

Freemen Community Action Log as at 19 March 2013

Meeting held 19 March 2013 at The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester

Cllrs attending – Councillors Cutkelvin and Shelton

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1/13	Introductions	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.	None				Item Close
2/13	Apologies	Neil Evans, Property Services	None				Item closed
3/13	Action Log	Approved as correct record. Action 26/12 (Neighbourhood Housing Update – Neston Gardens: Play equipment on Neston Gardens has been installed.	None				
4/13	How do I pay my Council Tax	Presentation given by Suzanne Collins, Property Letting Manager, Housing Division, Leicester City Council and Mike Watson. Leaflets and information also distributed to the public. Information can be viewed on line at: http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/council-tax/how-to-pay-your-council-tax/	None				Item Closed
5/13	St Mary's Allotment Site	Update given by Councillors. Members of the community to note that the Head of Planning had attended a meeting of the Aylestone Park Resident's Group. Planning Officers had been asked to carry out a survey and this had resulted in a proposal for a mixture of housing (40 houses) and open space on the land. The council needed to market	On-going				

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		<p>the land and sell it to an interested developer. It might be up to two years before this happened. Councillors reported that they were trying to ensure that local residents were fully engaged and consulted.</p> <p>Members of the community also to note that Asra would be building on the old velodrome site . Traffic measures would be put in place.</p>					
6/13	Aylestone Park.Drainage/ Flooding Update	<p>Update given by Graham Woods, Area Parks Manager.</p> <p>Members of the community to note that work was being carried out to remove excess surface water but because of the high volume of rainfall recently experienced it was too soon to ascertain how successful the work had been.</p> <p>High amounts of rainfall in June and July had resulted in flooding at the dance centre and in the Autumn, a specialist company had been employed to tackle the draining problem.</p> <p>This problem was not specific to Aylestone Park as similar drainage problems had been experienced in other parks over the last 12 month.</p>	On-going				
7/13	Bloomfield Road – Traffic Measures Update	<p>Update relating to concerns about speeding traffic on Bloomfield Road given by Councillors.</p> <p>Members of the community asked to note that Councillor Shelton and traffic officers had carried out a site visit. Traffic calming proposals include both a 20 mph scheme and a series of rubber speed cushions. The views of residents were sought before any work was progressed.</p>		Ward Councillors to seek views of residents.			

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		<p>The rubber speed cushions to cost £16,000 and the 20 mph zone to cost £6,000 (£24,000 in total). Concerns were expressed over vehicles parked on pavements Bloomfield Road and causing obstructions. PCSO Jackie Moore advised that the Police could take action where vehicles were causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Councillors asked members of the community to inform them of any other roads where there were concerns re traffic and speeding vehicles.</p>	<p>Members of the public to contact police where badly parked vehicles were causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Members of the public to contact the Ward Councillors where appropriate.</p>				
8/13	Policing Update	<p>Sgt Little presented the policing update.</p> <p>Crime figures for the past 3 months were similar to the previous period. However, there had been a large increase in theft from motor vehicles. A number of those vehicles had not been secured or had valuables on view.</p> <p>Members of the community to note that Louise Cox, Community Safety would be asked to progress work on any areas in need of target hardening.</p>	<p>Residents asked to secure vehicles and remove valuables, including SAT cradles from view</p>				
9/13	City Warden	<p>Scott Clarke, City Warden provided an update on street scene enforcement issues.</p> <p>Members of the public were asked to note that dog fouling was a big issue in the ward, although a great deal of work was been carried out and the situation was improving. Measures taken included the circulation of leaflets, stencils on the pavements</p>	<p>On-going</p>				

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		and monitoring by people in plain clothes. The other big issue was graffiti and again the Wardens were working hard on this. The Crown Prosecution Service could only prosecute where the offence had been witnessed and the 'tagger' if caught was encouraged to confess to other 'tags'.	On-going				
10/13	Budget – Raising Self Esteem (2411) £425 requested	Bid supported to the value of £425	MSO to process and submit to Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval.	by 31.3.13			
11/13	Budget – Aylestone Recreation Ground – Inclusive Sessions. (2391) £1000 requested	Bid not supported as the applicant was not present. He had been invited to attend meetings before to present the bid but had failed to attend.	MSO to inform applicant that the bid had not been supported.	Within standard timescales			
12/13	Budget – Youth Work Sessions – Goldhill Play. (2405) £500 requested from Freeman Ward,	Bid supported to the value of £500	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval.	By 31.3.13			
13/13	Budget – Inclusive Football – Leicestershire and Rutland County F.A. (2406). £1180 requested. Inclusive Football,	The applicant was asked to work with the MSO and re-submit the funding applications, providing more information and evidence to demonstrate how the funding bids would benefit the Freeman Ward. There was concern that funding was needed prior to the next community meeting in order to deliver the project.	MSO to work with the applicant to re-submit the funding bid, with additional information to demonstrate	Within standard timescale.			

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	Leicestershire and Rutland County F.A. (2407). £500 requested.	<p>It was noted that only bids of £500 or less could be fast tracked, but the Chair explained that the bids could be supported in between meetings where they were agreed in principle at the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting supported the funding bids in principle providing that the applicant submitted the required information.</p>	<p>the benefits of the project to the Freeman Ward.</p> <p>If the required information is received, the MSO to then process the funding bids in the new financial year and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor for Community Involvement, for approval.</p>				
14/13	Budget. Shiny Interactive Performance – The Spark. (2408). £150 requested.	Bid supported to the value of £150	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
15/13	Saffron Summer Fete – Saffron Arts Forum (2409). £1200 requested.	<p>Councillor Shelton declared an Other Disclosable Interest as he was Chair of the Saffron Fete Committee and Councillor Cutklevin declared an other Disclosable interest as she was a committee member. However they did not receive any financial gain from this association.</p> <p>Bid supported to the value of £1200.</p>	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
16/13	STARS Dance Studio – STARS Freestyle Academy (2410) £1500 requested	Bid supported to the value of £1,000 with the option to increase this amount if there was any money left in the budget after the remaining bids had been considered.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community	By 31.3.13			

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			Involvement for approval				
17/13	Cleaning River of litter and flotsam .Parks Services (2412) £800 requested	The meeting to note that the funding bid had been withdrawn	None				
18/13	Green Life Boat River Clean Up Project – Riverside Officers. (2413) £800 requested	Bid supported to the value of £800	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
19/13	The Big Lunch – Saffron Community Health Alliance. (2414). £250 requested.	Bid supported to the value of £250	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
20/13	Saffron Neighbourhood Celebration Event (2415). £1100 requested	Councillor Cutklevin declared an Other Disclosable Interest as she was chair of this event, and after a brief introduction to the funding bid, did not participate further in the discussion. Bid supported in principle, with the amount to be calculated at the end of the meeting, when the remaining budget applications had been considered.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
21/13	Aylestone Leisure Centre – Community Library and Café Furniture Aylestone Library (2416). £3000 requested	Bid supported for an amount to be calculated at the end of the night, when the community meeting budget had been balanced.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
21/14	Aylestone Recreation Ground North – Community Payback. Victoria Hudson (2417). £500 requested.	Concerns were expressed that the funding application had arrived late although the applicant had reported that she had submitted it in February. The Chair requested that the bid be re submitted with the possibility of it	MSO to liaise with the applicant re the re-submission of the bid, with	Within standard timescale			

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	(Probation partnership project to paint park perimeter railings at Aylestone Recreation Ground)	being fast tracked in the new financial year. She requested that the work be extended up to the banks and sought clarification of where the work would be carried out.	clarification of where the work would be done.				
The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.							