

FREEMEN WARD COMMUNITY MEETING
19 March 2014
ACTION LOG

NO.	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT THE MEETING
58.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	<p>Cllr Shelton – Chair welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies - none.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>
59.	ACTION LOG – 20 November 2013	<p>Agreed and Noted</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 49a/13 – Councillor Cutkelvin said that there were still plans to introduce a traffic calming scheme possibly in about a year’s time. • Item 50b/13 the Christmas Party was well attended by over 1200 people. • Item 52/13 – The development at The Fairway had been delayed. Ian Stapleton Housing Manager to update under Item 62. • Item 56 regarding patch walks, the police intended to do two multi agency patch walks annually. Ian Stapleton pointed out that if residents had any concerns they could contact the housing office at any time.
60.	COUNCILLORS REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Cutkelvin reported that parking on pavements was a big problem in the area, especially Cavendish Road and Richmond Road. A review was being held for the city in terms of problematic areas. Residents were asked to provide details of areas they were concerned about to be referred to the parking review. • The land at St Mary’s Allotments was still an issue There was to be a meeting between the City Mayor and Officers from Planning, to discuss the future of the site. Some of the land was earmarked for housing and green space. This issue would also be discussed at the Aylestone Park Resident’s group who held meetings at the Church on 1st Thursday every month at 7.30pm. • The old Velodrome site was being developed for new housing, there was some traffic disruption but once the development was finished and the traffic

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		<p>lights working it would be much better. There was a need for housing and it was welcomed in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Cutkelvin reported that the proposal for a basketball academy on Grace Road was no longer going ahead as an alternative site had been agreed. • There had been a boundary review within Leicester which proposed changes for the area. This was currently out to public consultation and more details could be obtained from Councillor Cutkelvin. • Councillor Cutkelvin distributed census data from 2011 regarding Freeman ward and compared it to other areas in Leicester. • The pitches at Aylestone Park were still flooding and the issue was being addressed. • The Saffron Fete was planned for Saturday 9th August 2014. • A planning application had been received for 18 Lothair Road. The application would be considered at a full planning meeting.
61.	COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTATION	<p>Steve Goddard – Head of Community Services talked about his role and responsibilities which included supporting Community Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a review of services which included trying to save money, cutting out service duplications and utilising available resources whilst working more to engage with local residents. • The Richmond Library building was discussed. They were looking for someone to take over the centre. If no one was found the building would be sold on the open market as a community facility and planning permission could be sought for a change of use.
62.	NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Ian Stapleton provided an update on Housing Developments in the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing at the old Velodrome site was being built in partnership with ASRA Housing Association. The planned build would be for 40 properties. Leicester City Council would have first nomination rights for tenants, which would relieve pressure on the housing register. • Work on the Fairway housing development had not started yet. Work was probably going to start

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		<p>at the end of the month with a completion date at the end of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident asked whether a new doctor's surgery was to be built in the area. Councillor Shelton was not aware of plans for a new doctor's surgery in the ward. It was suggested there may be one planned in the Eyres Monsell ward.
63.	CITY WARDEN SERVICE	<p>Caroline Walsh, the City Warden for the area gave an update on progress made in the area since the last meeting and distributed information leaflets to those present. She thanked everyone for being supportive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A snapshot was given of complaints recently received, which included an increase in dealing with untidy private land. • It was noted there had not been many direct dog fouling complaints. • If residents had any issues they could contact the City Warden whose details were on the leaflets distributed.
64.	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE	<p>Sgt Little gave an update on local policing issues and reported crime statistics were noted. It was commented that burglaries in the area were very low in comparison to other areas of the City and there was a good police presence in the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents asked to be vigilant and ensure properties were secure, in particular windows, to reduce the risk of burglaries. • A resident raised concerns about cars parking on the pavements –Sgt Little informed the meeting unless it caused an obstruction the police had few powers to tackle it. Councillor Cutkelvin advised it could be reported to the City Wardens.
65.	BUDGET	<p>It was noted that the committed expenditure so far this financial year for the Ward, was £7266 which left a balance of £11300 for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>The total value of the bids received was in excess of the funds available and because of the lateness of the meeting in the financial year any bids that were approved at the meeting could be funded through the 2014/15 Ward community budget. The meeting were in agreement with this course of action.</p>

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		<p><u>Applications Considered at the meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment for Tic Toc Park (2433) – Application for £10,000 – Grant of £10,000 supported for Adrian Edge, LCC. • Summer Football Sessions (2434) – Application for £1,300 – Grant of £1,300 supported for Darren Creed AFC Andrews Juniors. • Cyber Bullying Project (0027) – Joint Application with Aylestone Ward for £3,000 – grant of £1,000 supported subject to i) being paid from 2014/15 ward budget ii) approval by Aylestone ward councillors, iii) the catchment areas for each of the schools being checked and advice given to councillors of how the bid would be best “weighted” across both wards. • Aylestone Junior Parkrun (2436) – Application for £3,000 – Grant of £1,000 supported for Alison Robins to be paid from 2014/15 ward budget. The applicant was advised to secure match funding but could resubmit a bid if unable to secure the remaining £2,000.
66.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident raised concerns about the amount of traffic around Knighton Fields Road West, Councillor Cutkelvin to arrange a site visit. • Residents raised concerns about pot holes and poorly surfaced roads. Councillor Cutkelvin invited residents to email details so this could be addressed. • Residents raised concerns regarding cyclists on pavements, cars parked on the pavement and cars speeding down Saffron Lane.
67.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The date, time and venue of the next meeting to be confirmed.
The meeting closed at 7.50pm		