

Freemen Ward Community Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, 10 July 2013

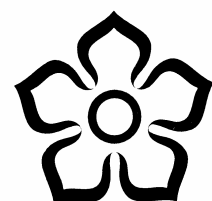
TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Linwood Centre, Linwood Lane,
Leicester, LE2 6QN

Ward Councillors

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin

Councillor Bill Shelton



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1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Shelton will Chair the meeting and introduce those present and make any necessary announcements.

The Chair and any other Councillors who are present will make any declarations as required by the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. ACTION LOG

Appendix A

The Action Log of the last meeting held on 19 March 2013, is attached and Members are asked to confirm it as a correct record. Any update on actions taken since the last meeting will be reported at the meeting.

4. COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillors will give an update on issues in the Action Log that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda, and or report on any other issues that are of importance to the Ward.

5. REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - WHAT THIS MEANS IN SAFFRON

Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services, will attend the meeting to give an update on the Review of Neighbourhood Services and what it means in Saffron. The update will include the Community Centre charging scheme.

6. SOUTHFIELDS LIBRARY

Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services will attend the meeting to give an update on the alterations to Southfields Library.

7. HOUSING SERVICES UPDATE

Stacey Hewitt, Housing Services, will attend the meeting and give a presentation on the Improvements to Neston Gardens and the Community Engagement programme and other issues relevant to the Ward.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

To receive an update on Policing and Community Safety issues in the area.

9. CITY WARDEN - UPDATE

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

Warden Service.

10. BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that under the Council's Code of Conduct they should declare any interest they may have in budget applications.

The following applications have been received since the last meeting and approved by Councillors prior to the meeting under the 'fast track' scheme for grant applications with a value of £500 or less.

1. Community Payback (No 2417) £500
Grant to fund supplying paint and materials for a Probation Partnership project painting park perimeter railings at Aylestone Recreation Ground.
2. Saffron Community Health Alliance (No 2420) £55
Grant to fund a leaflet distribution on Saffron estate to make local people aware of the Clockwise Collection Point at the Saffron Resource Centre and to increase the footfall using it.

The following bids were considered at the last meeting on 19 March 2013 and were approved in principle but deferred for further information to be supplied by the applicant. The required information was subsequently supplied and the grants were authorised.

1. Inclusive Football – Leicestershire & Rutland County Football Association (No 2406) £1,180
Grant to fund a scheme to encourage more sport participation from young people in two groups – 9-14 year olds and 14-18 year olds. The numbers attending the scheme will be recorded for 6 months and the aim is to make the groups self-reliant by charging youths an affordable fee.
2. Inclusive Football – Leicestershire & Rutland County Football Association (No 2407) £500
Grant to fund a project tournament for students at the GEMEG Academy based at the Aylestone 4G pitch. Part of the course involves students planning an event in football. The students will referee for the day, provide organisation and run the event, deal with applications, posters, provide evaluation, video/pictures of the day, catering and invite council members to attend. The students are local players and some live on the Saffron Estate. The scheme helps to provide local student to gain qualifications, engagement with the community and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The Ward received an allocation of £18,000 for the Community Ward Grant

Scheme for 2013/14 and an unspent balance of £13.13 from the 2012/13 Grant Scheme allocation has been carried forward to 2013/14 to give a starting balance of £18,013.13.

The approved expenditure on Grants for the Ward so far this financial year is £2,235 (including the grants approved above), which leaves a balance of £15,778.78 for future applications including the one shown below for consideration at this meeting.

The following application has been received and is to be considered by the meeting.

1. AFC Andrews

£1,200

An application (No. 2418) has been received from AFC Andrews to provide 12 hours per week of sporting activities per week for 5 – 10 year olds over the school holidays July to August based at the Aylestone Recreation Ground and new ATP pitch. This will benefit local children by providing a safe opportunity for recreation and reduce anti-social behaviour within the Ward. Guest coaches from Leicester City Football Club have confirmed they will be attending. A representative of the applicants has been invited to attend the meeting to present the application.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that future Community Ward meetings will be held as follows:-

Monday 9 September 2013 at 6.15pm at the Aylestone Leisure Centre, 2 Knighton Lane East, Leicester, LE2 6LU.

Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 6.15pm at the Linwood Centre, Linwood Drive, Leicester, LE2 6QN.

Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 6.15pm at the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester, LE2 7PL.

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Freemen Community Action Log as at 19 March 2013

Meeting held 19 March 2013 at The Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester

Cllrs attending – Councillors Cutkelvin and Shelton

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1/13	Introductions	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.	None				Item Close
2/13	Apologies	Neil Evans, Property Services	None				Item closed
3/13	Action Log	Approved as correct record. Action 26/12 (Neighbourhood Housing Update – Neston Gardens: Play equipment on Neston Gardens has been installed.	None				
4/13	How do I pay my Council Tax	Presentation given by Suzanne Collins, Property Letting Manager, Housing Division, Leicester City Council and Mike Watson. Leaflets and information also distributed to the public. Information can be viewed on line at: http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/council-tax/how-to-pay-your-council-tax/	None				Item Closed
5/13	St Mary's Allotment Site	Update given by Councillors. Members of the community to note that the Head of Planning had attended a meeting of the Aylestone Park Resident's Group. Planning Officers had been asked to carry out a survey and this had resulted in a proposal for a mixture of housing (40 houses) and open space on the land. The council needed to market	On-going				

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		<p>the land and sell it to an interested developer. It might be up to two years before this happened. Councillors reported that they were trying to ensure that local residents were fully engaged and consulted.</p> <p>Members of the community also to note that Asra would be building on the old velodrome site . Traffic measures would be put in place.</p>					
6/13	Aylestone Park.Drainage/ Flooding Update	<p>Update given by Graham Woods, Area Parks Manager.</p> <p>Members of the community to note that work was being carried out to remove excess surface water but because of the high volume of rainfall recently experienced it was too soon to ascertain how successful the work had been.</p> <p>High amounts of rainfall in June and July had resulted in flooding at the dance centre and in the Autumn, a specialist company had been employed to tackle the draining problem.</p> <p>This problem was not specific to Aylestone Park as similar drainage problems had been experienced in other parks over the last 12 month.</p>	On-going				
7/13	Bloomfield Road – Traffic Measures Update	<p>Update relating to concerns about speeding traffic on Bloomfield Road given by Councillors.</p> <p>Members of the community asked to note that Councillor Shelton and traffic officers had carried out a site visit. Traffic calming proposals include both a 20 mph scheme and a series of rubber speed cushions. The views of residents were sought before any work was progressed.</p>		Ward Councillors to seek views of residents.			

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		<p>The rubber speed cushions to cost £16,000 and the 20 mph zone to cost £6,000 (£24,000 in total). Concerns were expressed over vehicles parked on pavements Bloomfield Road and causing obstructions. PCSO Jackie Moore advised that the Police could take action where vehicles were causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Councillors asked members of the community to inform them of any other roads where there were concerns re traffic and speeding vehicles.</p>	<p>Members of the public to contact police where badly parked vehicles were causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Members of the public to contact the Ward Councillors where appropriate.</p>				
8/13	Policing Update	<p>Sgt Little presented the policing update.</p> <p>Crime figures for the past 3 months were similar to the previous period. However, there had been a large increase in theft from motor vehicles. A number of those vehicles had not been secured or had valuables on view.</p> <p>Members of the community to note that Louise Cox, Community Safety would be asked to progress work on any areas in need of target hardening.</p>	<p>Residents asked to secure vehicles and remove valuables, including SAT cradles from view</p>				
9/13	City Warden	<p>Scott Clarke, City Warden provided an update on street scene enforcement issues.</p> <p>Members of the public were asked to note that dog fouling was a big issue in the ward, although a great deal of work was been carried out and the situation was improving. Measures taken included the circulation of leaflets, stencils on the pavements</p>	<p>On-going</p>				

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		and monitoring by people in plain clothes. The other big issue was graffiti and again the Wardens were working hard on this. The Crown Prosecution Service could only prosecute where the offence had been witnessed and the 'tagger' if caught was encouraged to confess to other 'tags'.	On-going				
10/13	Budget – Raising Self Esteem (2411) £425 requested	Bid supported to the value of £425	MSO to process and submit to Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval.	by 31.3.13			
11/13	Budget – Aylestone Recreation Ground – Inclusive Sessions. (2391) £1000 requested	Bid not supported as the applicant was not present. He had been invited to attend meetings before to present the bid but had failed to attend.	MSO to inform applicant that the bid had not been supported.	Within standard timescales			
12/13	Budget – Youth Work Sessions – Goldhill Play. (2405) £500 requested from Freeman Ward,	Bid supported to the value of £500	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval.	By 31.3.13			
13/13	Budget – Inclusive Football – Leicestershire and Rutland County F.A. (2406). £1180 requested. Inclusive Football,	The applicant was asked to work with the MSO and re-submit the funding applications, providing more information and evidence to demonstrate how the funding bids would benefit the Freeman Ward. There was concern that funding was needed prior to the next community meeting in order to deliver the project.	MSO to work with the applicant to re-submit the funding bid, with additional information to demonstrate	Within standard timescale.			

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	Leicestershire and Rutland County F.A. (2407). £500 requested.	<p>It was noted that only bids of £500 or less could be fast tracked, but the Chair explained that the bids could be supported in between meetings where they were agreed in principle at the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting supported the funding bids in principle providing that the applicant submitted the required information.</p>	<p>the benefits of the project to the Freeman Ward.</p> <p>If the required information is received, the MSO to then process the funding bids in the new financial year and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor for Community Involvement, for approval.</p>				
14/13	Budget. Shiny Interactive Performance – The Spark. (2408). £150 requested.	Bid supported to the value of £150	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
15/13	Saffron Summer Fete – Saffron Arts Forum (2409). £1200 requested.	<p>Councillor Shelton declared an Other Disclosable Interest as he was Chair of the Saffron Fete Committee and Councillor Cutklevin declared an other Disclosable interest as she was a committee member. However they did not receive any financial gain from this association.</p> <p>Bid supported to the value of £1200.</p>	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
16/13	STARS Dance Studio – STARS Freestyle Academy (2410) £1500 requested	Bid supported to the value of £1,000 with the option to increase this amount if there was any money left in the budget after the remaining bids had been considered.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community	By 31.3.13			

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			Involvement for approval				
17/13	Cleaning River of litter and flotsam .Parks Services (2412) £800 requested	The meeting to note that the funding bid had been withdrawn	None				
18/13	Green Life Boat River Clean Up Project – Riverside Officers. (2413) £800 requested	Bid supported to the value of £800	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
19/13	The Big Lunch – Saffron Community Health Alliance. (2414). £250 requested.	Bid supported to the value of £250	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
20/13	Saffron Neighbourhood Celebration Event (2415). £1100 requested	Councillor Cutklevin declared an Other Disclosable Interest as she was chair of this event, and after a brief introduction to the funding bid, did not participate further in the discussion. Bid supported in principle, with the amount to be calculated at the end of the meeting, when the remaining budget applications had been considered.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
21/13	Aylestone Leisure Centre – Community Library and Café Furniture Aylestone Library (2416). £3000 requested	Bid supported for an amount to be calculated at the end of the night, when the community meeting budget had been balanced.	MSO to process and to submit to the Assistant City Mayor, Community Involvement for approval	By 31.3.13			
21/14	Aylestone Recreation Ground North – Community Payback. Victoria Hudson (2417). £500 requested.	Concerns were expressed that the funding application had arrived late although the applicant had reported that she had submitted it in February. The Chair requested that the bid be re submitted with the possibility of it	MSO to liaise with the applicant re the re-submission of the bid, with	Within standard timescale			

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	(Probation partnership project to paint park perimeter railings at Aylestone Recreation Ground)	being fast tracked in the new financial year. She requested that the work be extended up to the banks and sought clarification of where the work would be carried out.	clarification of where the work would be done.				
The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.							

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