

Knighton Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:30 pm, Monday, 16 January 2012

Held at: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Newstead Road.

Who was there:

Councillor Ross Grant

Councillor Inderjit Gugnani

Councillor Dr Lynn Moore



139. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Gugnani was elected as Chair for the meeting.

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Oldershaw, local resident.

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

142. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Knighton Community Meeting, held on 17 October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

143. OVERDALE SCHOOL TRAFFIC ISSUES

Councillor Moore provided an update on the traffic issues relating to Overdale Road. She reported that it had been aimed to meet the Head Teacher of the Junior School however this had not been possible. The proposal to be discussed had been for parents to park at the Bowls Club and then walk their children to the school and it was hoped this would cut congestion.

144. CHOICE ADVICE SERVICE

Glenn Sutton from the Choice Advice Service was present to provide information about the service. The Community Meeting was informed that there was currently a school catchment area review in progress which would affect Overdale School, St Jonathan North and the Lancaster School in the area. It was reported that the consultation would run until February 2012. Residents were informed that the local authority's proposals could be seen on the Council's website.

145. CARE AND REPAIR SERVICE

Mick Court, Care and Repair was present to provide information on the work of the service. The Community Meeting were informed that the service was a charitable agency which offered support and guidance to its customers. The service also aimed to protect against rogue traders by having an approved list of 50 contractors who carried out work for the service. It was noted that the service was funded by the Council and an organisation entitled 'Supporting People'. Mick explained that Care and Repair also gave advice to people about the benefits they were entitled to.

A resident raised concern regarding checks being carried out on contractors carrying out work for the service. Mick explained that checks were carried out however if there were examples of any issues then these should be reported. Additionally it was noted that the work completed was always inspected.

146. POLICE UPDATE

PC Jim Mungovin provided a policing update for the ward. The following update was provided:

- There had been 12 burglaries in the area with 4 of these being since the new year.
- There had been 8 burglaries in dwellings.
- There had been 8 incidents of damage to vehicles.
- There had been no reported incidents of robberies.
- There had been 4 drug incidents.
- Residents were informed that an action plan developed in response to anti-social behaviour on Pendlebury Drive would be closing as there was nothing worked on at present.
- PC Mungovin reported that the largest problem in the last 10 days had been house burglaries with specific problems on Knighton Church Road.
- A resident raised concern of decapitated animals being left in the area and there was confusion whether the Police or RSPCA should be contacted for this. PC Mungovin stated that either organisation could be contacted. It was also noted that City Cleansing could remove the animals as well.
- A resident raised concern at the graffiti on Meadvale Road and Woodbank. It was reported that a particular family had been identified through their tags and there would be work done in conjunction with the Council's Housing Services to rehouse the family.

147. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

Nik Krneta, City Warden for the Knighton ward provided an update on environmental issues in the area.

The following update was provided:

- Work was being done to remove bins on streets on Pendlebury Drive and Knighton Church Road.
- The venue 'Auditorium' had been prosecuted for flyposting and had been fined £5,000. They had also been issued with a CRASBO (Anti-Social Behaviour Order on conviction notice)
- A resident raised concern at the dog fouling on the junction of Woodcroft Avenue. Nik stated that this would be passed onto City Cleansing.
- Concern was raised that Knighton was a flood risk area, in particular there was a threat from the surface water from people's houses. Residents were encouraged to send through specific information about streets if they had any concerns. It was stated that addresses of particular concern had been sent to the Planning department. It was explained that the Council had done some work with the environmental agency and a document was available on this.

148. BUDGET

James Schadla-Hall, Members Support Officer presented the Community Meeting budget.

James informed the Community Meeting that the Council were currently carrying out a budget consultation which was currently in progress. The consultation would allow public views on the budget.

It was reported that an application for cycle smart water had been approved via fast track in response to cycle thefts.

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- **Domestic Violence Integrated Response Project (DVIRP), Increasing Awareness of Domestic Violence - £250.**

It was explained that the application was to print a range of promotional material to promote the awareness of domestic violence. It was stated that people would not pick up leaflets and would normally phone the police. It was also noted that domestic violence affected all levels of society including men and concern was raised that they may be ashamed of picking leaflets up.

In response to a query regarding the Safer Leicester Partnership, it was explained that this was a multi-agency partnership led by the City Council. With regards to DVIRP, it was stated that they were a charity which were given funding however this would be running out in March. It was noted that their role was to monitor domestic violence in the city.

Concern was raised that areas were being targeted in a certain way and because there was a low reply in Knighton, this did not necessarily mean that domestic violence cases were not being reported.

Members agreed to defer the application until the next meeting to obtain more information.

149. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Moore stated that she was talking to the traders on Allendale Road regarding having a spring market and they were currently waiting to see if this would happen.

Residents were made aware that the English Defence League (EDL) were coming to the city on 4th February 2012. There was also due to be a planned march by Unite Against Fascism (UAF) on the same day.

150. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:27pm.

