

Knighton Community Meeting

**Sir Jonathan North Community
College, Knighton Lane East,
Leicester, LE2 6FU
On Monday, 17 September 2012
Starting at 6:30pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

There will be an opportunity to speak with Councillors and officers.

6:30pm

Get involved in your area and planning for the future. There will be presentations and discussions on:

- Allendale Road Christmas Fair
- Friends of Knighton Park
- Highways and Traffic Matters
- Police Update
- City Warden Update
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

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



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Ward Councillors and General Information	Police Issues
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The first part of the agenda covers formal items, which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the previous Knighton Community Meeting, held on 18 June 2012, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.

5. ALLENDALE ROAD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Information will be provided in relation to the Allendale Road Christmas Fair.

6. FRIENDS OF KNIGHTON PARK

An update will be given on the work of the Friends of Knighton Park.

7. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Officers will be present to lead discussions on various highways and traffic related matters in the ward.

8. POLICE UPDATE

There will be a policing update for the area.

9. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

The City Warden for the Knighton ward will be present to provide an update on environmental issues for the area.

10. BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

The Members Support Officer will introduce the Knighton Ward budget.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Knighton Community Meeting

Your Community, Your Voice

Record of Meeting and Actions

6:30 pm, Monday, 18 June 2012

Held at: 9th Leicester Scout Group, 58 Stoughton Road

Who was there:

Councillor Ross Grant

Councillor Inderjit Gugnani

Councillor Dr Lynn Moore



161. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Moore was elected as Chair for the meeting.

162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

164. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

Spring Fair Feedback

Zoe and Nigel Brady were present to provide feedback on the Spring Fair which had taken place in the area. It was explained that that the event had raised awareness of independent traders in the area and of the area itself. Nigel explained that they had been asked to hold a Christmas market as well.

Parking

Concern was raised that people were parking on Allandale Road and Francis Street and then walking to work which took valuable parking space away from traders and this also had an impact on residents in the area. It was suggested that designated parking bays be introduced in the area.

Residents were informed that there was not enough funding available to introduce parking measures. A request had been made for restrictions in the area which did not allow people to park for eight hours continuously. Concern was also raised that people left cars parked continuously on Guilford Road. Residents were informed that if cars were causing obstruction, they should phone the 101 number to contact the Police.

A suggestion was made that an advice leaflet be produced by the Police and this be placed on the windscreens of parked cars. It was noted that this note could only be placed by a Police Officer or a Police Community Support Officer.

165. HEALTH WATCH

John Gater, Volunteer, Healthwatch was present to provide a presentation on Healthwatch.

The main points of the presentation included:

- The current Local Involvement Network was being evolved into Healthwatch.
- Primary Care Trusts would be changing into Clinical Commissioning Groups which would be run by local GPs. There would also be a new Health and Wellbeing Board which would be run in conjunction with the City Council and would decide what provision was needed locally.
- From April 2013, there would be 158 local Healthwatch groups across England which would gather views on experiences and services at a local level. This information will then be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Clinical Commissioning Group. It was also explained that Healthwatch had statutory powers.
- Workshops would be held to capture views and residents were encouraged to volunteer and get involved.

In response to a query, John explained that Healthwatch could have input in areas such as ensuring the conditions of a GP surgery were of a correct standard and would also have an input in the budget.

166. POLICE UPDATE

Pc Jim Mungovin was present to provide a policing update for the area.

The following update was provided:

- The instances of robberies in Knighton Park had been resolved and the Police had aimed to be more visible in the area. It was explained that the Police could be found in the Green Cabin in the Sensory Garden when on site.
- With regards to crime in the area for the last 100 days, the following update was provided:
 - There had been 21 burglaries to houses.
 - There had been 4 motor vehicles stolen.
 - There had been 4 cycles stolen.
 - Residents were informed that with regard to instances of anti-social behaviour, Knighton was not affected as much in comparison to other areas.
- PC Mungovin explained that in general, crime figures had been reducing for the last 3 years

In response to a query concerning smart water, residents were informed that smart water was available and was held by a local stockist in the area called 'Fix my Bike' who was supplying it on behalf of the Police.

Concern was raised at the youths gathering on Francis Street/Allendale Street along with Aber Walk. PC Mungovin stated that the Police Community Support Officer did

attend the area and there was also CCTV in the area. Residents were informed that any incidents should be reported to the 101 number.

167. CITY WARDEN UPDATE

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

The following update was provided:

- There were currently 16 City Wardens in the city and this was a reduction on the initial number of 22. It was explained that the reduction in number was due to each ward not requiring a City Warden.
- An initiative had been commenced to remove bins on Allandale Road. It was explained that the initial fixed penalty notice of £110 had been deemed to be too severe and had been reduced to £80 per household.
- There had been illegal cars for sale for a considerable time on Greenhill Road. It was explained that action could be taken under the Town and Country Planning Act. Residents were informed that the person responsible had been asked to remove the vehicles otherwise they would be removed by the City Council.

In response to a query concerning the length of time for which bins were allowed on streets. Nik explained that bins were allowed to be placed outside after 7pm before the day of collection and then would have to be removed from the street by 7am on the day after collection.

168. OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

It was agreed to have this extra item.

Mark Laywood, Programme Manager for Olympic 2012 for Leicester City Council and Shimul Haider, 2012 Games Legacy Director for Leicestershire were present to discuss the programme of events for the Olympic Torch Relay.

It was explained that the torch would arrive in the city at around 5:44pm on 2 July 2012 and route of the torch involved passing through London Road, Victoria Park, the city centre and then onto Abbey Park where there would be a celebration event. Following this, the torch would leave on the next morning from the National Space Centre. Residents were informed that there would be road closures for the relay.

Shimul explained that the torch relay was about bringing the games to the local communities. Residents were encouraged to support local torch bearers and it was explained that there were maps of the relay available to download from the City Council's website.

Residents were informed that there would be an impact on residents in the London Road area and they would be getting a leaflet explaining what they had to do on the day.

With regard to the celebration event at Abbey Park, it was explained that tickets were required and could be acquired through local community centres. Residents were also informed of the 'Big Eat' initiative where restaurants in the City Centre would be opening with discounted prices on the day of the relay.

169. BUDGET

The following funding applications were submitted for consideration:

- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Southfields Community Association - £500.

It was explained that this application was for a street party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. The Chair reported that this application had been rejected as the event was taking place outside of the ward.

- Luncheon Club Refit, Saffron Support for Elderly People - £1,425.78.

It was explained that this application was for the refurbishment of the kitchen at Southfields Community Centre. The Chair reported that this application had been rejected as the venue was located outside of the ward.

- Fitness Club 50+, Surjit Singh - £500.

It was explained that this application was to purchase jogging suits for the setting up of a fitness club for elderly people. The Chair reported that this application had been rejected as the costs for the suits were not deemed value for money.

170. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Friends of Knighton Park

Helen Lang, Friends of Knighton Park encouraged residents to get involved with the group. It was explained that next year would mark the 10th anniversary of the group.

Vehicle Activated Signs

The Chair reported that the City Council had purchased four temporary vehicle activated signs however research had shown that the signs were only effective for a

short period of time as when drivers got used to them and then ignored them. It was explained a sign had been installed on London Road, close to the junction with Morland Avenue and two signs had also been installed on Guilford Road.

Trees

The Chair reported the following concerning trees in the city:

- It was highways policy not to replace trees unless they are located in Conservation Areas or are subject to Tree Preservation Orders.
- It was explained that there were around 20,000 trees in the city and the general age and condition of trees across the ward was considered as semi mature to mature and in good condition.
- There was £30,000 in the budget for replacement tree planting if a tree fell in the category for replacement and any remaining funds went into planting replacement trees on 'A' roads. It was explained that the predicted replacement costs per annum were in the region of £40-50,000 and it was unlikely the money in the budget would fully over all replacements.
- Residents were informed that a replacement cost for a tree in the highway was £422.04.

171. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

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