# Freemen Ward Community Meeting

DATE: Monday, 9 September 2013 TIME: 6:00 pm PLACE: Aylestone Leisure Centre, 2 Knighton Lane East, Leicester, LE2 6LU

Ward Councillors

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin Councillor Bill Shelton

There will be a period of 15 minutes from 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm 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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- 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

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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. 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.

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

### 4. ACTION LOG

## Appendix A

The Action Log of the last meeting held on 10 July 2013 is attached and Members are asked to confirm it as a correct record. Any update on actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

#### 5. COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillors will give an update on issues in the Action Log that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda, and or report on any issues that are of importance to the Ward.

# 6. NEW LIBRARY AT AYLESTONE LEISURE CENTRE

Adrian Wills, Head of Libraries and Information Service will attend the meeting and demonstrate the new self-service machines. He will also promote the extended opening hours and provide details of the initial lending and joining figures.

# 7. COMMUNITY ROOM ON RICHMOND ROAD

To receive an update on a proposal to open a space in the old Aylestone Library to be used as a community room. Kaija Tangen from Aylestone Park Residents Group has been invited to the meeting to contribute to the discussion.

# 8. BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT AT GRACE ROAD

To receive an update on a proposal to develop a Basketball Sports Arena at Grace Road supported by Leicester Riders, Leicestershire County Cricket Club and Leicester College. Kevin Routledge, from Leicester Riders has been invited to the meeting.

# 9. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE VELODROME SITE ON SAFFRON LANE

To receive an update on the proposed highways improvements on Saffron Lane arising from the housing development on the site of the former Velodrome. Ravi Mohankumar, Senior Engineer, Transport Strategy and Programme, Leicester City Council has been invited to the meeting.

## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

To receive an update on Policing and Community Safety issues in the area.

# 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE

To receive an update on local housing issues in the Ward.

# 12. CITY WARDEN - UPDATE

The meeting will receive an update on street enforcement issues.

#### 13. BUDGET

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

No applications have been received and approved by Councillors prior to the meeting under the 'fast track' scheme for grant applications with a value of  $\pounds$ 500 or less, since the last meeting.

The approved expenditure on Grants for the Ward so far this financial year is  $\pounds$ 3,835, which leaves a balance of  $\pounds$ 14,178.13 for future applications including those shown below for consideration at this meeting.

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

# 1. Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board (2423) £200

Grant to fund a Community Food Bank to provide food to at least 2 families each week who have been referred by local agencies and groups. The scheme is run by FoodShare who organise the collection food from local outlets and deliver to the Linwood Centre on a fortnightly

basis. The annual cost is £600.

This application is eligible for the fast track procedure, but at the time of distributing the agenda, the application has not been approved under this procedure. If it is subsequently approved under the fast track procedure before 9 September, this will be reported to the meeting.

# 2. Saffron Community Health Alliance (2424) £818

Grant to deliver a volunteer award ceremony for Saffron and Eyres Monsell Volunteers. The event is to celebrate and recognise the work that volunteers do in their community. There will be entertainment, refreshments and a prominent figure within the City will be asked to present the awards.

# 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

# 15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that future Community Ward meetings will be held as follows:-

Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 6.15pm at the Linwood Centre, Linwood Drive, Leicester, LE2 6QN.

Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 6.15pm at the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester, LE2 7PL.

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