

Knighton Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:30 pm, Monday, 19 May 2008

Held at: Overdale Junior School, Overdale Road

Which Councillors were there:

Councillor Andy Bayford

Councillor Ross Grant

Councillor Gary Hunt

INFORMATION SHARING – INFORMATION FAIR

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 the local Police and to bring enquiries and raise and issues.

Table 1 Emergency Planning

Responsible for the effective co-ordination and management of civil emergencies

Table 2 Waste Management and Recycling (Leicester City Council)

Responsible for recycling and for the removal of household waste.

Table 3 Ward Councillors/General Enquiries

Table 4 Leicester Constabulary

Responsible for Policing issues in the area
Stand details

Table 5 Friends of Knighton Park

Table 6 Knighton and Clarendon Police and Community Support Group

Table 7 Leicester City Primary Care Trust (Health Services)

Responsible for Health issues in the area

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. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Grant welcomed everyone to the first Knighton Community meeting and introductions were given.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Grant was elected as Chair for the meeting

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

5. PRESENTATION ON THE NEW COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Councillor Grant gave a presentation on the new Community Meetings and explained how the new system would work. The key features of the new Community Meetings were as follows:

- The meetings provided an opportunity for local people to get more involved in what was happening in their local area.
- Community partners and key agencies such as the Primary Care Trust and the Police would be invited to participate along officers from various departments, staff from agencies, projects that had a local base and most importantly people who lived and worked in the Knighton Ward.
- Members of the Public would be encouraged highlight successes and what was not working well, they would also be encouraged to have their say on their local area such as the needs of the area and how working together could achieve those needs.
- There would be a minimum of four meetings per year; possibly more if residents wished.
- The first part of the meeting would consist of information stalls, which would be varied over time. Community groups were welcome to hold an information stall at the meetings and were invited to contact Councillors or the Officers who worked on the meetings.
- The second part of the meeting would be more formal and discuss issues that needed formal decisions such as budget proposals.
- The meeting's initial task was to identify and prioritise residents' issues or concerns within their ward.
- The aim was to use these ideas to develop and design a Draft Action Plan that will then be formulated into the Ward Action Plan.

Adrian Russell, Service Director Environmental Services, reported that the meeting process was to involve the residents in the decision-making process. He encouraged them to report the areas and issues that they thought were important.

6. WARD PRIORITIES

At this point of the meeting the public were invited to split into groups to identify ward priorities for inclusion in the Draft Area Plan. The initial findings of the session were to be reported back towards the end of the meeting.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates were agreed for future meetings:

- Monday 18th August 2008
- Monday 17th November 2008
- Monday 16th February 2009

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

