

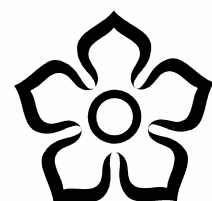
# Freemen Community Meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, 27 September 2012  
**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 Team, the Police or other officers in attendance about issues affecting the Ward.



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- Keep to the Agenda
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- Keep disruption to the minimum (mobile phones on silent) and no side discussions

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## **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair will 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

[Appendix A](#)

The minutes of the previous Freemen Community Meeting, held on 19 June 2012, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

## **4. PLANNING APPLICATION - VELODROME**

To receive details of the current planning submission for the Saffron Lane Velodrome site. Representatives of ASRA Housing Group and Council officers from Housing and Property Services will be in attendance to respond to questions.

## **5. UPDATE ON ST MARY'S ALLOTMENTS**

To receive an update on the ecology survey which has been commissioned to provide guidance for development of the site.

## **6. SAFER BIKE ROUTES**

To receive information on Aylestone and Saffron Safer Bike Route Neighbourhood Map. This was part of an NHS funded pilot project to promote more people cycling on a local neighbourhood basis and target very specific areas or streets. The aim is to establish a network of up to 18 neighbourhood maps to encourage local cycling in the spring, summer and autumn school holidays to help target communities of potential new and returning family cyclists.

## **7. POLICE ISSUES**

To receive an update on local policing issues.

## **8. 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 are to be considered at the meeting:

**1) Aylestone Library Community Activities**

**£939**

An application has been received to purchase audio visual equipment for the fortnightly craft club and monthly film club in the library.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Estimate/ Actual cost?</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting (£)</b>
2x10m Extension cables. @11 each	22 vat incl	Actual	22
1 year long PVSL licence April-April 2013	£100 incl VAT	Actual	100
1 digital projector e.g. ACER Emachines V700.	407 VAT incl	Actual	407
1 projector screen EMV18W. Free installation by community	147.60 incl VAT	actual cost of projector	147.60
VT3 projection trolley.	222	Actual	222
1 CD player	40	Actual	40
Total	938.6		938.6

**2) Saffron Support for Elderly People**

**£1,426**

An application has been received to fund the refit of a kitchen at Southfields Drive Community Centre where a Lunch Club operates five days a week for the benefit of elderly residents of Freeman, Eyres Monsell, Aylestone and Knighton Wards.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>	<b>Request to Ward Meeting £</b>
6 Ring Gas Burner	1,202.00	A	300.50
Pass Through Dishwasher	2,852.48	A	713.12
Bin Marie Hot Cupboard	1,649.00	A	412.25
Total	5,703.48		1,425.87

**3) 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.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
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>

**4) 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.

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>		

**5) Empress Roller Skating Club****£500**

An application has been received for £500 to fund four dresses as part of the Club's attendance to represent Great Britain at the European Rollerskating Championships in Portugal in September 2012.

**6) Inclusive Football Coaching Project****£500**

An application has been received to support football coaching sessions at Aylestone Leisure Centre as part of combating Anti-Social Behaviour issues, participation drop out and the lack of structured football. The project is in partnership with the Football Foundation and Leicester City Council. The sessions are organised in less busy periods at the Leisure Centre and the pitches are given free of charge for the project. All income generated for the sessions have gone back to the Leisure Centre.

Item	Cost (£)	Estimate/ Actual cost?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Coach fee £25 per hour x 20 sessions over 10 weeks (2 sessions a week)	500	500	500
Total			500

**7) Taster Sessions at Linwood Centre****£300**

An application has been received for £300 to fund taster classes at the Linwood Centre for Glass Painting, Flower Making and Arts and Crafts.

**9. 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.

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# Appendix A

## **Your Community, Your Voice**

### **Record of Meeting and Actions**

**6:30 pm, Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

**Held at: The Linwood Centre, Linwood Lane, Leicester. LE2 6QN**

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin
Councillor Bill Shelton

## **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.

<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.
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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 for the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Andy Keeling, Chief Operating Officer, Leicester City Council and Ann Sturgess.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Freemen Community Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, as previously circulated, be agreed as a correct record.

## **5. COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY REPORT**

The following issues were reported: -

- Fly Tipping at St. Mary's Allotments – site now cleared after 18 years of lying derelict
- Potholes – Windley Way/The Fairway – now filled
- Recreation Ground, Aylestone – gained access to 3 pitches for use by local people
- Fete Committee – artificial pitch to be used on day of Fete
- Surgeries – low turnout being experienced
  - Councillor Cutkelvin – holding surgery at SureStart during daytime
  - Councillor Shelton – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Aylestone Leisure Centre
  - Reported that a lot of casework originates from 'e' mails and from personal visits.
- Forest Chimney – fumes and emissions – a further cap on the chimney had now been installed and the level of fumes had been reduced
- Councillor Cutkelvin stated that she had just been trained to enrol people to the Clockwise Credit Union.

A member of the public questioned when the lower end of Aylestone Recreation Ground would be drained to alleviate the problems of flooding following heavy rain. In reply it was stated that contact would be made with mark Laywood, Project Manager, to find out what progress had been made with the drainage and a report made at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

## **6. ST. MARY'S ALLOTMENTS - SITE DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE**

The Ward Councillors reported that they had met with the Head of Planning Management and Delivery and asked him to come up with some designs for the site. Since then officers had attended a meeting of the Aylestone Park Residents Group (APRG) and had presented the Site Development Guidance. Arising from the meeting further ideas had been put forward and these would now be taken back to a future meeting of the APRG.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

## **7. HOUSING ISSUES**

No representative from Housing Services was present at the meeting.

It was stated that the issues that were outstanding related to the cladding to properties on Bloomfield Road and of the contractors not clearing up after they have completed their work, or undertaking the work they were supposed to be doing.

Green Deal, the contractors working in conjunction with E-oN were now looking to work with other contractors.

## **8. ANGELS AND HEROES**

It was noted that, prior to the meeting, Angels and Heroes had indicated that they had not got anyone to attend the meeting and sent their apologies.

## **9. CITY WARDEN**

Scott, the local City Warden attended the meeting to give an update.

It was reported that the 'Bins on Streets' procedure was currently under review and it was anticipated that the cost of implementing the procedure would then be reduced.

Incidences of dog fouling in the area had reduced lately.

Work was underway with PCSO's targeting drivers driving without seatbelts, dropping litter from cars and using mobile phones whilst driving.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

## **10. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Sgt. Darren Little attended the meeting and gave an update on local policing issues.

It was reported that for the previous month (May) crime overall had continued to fall generally and the following statistics were reported: -

6 – Burglaries

Burglaries – Other had however seen a massive increase of bike thefts  
in particular

1 – Theft of Motor Vehicle

3 – Theft from Motor Vehicles

0 – Robberies

ASB – reported cases fallen compared to same period in 2011.

It was stated that the main priority for the Police in the area was that of mini motorbikes that were being ridden around the estate by 14/15/16 year olds. Recently a couple of arrests had been made and 4 mini motorbikes had been seized, the bikes would be crushed. There were however issues around identifying the other 6 or so individuals on this estate.

In concluding it was stated that the recently purchased Domestic Violence Tool Boxes had been placed at various locations across the Ward and the relevant training for staff had been carried out.

### Community Safety

Louise Lavelle attended the meeting and stated that for people who felt vulnerable Community Safety Team could often help and get various items installed in their houses to make a difference.

Leaflets advertising the services available from Community Safety Team were being revised and would soon be dropped around the estate.

Prior to Saffron Fete the Team would be ordering supplies of bike locks and padlocks for sheds to give away at the Fete.

In conclusion Louise stated that the Team focused on areas where crime figures were high to try and address issues.

RESOLVED:

that the information be noted.

## **11. SAFFRON FETE**

Kelly Bugby reported that arrangements for the 2012 Saffron Fete were well underway with a number of activities themed around the Olympics. Difficulties were

being experienced in finding sufficient funding to keep the Fete stable. Local people were urged to come forward and volunteer to help on the day.

The next Saffron Fete Committee would be held at 10.30am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, with fortnightly meetings being held until the Fete took place. Additional space had been secured in the Leicester Link to advertise the Fete.

In concluding it was stated that the City Council were looking for ideas for different ways to hold Community Meetings. Any criticisms of the current format, or ideas for improvements would be welcomed.

## 12. BUDGET

Councillors noted the following applications that had been approved since the last meeting, and funded from the 2012/13 Budget: -

i)	Bloomfield Road Street Party	£377
ii)	Southfields Community Association	£500
	- Diamond Jubilee Celebration	
iii)	Richmond Close residents	£400
	- Diamond Jubilee Street Party	
iv)	Aylestone Library Street Party	£250
v)	Domestic Violence Toolbox	£310

Members considered the following applications that had been submitted as follows: -

**1) Aylestone Library Community Activities £938.60**

An application had 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.

**Deferred** until such time as the Library proposals are made clear and it has been demonstrated that wider community use for the equipment has been achieved.

**2) Luncheon Club Re-fit £1425.87**

An application had been received to fund the re-fit of the kitchen at Southfields Drive Community Centre where a Lunch Club operated five days per week for the benefit of elderly residents of Saffron, Eyres Monsell, Aylestone and Knighton Wards.

**Defer for the time being** whilst certain internal issues at the Centre are dealt with.

**3) Pink Lizard Cohesion Project £3225  
(To be funded from 3 wards)**

An application had been received to fund the delivery of a community cohesion Arts project, based around music, dance and singing/song writing.

The project aimed to work with young people in the area who would have the chance to showcase their new skills at the 2012 Saffron Fete.

Following discussion it was suggested that the Ward Councillors should meet their fellow Ward Councillors from the respective Wards to discuss whether, or what level of funding should be awarded. The Community Meeting were however minded to award funding should the Ward Councillors reach this decision.

**Defer** to enable a meeting to be held with the applicant and the Ward Councillors from Freeman, Eyres Monsell and Evington Wards to discuss a way forward.

**4) Horticultural Show 2012 £551.40**

An application received to part fund a horticultural show.

It was noted that the Show was not strictly Freeman Ward based, but rather community wide, and was part funded by Festivals and Events at the City Council who had suggested that additional funding sources be sought.

**Agreed** that the application be supported to a maximum of **£100**.

**5) Safta's Volunteer Awards Ceremony £1,000**

An application received from Saffron Community Health Alliance, as in previous years, to stage a volunteer awards ceremony.

**Agreed** that the application be supported - **£1,000**.

**6) Young people making a difference £1,000**

An application received from Saffron Arts Forum to stage an event for young people in Freeman and Eyres Monsell Wards that will enable them to showcase what they and their families are involved with.

**Agreed** that the application be supported - **£1,000**.

### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

