on St Mary's Allotments	Neil Evans (Property Services) reported that the ecology survey not yet completed. Envisaged completed within two months and will	Presentation to future ward meeting on development proposals.	November Meeting.			

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		have outline development brief available for consultation.					
5/12	Safer Bike Routes	<p>Details of the Aylestone &amp; Saffron Lane Loop of the Safer Bike Route together with an update report circulate at the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cutkelvin circulated consultation leaflet on the Aylestone Bus Route proposals.</p>	<p>Presentation on the next promotion of the Aylestone Route in early spring</p> <p>Public urged to submit views on the proposals.</p>	March Meeting.			
6/12	Police Issues	<p>Sgt Little introduced PC Little the Ward Beacon Officer and presented the crime figures for the last three months. Total crime for the Welford Road Policing Unit down 9% compared to previous year (Target was 5%)</p> <p>No priority policing issues in the ward at present</p> <p>Issue of incident on Aylestone Meadows raised with Police.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Ongoing monitoring and assessment of any reported incidents</p> <p>Situation being monitored following initial response.</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>			
7/12	City Warden Issues	No issues raised.	City Warden	City Warden to attend Next Meeting			



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8/12	Budget – Aylestone Library Community Activities (2379) £939 requested	Rejected due to uncertainty over space currently used in the library after the library moves from the premises.	MSO to note and respond to applicant.  Applicant to be advised to re-submit once future space for project confirmed.	Within standard timescale			
9/12	Budget – Saffron Support for Elderly People (2382) £1,426 requested	Rejected as the centre is under review.	MSO to note and respond to applicant.  Applicant to be advised to re-submit once future space for project confirmed	Within standard timescale			
10/12	Budget – Pink Lizard Developing Youth (2383) £3,225 requested	Deferred – previously deferred to enable meeting to take place with Cllrs from Freeman, Eyres Monsell and Evington – meeting not taken place.	Cllrs from three wards to meet applicant to discuss way forward.	Next Meeting			
13/12	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 withdrawn as it was a duplication of an application later on the agenda.	MSO to note.	Within standard timescale			
14/12	Budget – Empress Roller Skating Club	Agreed in part as not all club members reside in the ward.	MSO to process £200 to be	Within standard timescale.	N/A	N/A	Closed

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	(2393) £500 requested		paid to support club.  Applicant to be advised that if future bids are submitted details of the benefits to the Ward need to be included.				
15/12	Budget – Inclusive Football Coaching Project (2394) £500 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. Feedback to be given to Cllr Shelton.  Application supported and fast track approval of £500 recommended	MSO to liaise with Cllr Shelton to fast track application.	Within standard timescale.			
16/12	Budget – Taster Session at Linwood Centre (2395) £500 requested	Agreed in part.  Applicant advised to submit further application in New Year and include feedback on attendance figures for supported events and to liaise with Ali Simpson-Smith	MSO to process £150 to be paid to applicant.  Applicant to submit further bid, including feedback on attendance etc.	Within standard timescales  November/ March Meeting			
17/12	Budget – Angels and Heros (2398) £200 requested	Agreed	MSO to process £200 to be paid to applicant	Within standard timescales			
18/12	Budget – Saffron	Cllr Cutkelvin	MSO to	Within			

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	Neighbourhood Celebration Event (2397) £700 requested	declared a Declarable Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Management Board and took no part in the discussion upon the item. Feedback to be given to Cllr Shelton.  Application supported and fast track approval of £500 recommended	liaise with Cllr Shelton to fast track application.	standard timescales			
19/12	Any Other Business – issues raised by the public.  Tree cut down on Aylestone Road  Future use of Library – Community Space  Ayleston Park – flooding creating 3 ponds.	Cllr Cutkelvin reported that tree not in conservation area so it is a low priority for replanting. Herb Eppel advised to contact MSO to submit a bid for the cost of a replacement tree.  Cllr Cutkelvin reported that the Library would not move until Spring 2013 but had spoken to Steve Goddard about the possibility of using space for community in the building.  Cllr Cutkelvin reported that problem caused by contractors – they had returned to drill drainage holes in the	MSO to note.  Cllr Cutkelvin to report progress to next meeting  On-going monitoring and report back to future meeting	Ongoing  21.11.12  21.11.12			

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		<p>compacted clay substrata which should help drainage. Contractors working with Parks Services on next phase.</p>					