

Aylestone Community Meeting

**St Edward the Confessor Catholic
Church, 633 Aylestone Road,
Aylestone, Leicester, LE2 8TF
On Thursday, 14 March 2013
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00 pm – 6:15 pm

**Meet your Councillors and local
service providers dealing with:-**

- City Warden
- Alcohol Awareness
- Stop Smoking
- Local Councillors
- Local Police

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

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

- Community Sports Arena Project
- Alcohol Awareness
- Stop Smoking
- Impact on Closing Sharplands
- Local Policing Issues
- City Warden's Update
- Community Meeting Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Adam Clarke
Councillor Nigel Porter**

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INFORMATION FAIR

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information which may be of use

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| Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries | Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries. |
| City Warden Talk to a representative from the City Warden Team about street scene enforcement issues or raise general enquiries. | Alcohol Awareness Talk to Sue Holden, Drug Alcohol Action Team about alcohol awareness. |
| Stop Smoking Talk to Louise Ross, NHS about ways to stop smoking. | |

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. CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Councillor Clarke will Chair 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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the previous Aylestone Community Meeting, held on 22 January 2013 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. COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA PROJECT

Kevin Routledge, Leicester City Riders, will give an update on the Community Sports Arena Project. This is a joint project between the Leicester Riders, Leicestershire County Cricket Club and Leicester College. An outline of the project was reported at the last meeting and an open day was held at the County Cricket Ground on 23 February to see the full extent of the project.

6. ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Sue Holden, Drug Alcohol Action Team, Leicester City Council will give a 5 minute presentation on alcohol awareness.

7. STOP SMOKING

Louise Ross, National Health Service will give a 5 minute presentation on ways

to stop smoking. 13 March 2013 is National No Smoking Day.

8. IMPACT OF CLOSING SHARPLANDS

Jayesh Parmar, Team Leader, Traffic Engineering, Leicester City Council will give an update on the impact of the closure of Sharplands and in particular the problems of turning right onto Glenhills.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

To receive an update on Policing issues in the Ward.

10. CITY WARDEN

The meeting will receive an update on street scene enforcement issues from the City Warden.

11. 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 approved expenditure for on Grants so far this year for the Ward is £9,279.50 which leaves a balance of £8,720.50 for the remainder of the year and any bids submitted for approval at the meeting.

The following applications have been received and are to be considered by the meeting.

1) Gilmorton Development Group £989

An application (No 1378) has been received from the Gilmorton Development Group to provide a small computer network and internet connection at the Gilmorton Community Rooms. Internet access and training will be free to help residents to access essential online public services. It is hoped to set up a Work Club with the support of the Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

2) Gilmorton Development Group £500

An application (No 1379) has been received from the Gilmorton Development Group for Pink Lizzard Youth Activities involving football and rugby and the hire of rooms.

3) Leicester City Council Parks Services £498

An application (No 1380) has been received from Leicester City Parks Services for the repair of St Andrews Church Footpath. The crazy paving slabs have lifted in places and are causing a trip hazard. The

Parks Services don't have a budget for footpaths etc in closed church yards.

4) Leicester City Council Highways £400

An application (No 1381) has been received from Leicester City Highways to provide Grit Bins for Hopyard Close and Montrose Road at the car parking area at the closed end of each place. If provided by the Ward, the bins will be maintained and filled with salt as and when necessary at no cost to the Ward.

5) Gilmorton Development Group £500

An application (No 1382) has been received from the Gilmorton Development Group for a Spring Summer Fete for Gilmorton Estate. There will be rides, stalls food and refreshments. The event will also encourage people to volunteer and help in projects to improve the estate.

6) Saffron Resource Centre £1,500

An application (No 1383) has been received from the Saffron Resource Centre for Welfare Advice for people on Gilmorton Estate. There is no face-to-face welfare benefits or debt advice for the Gilmorton Estate residents. The funding would provide a weekly advice session at the Community Rooms, Hopyard Close. The project will be administered by a qualified advice worker, client contacts and outcomes will be monitored to AQS standards and an evaluation report will be compiled at the end of the three month pilot to support applications to Charitable Trusts and Foundations for continuing funding.

7) Bio Blitz £2,000

An application (No 1384) has been received from Bio Blitz for an event that will take place on Aylestone Meadows Local Nature Reserve on 17 and 18 May 2013. The aim is to record as many different species within the timeframe allowed and encourage the public's interest in their local biodiversity. The costs are higher than usual because the Nature Reserve does not have any infrastructure to support the event. In addition to the materials needed to support the event, the grant is needed to provide welfare facilities including toilets and hire a marquee.

8) Aylestone Hall Gardens Annual Garden Party £500

An application (No 1385) has been received from Leicester City Parks Service to support the Annual Garden Party and provide additional activities to cater for the increasing attendance at the event.

9) Aylestone Playing Fields – Naturalised Drainage Scheme £1,500

An application (No 1386) has been received from Leicester City Parks Service to install a natural drainage scheme at Aylestone Playing Fields. The scheme was originally going to cost approximately £5k, but due to the range of community groups, site partners and local residents, the majority of the work will be undertaken as part of environmental volunteer week.

10)Aylestone Local Action Group £285

An application (No 1387) has been received to provide volunteer insurance, launch materials, seeds, plants, compost and pots for the 'It's Your Neighbourhood Aylestone in Bloom 2013 event. The event is part of the national event 'It's Your Neighbourhood' organised by the Royal Agricultural Society and the East Midlands in Bloom as part of Britain In Bloom.

11)Aylestone Local Action Group £1,980

An application (No 1388) has been received to commission, purchase and install 3 large stainless steel planters to match existing ones in Aylestone and materials to plant them. The proposal is part of the national event 'It's Your Neighbourhood' organised by the Royal Agricultural Society and the East Midlands in Bloom as part of Britain In Bloom.

12)Aylestone Local Action Group £492

An application (No 1389) has been received to refurbish materials for planters, hanging baskets, and road side troughs. The proposal is part of the national event 'It's Your Neighbourhood' organised by the Royal Agricultural Society and the East Midlands in Bloom as part of Britain In Bloom.

13)Leicester City Council Urban Design Team £478.49

An application (No 1390) has been received to erect bat and bird boxes to further increase the wildlife and amenity value of the spinney.

14)Eyres Monsell Allotment Society £830.00

An application (No 1391) has been received to replace the locks on both main gates and provide 70 sets of keys for the locks.

15) Eyres Monsell Allotment Society £480.00

An application (No 1392) has been received to repair a container donated by the Riverside Group. The container needs a new floor and the welding of a steel plate as well as new locks and keys for the door.

16)Leicester City Council – Parks Services Team £800.00

An application (No 1393) has been received to purchase equipment for the volunteers who carry out targeted work to clean brooks and streams of litter and flotsam which falls outside the remits of all official agencies.

17)Leicester City Council - Parks Services £500.00

An application (No 1394) has been received to actively encourage people to become involved in helping to look after the environment through encouraging the site to be used for formal education training to help people gain qualifications. The groups using the site range from children to adults of all abilities.

18)Leicester City Council - Creative Works Team £800.00

An application (No 1395) has been received to produce a community leaflet to be distributed to 6,000 households in the Aylestone Ward containing information on how the ward fund was spent in 2012/13 and how community groups can bid for funding.

19)Leicester City Council - Parks Services £400.00

An application (No 1396) has been received to fund a vocal entertainer, provide refreshments and First Aid cover for a Golden Oldies event in Aylestone Hall Gardens. Parks services staff will assist in staffing and providing 100 chairs for the event and with providing toilets and the electrics required for the singer.

20)Leicester City Council – Cleansing Services £200.00

An application (No 1397) has been received to provide and install a litter bin at the end of Duncan Road, in response to persistent dog fouling in the area.

Discussion will also take place on grant applications for next year and provisions for any underspend in the current year.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Help us to make improvements!

Please help us to improve Community Meetings by filling in an **Evaluation sheet** to let us know what you thought of the meeting. Thank you.

For further information contact

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