

Freemen Community Action Log As at 20 November 2012

Meeting held 20 November 2012 at The Linwood Centre, Linwood Road, Leicester

Cllrs attending – Councillors Cutkelvin and Shelton

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20/12	Introductions	No interests declared	None				Item Close
21/12	Action Log	<p>Approved as correct record.</p> <p>Action 4/12 (St Mary's Allotment) – The ecology report has not yet been received – the development brief will now be submitted to the March meeting.</p> <p>Action 19/12 (Aylestone Road Tree) A grant application had been submitted and was fast 'fast tracked' for approval. The tree had now been replaced.</p> <p>Action 19/12 (Aylestone Park, Flooding) an update report will be submitted to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Item to be put on next meeting agenda.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Report to next meeting.</p>	<p>19 March 2013</p>			<p>Item Closed</p> <p>Item Closed</p>
22/12	Voluntary Action Leicester –VAL	<p>Presentation given by Sue Dales, Development and Volunteering Advisor, on her role and for supporting community volunteers.</p> <p>It was suggested that Sue should contact the Aylestone Park Residents Group and use the Newsletter to promote ideas and recruit volunteers. Also the Linwood Centre had a drop in</p>	None	Sue Dales			Item Closed

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		<p>facility. Links with Saffron Arts could also be beneficial.</p> <p>It was also suggested that tapping into existing projects such as the Leicester Towpath Team Voluntary Project could also help to develop further projects and opportunities.</p>					
23/12	Welfare Reform Overview	Karen Wenlock, Revenues and Benefits Team Leader, gave a presentation on the changes to the welfare benefits system that would take effect next year. Copy of presentation attached. Leaflets and information also distributed to public.	None				Item Closed
24/12	Neighbourhood Policing - Update	<p>Sgt Little presented the crime figures for the last three months. Overall crime for the Welford Road Policing Unit was 13% down on previous year.</p> <p>Crime in the Ward was also down. Crime figures for last three months were; Burglaries - 7, Burglaries other than dwellings – 7, Theft of Motor Vehicles -14 (9 could have been avoided if cars were locked), Theft from Motor vehicles – 5.</p> <p>Bike thefts were still a problem but most were due to either bikes being left in rear gardens or left on the street with flimsy/inadequate locking devices, which were easily cut with bolt cutters.</p> <p>Sgt Little canvassed views on how the Police could engage with the community and outlined the response</p>	<p>Residents to be vigilant and report suspicious incidents to the Police on the 101 non-emergency number.</p> <p>Sgt Little to consider.</p>				

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		<p>time to incidents.</p> <p>It was suggested that an incident reporting box for non-emergencies could be placed at the Linwood Centre and be emptied every 2-3 days. This would also allow anonymous reporting of information where there was a fear of reprisals.</p>					
25/12	City Warden – Update	<p>The following initiatives had taken place recently:-</p> <p>Graffiti clean-up operation – Warden talking to local businesses to see if they would use Graffiti kits to help remove graffiti from their premises. 150 incidents of ‘name tagging’ graffiti had been identified. The Police had arrested 2 offenders and were co-ordinating all incidents of name tagging in City and would take action against offenders once they were identified.</p> <p>The Bins on Streets Monitoring Project had started. 82 bins had been left out and 9 penalty notices had been served.</p>	<p>City Warden to continue talking to local business and liaise with the Police on ‘name tagging’ incidents.</p> <p>On-going.</p>				
26/12	Neighbourhood Housing – Update	<p>Ian Stapleton – Area Housing Manager reported on the following housing services activities and initiatives in the Ward:--</p> <p>Fences in Montrose Road and Aylestone Road had been painted by youth offenders under the Community Payback scheme.</p> <p>Work was progressing in Neston Gardens and Heathcote with the help</p>	<p>On-going</p>				

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		<p>of volunteers.</p> <p>Housing Services staff were now involved in completing Fire Inspections in flats following the transfer of the responsibility from the Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Communal Painting schemes had started with the help of volunteers.</p> <p>Work was progressing well on the Welfare Reform Act changes in partnership with other stakeholders to provide as much assistance to tenants as possible,</p> <p>Following a City wide Repairs Satisfaction Survey, the Saffron Housing Office had the highest level of satisfaction in the City. The number of outstanding jobs had been greatly reduced.</p> <p>Parks staff were being consulted about play equipment and it was hoped to have this installed before the end of the end of March 2013.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>31 March 2013</p>			
27/12	Budget – Four grants approved under the 'fast track' scheme.	Approval of 'fast tracked' bids noted.	None	None			
28/12	Budget – Pink Lizzard Developing Youth	£750 approved	MSO to process - £750 to be paid to	Within standard timescale.			

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	(2383) £3,225 requested		applicant.				
29/12	Budget – Aylestone Recreation Ground – Inclusive Sessions (2391) £1,000 requested	Cllr Cutkelvin declared a Declarable Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Management Board and took no part in the discussion upon the item. Application deferred until the applicant attends the meeting to present the application.	MSO to note.	Within standard timescale.			
30/12	Budget – Traffic Calming Measures (2402) £761 requested	£761 approved.	MSO to process - £761 to be paid to applicant.	Within standard timescale.			
31/12	Budget – Free Running (2403) £480 requested	£480 approved.	MSO to process - £480 to be paid to applicant.	Within standard timescale.			
32/12	Any Other Business Traffic Issues	Bloomfield Road - it was noted that the road was used as a 'rat run' and whilst motorists were not speeding as such; the narrow width of the road aligned with parked cars made it unsuitable and potentially hazardous. It was suggested that a site visit should be held with Councillors, Highways Staff, Police, Area Housing Services Manager and Karl Craig-West to see what could realistically be achieved and at what cost.	Councillor Shelton to arrange a site visit before the next meeting.	19 March 2013			
33/12	Next Meeting	Next Meeting To be held 19 March	Agenda to				

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		2013 at a venue to be decided.	be despatched by 5 March.				