

# 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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<b>City Warden</b>  Talk to a representative from the City Warden Team about street scene enforcement issues or raise general enquiries.	<b>Alcohol Awareness</b>  Talk to Sue Holden, Drug Alcohol Action Team about alcohol awareness.
<b>Stop Smoking</b>  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**

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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.

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# Aylestone Appendix A Community Meeting

**Your Community, Your Voice**

## **Record of Meeting and Actions**

**6:00 pm, Tuesday, 22 January 2013**

**Held at: Gilmorton Community Rooms, Hopyard Close, Leicester,  
LE2 9GY**

Who was there:

Councillor Adam Clarke
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Councillor Nigel Porter
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## INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

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 service representatives.

<p><b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b></p> <p>The public had an opportunity to talk to their local councillors or raise general queries</p>	<p><b>Community Payback Scheme</b></p> <p>There was an opportunity to receive details of the scheme whereby assistance for community projects could be undertaken by offenders who had been given community service as part of their sentence. Details of how to register projects with the scheme were also available.</p>
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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.

### 160. CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Councillor Porter announced that he would be Chair for the meeting and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Rev Appleby, Alison Bannatyne, Anne Hayto and Mike Turner.

### 162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Clarke declared an Other Disclosable Interest in community budget items as he had been involved in discussions on the grant applications and he had also previously been involved in discussions with various groups associated with the proposals for the A426 Bus Corridor and was also on the Steering Group for the Basketball Arena Project.

Councillor Porter declared an Other Disclosable Interest in community budget items as he had been involved in discussions on the grant applications and he had also

previously campaigned against the proposed Bus Lanes for the A426 Bus Corridor and had also expressed opposition to development on Franklyn Fields and Aylestone Meadows.

In accordance with the Council's new Code of Conduct these interest were not considered so significant that they were likely to prejudice Members' judgement of the public interest. The Members were not, therefore, required to withdraw from the meeting during discussion on these items.

### **163. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councillors were asked to agree the minutes of the Aylestone Community Meeting, held on Thursday 11 October 2012.

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Aylestone Community Meeting, held on Thursday 11 October be agreed as a correct record.

### **164. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL AND LEISURE CENTRE FACILITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

Paul Edwards, Head of Sport, Leicester City Council, gave a brief report on the budget proposals for older people. He commented that the following were being considered:-

- Free swimming for over 60 year olds could be widened to other leisure events at other times.
- A £1 per day charge for City Residents over 60 years old had been proposed and was currently subject to consultation. At present 60 responses had been received. A £5 monthly charge had been suggested during the consultation process and was being assessed.
- Free exercise activities for those referred for exercise by their GP was also being considered.

Members of the public considered the £5 per month charge to be reasonable and asked whether other options had been considered such as increasing charges for football pitches. In response, Mr Edwards stated that all other avenues had been exhausted over the years and that pricing issues were very sensitive, it was considered that there were no other viable options at the present.

The City Mayor commented on the proposals to stop free concessionary fares for over 60 year olds before 9.30am and stated that a survey was currently being undertaken to assess usage. It was known that some used this concession to go to work, which was not in the ethos of the scheme. There was no intention, however, to prevent genuine users going to medical appointments. The survey would assist in shaping a way forward.

## **165. COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA PROJECT**

Kevin Routledge, Leicester Riders, gave a short presentation on a joint proposal between Leicester Riders, Leicestershire County Cricket Club and Leicester College. Representatives of the Cricket Club and the College were also in attendance.

Mr Routledge invited the public to attend an open day at Grace Road on Saturday 23 February 2013 from 10 am and 2 pm to see the full extent of the proposal and to talk to those involved. The skeleton of the proposal was:-

- To develop a 60m by 40m indoor arena with a seating capacity of 2,000.
- It would be the largest indoor sports facility in the City.
- It would be used by school children during the day and by adults during the evening.
- Leicester Riders would have 6% usage of the facility.
- A bid had been submitted to Sport England and a response was awaited.
- The impact on traffic issues would be modest compared to Cricket Matches which could attract crowds of up to 7,000.
- 15% of usage would be given to development for basketball primarily but also cricket as well.
- The facility would be run on a not for profit basis and any profits would be invested in local sport.
- There were currently 29,000 students locally who only had access to a 3 court badminton facility.
- By building the proposed facility onto the existing Mike Turner Suite at the Curzon Road end it would be possible to build the arena for £2m as opposed to a usual cost of £5m for an arena of this size.
- Discussions were ongoing on the planning issues and with Sky Sports in relation to the continued TV coverage of games during the construction phase, which could be as early as April if all went well.

The public expressed general support for the proposal as it provided a valuable community asset.

Mr Routledge and those representing the three joint partners were thanked for their attendance and the presentation.

## **166. HOMELESS REVIEW AND PROPOSALS**

Gurjit Minhas and Martin Clewlow, Leicester City Housing, attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Homeless Review and Proposals. During the presentation the following points were made:-

- A review of services had been carried out between March and September 2012 in partnership with voluntary, community and faith groups.
- Following the review a draft new Homelessness Strategy and Delivery Proposals had been developed.
- The consultation on the proposals started in November and would end on the 18 February 2013.

- The review had identified that services needed to be transformed from a culture of crisis and rescue to one of prevention.
- The City had one of the highest levels of hostel provision and 37% of single hostel clients had experienced more than 2 admissions.
- The City had one of the highest rough sleeper counts outside of London.
- The aim was to promote independent living and only those with the highest need should be placed in accommodation. This would be achieved through developing preventative measures and the supply of private accommodation and the use of STAR (Supporting Tenants and Residents) to provide housing related support services to enable independent living.
- Single people who did not meet the criteria could be the worst affected, but the new criteria would be subject to a pilot scheme including new ways of finding accommodation for families in the private sector.
- The review proposed to close Lower Hastings Street and Loughborough Road Hostels.
- The Dawn Centre in Conduit Street would continue to exist as an assessment centre.
- Some clients stayed in hostels for up to 2 years and that was considered to be too long. The new framework would attempt to place them into independent tenancy arrangements.

In response to questions, Mr Clewlow stated that the Lower Hastings Street premises would not be left empty and it was difficult to determine, at this stage, what the impact of the new changes to the welfare benefits system could have on homelessness.

Ms Minhas and Mr Clewlow were thanked for their presentation.

## **167. FRANKLYN FIELDS AND AYLESTONE MEADOWS**

### **FRANKLYN FIELDS**

The City Mayor gave an update in relation to the possible development of Franklyn Fields. He stated that the site was considered to be too sensitive to be developed without adequate controls. Whilst there was always a need to obtain best value from land assets, any potential development would need to be sensitive and not jeopardise the nature of Aylestone Meadows. It was not possible to state that the area would never be developed, but any development should:-

- Prevent the possibility of the previous road scheme being resurrected;
- Enhance the ecological and environmental aspects of the area, especially near to the Canal and Aylestone Meadows;
- Have an intensity that was in keeping with the area; and
- Any entrance into the site should not result in an overwhelming burden on the existing road system.

Members of the public made the following comments and observations:-

- The effect of any development on flooding issues;
- Developers should renovate empty/derelict properties;
- Local residents should be consulted upon any proposals to develop the site at the earliest opportunity;
- The impact upon horses grazing on the land.

In response it was stated:-

- Any development should be at the top of the hill and not at the bottom;
- That the City and County Councils were both land owners and planning authorities for the site and would wish to get the best ecological value from the land;
- Discussions would take place with the ward councillors and the public on potential development proposals;
- The informal grazing by horses was not part of the farm.

## AYLESTONE MEADOWS

The City Mayor reported that the suggested site at Braunstone Lane East had not been included in his recent decision on identifying small transit sites for Gypsy and Travellers.

In response to a question about delays in the Spring Close area at the junction with the ring road, the City Mayor stated that he would ask officers to revisit the site and undertake a traffic survey. However there was currently a long waiting list for the installation of traffic lights.

Mr Richardson, Leicester City Planning Services, commented there was current planning guidance on run off rates for green field sites which focused on water discharge from any new development being recycled and kept on site so that it did not add to flooding.

It was also noted that the dredging of streams were carried out at such times to ensure that it was sympathetic to the local ecology.

## **168. AYLESTONE VILLAGE - ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Bona Maturi reported upon the proposals to reduce the waiting time from 1 hour to 30 minutes by the shops on Lutterworth Road. The proposal had arisen from a petition received last year to address parking issues arising from people parking in the lay-bys and going into the City. It was proposed to introduce a 30 minute limit on waiting in the lay-bys on both sides of the shops on Aylestone Lane with no return within 1 hour. Consultation had taken place with the Police and consultation would take place if a Traffic Regulation Order was proposed.

The public suggested that 45 minutes waiting would be preferable but Mr Maturi commented that 45 minutes is difficult to enforce. The public also suggested that there was a need for short term parking in the area. It was stated, in response, that there were no suitable public sites available for this purpose. The abuse of parking in Earl Russell Street and Church Road near Aylestone Road was also reported.

### **169. UPDATE ON THE A426 BUS LANE**

The City Mayor gave an update on the A462 Bus Corridor Scheme. He stated that:-

- The scheme was jointly funded by the City and County Councils and local bus companies.
- He was firmly of the view that the City Council's contribution to the scheme represented excellent value for money to bus users, cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
- The Council's contribution to the scheme was funded from the capital budget. It was capital investment and did not affect the Council's revenue budget that was under pressure which was used to fund expenditure on such items as staff and services.
- The scheme was one of many investments the Council made and, in comparison, the costs were approximately a tenth of the investment in new primary school places across the City. Investment in road improvements was one of the City's priorities.
- As City Mayor he had to make a judgement on the overall benefit to the City of any scheme.

The public had divided views on the scheme and made the following comments and observations:-

- 38% of people did not have access to a car and such schemes were needed.
- Concerns were expressed about an increase in the number of buses using the route.
- The scheme did not make much improvement to Oxford Street and The Newarke part of the bus route, particularly that part of the route involving Harman Road, Walnut Street, Infirmary Square and The Magazine, which could still be a bottle-neck.
- There was disappointment that the public responses to the public consultation submitted to the City Council were largely against the proposals and these views seemed to have been ignored. A number of local residents were against the scheme.
- The designation of 24 hour/7 day per week bus lanes was questioned and why other options such as traffic lights were not used instead.
- Some felt that the sheer volume of cars was a problem for local residents and there was support for bus lanes to reduce this and to promote increased cycle use.
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In response to comments made by the public, the City Mayor stated that:-

- Public consultation was one part of many considerations to be taken into account before making a decision. Consultation was not a referendum and was not binding as such, but it did provide an important opportunity to form a view of public opinions and what issues were of concern to the public. Often schemes were amended to address issues and views that had been expressed in responses to the consultation process.
- The public consultation showed both support for, and opposition to, the scheme. There were other considerations to be taken into account such as the overall impact of the scheme, the benefits to improved infrastructure and public transport improvements, reduction in accidents etc and advice from officers. The overwhelming conclusion was that the scheme was to the benefit of all road users in the City.
- The scheme improved safety for cyclists, improved pedestrian crossings, improved capacity at junctions and additional bus services.
- The scheme included provision for the re-configuration of traffic lights to improve traffic flows for all road users.
- The scheme would support a modal shift in the use of public transport. The introduction of Bus Lanes was not a complete panacea, but other factors such as affordable fares and buses running at times when people wanted them were all equally part of the solution.
- The outcomes of the consultation were published and should be available on line. The scheme was County Council led and information was also available on their website.

The City Mayor was thanked for his attendance and update.

## **170. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING - UPDATE**

PC Kevin Butler, Local beat Officer, Leicestershire Police, gave an update on policing issues in the Ward. The following crime figures were reported.

- There had been 44 crimes reported on the beat since 6 December 2012;
- 2 indecent exposures – where the offender was known to the victim;
- 3 incidents of robbery - including the Post Office on Knighton Lane and the Newsagent on Saffron Lane;
- 1 theft from a business;
- 4 cycle thefts – 2 where the cycles were secured and 2 unsecured;
- 7 thefts from motor vehicles – 5 involving insecure doors and 2 forced entries;
- 7 damaged vehicles.

In response to a question from the public concerning mobile scrap metal collectors, PC Butler stated that it was not an offence for people to walk onto a property unless the owner stated that they should not enter. The Police had stocks of cold calling cards for this purpose. He also stated that if there was an incident of theft from a property by mobile scrap metal collectors, these should be reported to the Police for investigation.



## 171. CITY WARDEN - UPDATE

Roy Smith, City Warden, gave an update on the issues dealt within the Ward since the last meeting. He reported upon the following:-

- There had been a number of graffiti clean up operations involving the local community and business on Saffron Lane. The Police had apprehended two suspects involved in the tagging incidents of SO12 and KASE. Incidents of these tagging seemed to be reducing.
- The Bins in Streets initiative had taken place involving Leeson Street, Handy Street and Curzon Street. No fixed penalty notices had been issued, and a letter drop initiative appeared to have successful in reducing the problem.
- The Wardens and Riverside Rangers had increased patrols for dog fouling and had started early morning patrols from 6.30am, and patrols would continue until 7.00pm.
- 2 fixed penalty notices had been issued for littering on Saffron Lane and Aylestone Drive.
- Observations had taken place on Middleton Street/Church Street to reduce incidents of the illegal right turns.

The Public reported upon incidents of littering of cigarette ends at two local pubs and the City Warden reported that he would investigate these.

The public thanked the City Warden for responding promptly to two recent telephone calls to report incidents.

## 172. BUDGET

It was noted that the approved expenditure on Grants so far this year for the Ward was £8,599.50 (including the 3 fast-tracked bids below) which left a balance of £9,400.50 for the remainder of the year and the two bids submitted for approval at this meeting.

The following applications had been received and approved by Councillors prior to the meeting under the fast-track procedure for grant applications with a value of £500 or less.

Gilmorton Development Group - £500 approved to fund food supplies to low paid, elderly and disabled people, subject to satisfactory accounts being submitted and the scheme being run on a targeted and referral basis.

Friends of Aylestone Hall Gardens - £450 approved to fund an archery day in the summer that will be promoted in association with local schools, youth organisations and the local authority. The event would also encourage greater use of the Gardens as a community amenity.

Friends of Aylestone Hall Gardens - £406 approved to fund an A5 Interpretation Board for the Aylestone Garden Sun Dial subject to details of the donator of the sundial and the date the sundial was installed being added to the board.

The following applications had been received and were considered by the meeting.

### **1) Gilmorton Development Group**

An application has been received from the Gilmorton Development Group for a grant of £200 to jet wash/clean the communal area around Gilmorton Community Room/Shops. The application had not been fast-tracked as further information was being sought to ascertain whether the City Council would undertake this work.

RESOLVED:

that consideration be deferred until the further information requested by Councillor Porter in relation to whether this work will be carried out by the City Council is received.

### **2) Free running**

An application had been received from the Youth Service for a grant of £480 to support sessions of Freerunning and Parkour at the Samworth Academy. The majority of young people attending these sessions were between 13 and 16 years old and were from Eyres Monsell, Saffron and Aylestone Wards. The sessions would be planned and evaluated towards gaining the Youth Achievement Award. 30% of participants were from the Ward.

RESOLVED:

that a grant of £480 be approved.

## **173. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next Community Ward meeting would be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at a venue to be decided. The public were invited to submit any items for consideration at future meetings to either of the Ward Councillors.

## **174. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD – RUSSEL STREET**

In order to promote the existence of the Notice Board, anyone wishing to display notices was invited to do so.

### **ANNUAL LIST OF MEETINGS**

A member of the public suggested that it would be helpful to advertise a whole year's list of meeting with venues in future. Councillors stated that they could do this for the next year.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS FORMAT

Councillors asked members of the public to give feedback on the forms provided on the format of community meetings and make any suggestions on how these could be improved.

### **175. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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