

Knighton Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 1 March 2016

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Sir Jonathan North Community
College, Knighton Lane East,
Leicester, LE2 6FU

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Ross Grant
Councillor Inderjit Gugnani
Councillor Dr Lynn Moore**

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

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- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

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. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING) - UPDATE

Residents will be given an update from the Neighbourhood Forum.

4. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

Attached for information and discussion.

5. WARD COUNCILLORS UPDATE

- Highways Progress Update
- Consultation on Permit Parking
- Post Office Closure – Update
- Doctors Surgery Closure – Conference and Further Information

6. LOCAL POLICING

Officers from Leicestershire Police will be at the meeting to provide an update on police issues in Knighton Ward.

7. CITY WARDEN

The City Warden will give an update on issues in Knighton Ward.

8. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET - YEAR END

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

- a) An update will be given on the Ward Community budget; and
- b) A list of grant applications submitted for consideration at this meeting are detailed below.

5136 (3rd) Art Beat Festival 2016 (Joint bid with Castle ward)

Applicant: Artbeat

Amount Requested: £2,000

1648 Purchase of Shed / Conveyancing Fees

Applicant: Friends of Queens Road Allotments

Amount Requested: £3,300

1669 Purchase of Public Liability Insurance for Road Closure

Applicant: Northcote Road Playing Out Initiative

Amount Requested: £78.22

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information, please contact

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Appendix A

KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

9th Leicester Scout Group HQ, 58 Stoughton Road, Leicester, LE2 2EB

Councillor Grant (Chair)
Councillor Gugnani
Councillor Dr. Moore

10. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed and introductions were given.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr John Jones and Mr Simon Bennett.

12. ACTION LOG

8th September 2015 – received and noted.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM UPDATE (NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING)

A Steering Group meeting took place on the evening of 24th November. A summary report on progress provided by the Steering Group was read by Cllr Dr. Moore and is attached for information.

14. COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Councillors reported the following:

- A planning application to convert part of the Gables Hotel on London Road to retail was refused on the grounds of highways safety issues.
- Councillor Grant had objected to a planning application for a development on Knighton Church Road due to concerns with flooding. The application was approved with conditions.
- Consultation was undertaken with Castle Ward residents regarding permit parking in Clarendon Park. Councillors stated consultation should also be undertaken with Knighton Ward residents who would also be affected.
- The closure of a post office in Knighton Ward had been proposed, on the basis that Knighton residents could use the branch on Queens Road. Ward councillors to write to the City Mayor to ask that Knighton residents' views be taken into account.

15. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

PCSO Lynette Steadman and PCSO Diane Stewart (Aylestone Ward) were present at the meeting and the following update on police issues was given:

- Statistics for incidents in the ward for the period of 35 days up to 24/11/15:
 - 5 burglaries of dwellings and 1 attempted burglary;

- 3 burglaries of other than dwellings (sheds/garages);
 - 9 reports damage, 4 occurring at Lancaster Boys/Sir Jonothan North schools which related to the same group of youths – one youth had been arrested and was on bail whilst further enquiries took place. 3 of the damages were to unattended cars;
 - 2 bicycles were stolen;
 - 2 theft of cars;
 - 3 theft from vehicles.
- Burglary figures for Oadby, South Wigston, Wigston and Freeman 23/9 – 23/10

71 in 2014 compared to 32 in 2015

Bags containing advice on security and timers for lighting were distributed at the meeting.

- The police were looking at graffiti tags in the area to see if they could be identified with individuals.
- Councillors advised the scout hut to submit an application for vandal-proof lighting for the side of the scout hut.
- The City Warden to bring a graffiti kit to the next community meeting.

The police were praised for their good police work, rapid response and excellent detective work regarding the recent attack on a young school boy in the area.

16. CITY WARDEN

Darren Evans, City Warden, informed the meeting he covered Knighton, Spinney Hills and Stoneygate wards. He added Chris Bramley-Brown would co-work with him in Knighton ward.

- Contact details to be passed to ward councillors and posted online.
- Residents to contact the city warden with any issues in the ward.

17. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

The following funding applications had been agreed:

- 68th Leicester Scout Hut – replacement of equipment – an application for £2,001.40 had been received, but a revised bid of a lesser amount was due to be submitted which was supported in advance.
- Allandale Road / Francis Street Community Market (submitted by Kevin Urquhart) – £3,769.00 (joint bid with Stoneygate at £500) – supported for the lesser amount of £769.00.
- Art House (submitted by Sue Ryan) – £500 – the application was fast-tracked.

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Date of next meeting – 1st March 2016.

Summary Report on Progress

Proposed Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

24th November 2015

Apologies for not being able to attend the Ward Community Meeting, but we have our own meeting this evening, and the members of the Steering Group need to be setting up the room before it starts.

Since Hamish Whiteley gave a detailed report at the September Ward Community Meeting, the Proposed Neighbourhood Forum met on 29th September and did not have a meeting in October.

Key points are:

- **The Neighbourhood Forum met in September to involve new members who joined from Knighton Park Fun Day.**
- **The City Council consultation on the Designated Area finished in October. The Steering Group has met with the City Council Planning Department and separately with Friends of Clarendon Park. Minor changes will be made to the boundary of the area, which will be designated by the Council. If a Neighbourhood Area is applied for for Clarendon Park in the future, part of the boundary may be subject to further consultation.**
- **The Ward Grant of £150 has been spent on room hire. A report has been sent to the Neighbourhood Team at the Council documenting the expenditure and summarising achievements.**
- **The Steering Group has been granted a further grant of £2,602 from Locality, which will pay for public liability insurance, a proper website, which is important for consultation and involvement, and room hire and publicity.**
- **The next steps are to apply to the City Council for designation of the Neighbourhood Forum as the forum for the Designated Area, and to hold formal elections for the Officers and Steering Group of the Proposed Neighbourhood Forum, which will happen at the meeting on 26th January 2016.**

