

KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2014

St Thomas Moore School, Newstead Road, LE2 3TA

Councillors in attendance: Councillor Gugnani (Chair)
Councillor Grant
Councillor Dr Moore

NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Gugnani as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the councillors to introduce themselves.
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	No apologies were received.
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	The minutes of the previous meeting held 10 March 2014 were agreed.
4.	FEEDBACK ON PREVIOUS GRANT - STREET MARKET	<p>Caroline Spence provided an update on the Street Market that was held on Allandale Road / Francis Street on Sunday 22 June. Attendees were asked to note that the event had been very successful and thanks were given for the funding from the community meeting budget.</p> <p>A general discussion followed which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were concerns that shops were closing down on Francis Street and Allandale Road though efforts were being made to increase footfall into the area and some new shops had opened.• Views were expressed that the rents were too expensive and that the John Lewis store had affected the area.• There was a hope that the new parking initiative would be helpful to trade.• There were concerns that if the proposed boundary commission changes took effect, the Allandale Road / Francis Street area would fall

		<p>within the Stoneygate Ward. This Ward had previously not supported the Street Market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that support for the area might be available through Economic Regeneration and that an officer might be able to help access such support. It was further suggested that this might be an agenda item at the next meeting.
5.	PLANNING MATTERS - QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	<p>Steve Brown, Group Manager, Planning and Jenny Timothy, Senior Conservation Officer were present and attendees were invited to raise queries and ask questions relating to planning issues. Steve and Jenny then responded to a variety of questions.</p> <p>In response to a request raised at the previous meeting, the attendee was given a map that detailed the locations of the Houses in Multiple Occupations in the Knighton Ward. The attendee referred to the Article Four direction restricting new small Houses in Multiple Occupations covering parts of the City including Clarendon Park and asked that the impact of that restriction on adjacent areas be reviewed sooner rather than later.</p>
6.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>Police Constable Jim Mungovin provided an update on policing statistics and asked residents in particular to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were increasing problems with theft from motor vehicles and residents were urged to ensure that their vehicle was secured. Many of the vehicles that had previously been broken into had not been locked. • There were concerns relating to two young men who were going round cleaning windows although they were not proper window cleaners. There had been complaints that they had previously taken the money but not carried out the work. • Residents raised concerns relating to the danger of cyclists on pavements. Pc Mungovin responded that it was a national problem and really needed to be tackled on a national level as it was very difficult for the police, with their limited numbers, to carry out enforcement on

		<p>this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there were problems by the school on Overdale Road whilst the National Grid work was being undertaken. The footpaths were completely blocked and people were trying to squeeze by the utility vehicles; the situation was leading to tensions amongst the pedestrians. Views were expressed that this work should have been carried out in the school holidays, <p>Cllr Moore agreed to check with officers to see if they had spoken to the National Grid. An attendee asked Cllr Moore also to check that the National Grid would ensure that the pavements were reinstated to an acceptable standard.</p>
7.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Caroline Walsh, the city warden provided an update on the issues she had been dealing with in the ward.</p> <p>The following issues were then discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog fouling – people were asked to inform Caroline where there were problems with dog mess. <p>A problem around Avenue Road Primary School was reported; Caroline agreed to inform a colleague as the school was not in Knighton Ward.</p> <p>A request was made for more bins generally as people were bagging up the dog mess and then dropping the bag rather than waiting until they found a bin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A city warden presence was requested on the footpath by Asquith Boulevard. The footpath was well used and there was a problem with broken bottles. There were high fences on either side of the footpath and there was a view that youths congregated there. A problem was also reported relating to the alley way by Shanklin Drive / the Ring Road, which was very overgrown. Caroline responded that following concerns raised at the previous meeting she had visited the alley

		way. She offered to pay a further visit.
8.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Mike Broad, the Neighbourhood Development Manager for the Knighton Ward presented the community meeting budget.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note that the following bids had been fast tracked and approved for payment:</p> <p>1055: Big Sunday Lunch</p> <p>Applicant: Jean Mcleish</p> <p>Amount requested and approved: £100</p> <p>1046: Northcote Road Community Playing Out</p> <p>Applicant: Sally White</p> <p>Amount requested and approved: £75.72</p> <p>The following bids were discussed:</p> <p>1035: Replace floor in main room in Holbrook Hall</p> <p>Applicant : PCC of Conventional District of St Guthlac</p> <p>Amount requested £3500</p> <p>Amount supported: £3500</p> <p>2570: South Knighton Floor Defences</p> <p>Applicant: Residents of Carisbrooke Road, Arreton Close and Knighton Church Road</p> <p>The meeting heard that alternative funding sources for this application were still being investigated.</p> <p>0023: The PLAcE multi purpose venue: external signage, replacement grilles and dishwasher</p> <p>Applicant: Pre-School Learning Alliance – Angela Eager</p> <p>Joint bid to Knighton, Aylestone and Eyres Monsell Wards.</p> <p>Funding application deferred.</p>

		<p>1014: Artbeat – Clarendon Park Arts Festival</p> <p>Applicant: Sue King</p> <p>Amount requested £2100 originally but exact amount to be confirmed.</p> <p>Funding application deferred - to ascertain how much money the applicant was seeking.</p> <p>5007: Allandale Road / Francis Street Community Market</p> <p>Applicant: Stoneygate Shops Retailers</p> <p>Amount requested: £3279.50</p> <p>Funding application deferred. The Neighbourhood Development Manager to check whether this was a duplicate bid.</p> <p>1056: Replacement Walkway Enclosure</p> <p>Applicant: Stoneygate Baptist Church</p> <p>Amount requested: £2500</p> <p>Amount supported: £2500</p> <p>5001: Aylestone Park Run</p> <p>Applicant: Alison Robbins</p> <p>Application not supported</p> <p>5024: Community Multibed Acupuncture</p> <p>Applicant: Ariane Thompson</p> <p>Application not supported</p> <p>Action: for the Neighbourhood Development Manager / Community Engagement Officer to progress the actions on the funding applications as agreed.</p>
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Cyclists on Newmarket Road / Craighill Road</p> <p>Councillor Moore asked the meeting to note that she</p>

		<p>had received a complaint about cyclists travelling down Newmarket Road onto Craighill Road. She had spoken with officers at the council about measures to slow the cyclists down.</p> <p>Officers had suggested that bollards be installed and a further suggestion for the installation of a chicane was raised at the meeting.</p> <p>Play Streets</p> <p>Councillor Moore asked the meeting to note that following the success of the play streets event, the Assistant City Mayor for Children, Young People and Schools had said that she would like to encourage more such events across the city.</p> <p>Pot holes</p> <p>The meeting was asked to note that Councillors had been assured that work on the potholes in Church Lane was imminent.</p>
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Members of the Community were asked to note that the next Knighton Community Meeting would take place on Monday 22 September 2014
11.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

CITY WARDEN SERVICE

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These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

- Work within schools

Enforcement work on the following issues:

- Littering
- Dog Control – Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dog exclusion zones
 - Bins on the Street (Domestic and Commercial)
- Free Distribution of Printed Material
 - Fly-Posting
- Small Scale Fly-Tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for Sale on the road
- Repairing Vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents
 - Street Litter Control Notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Untidy Alleys and Gardens



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UPDATE FOR KNIGHTON WARD

We have had some great results in the ward with the help of residents and businesses.

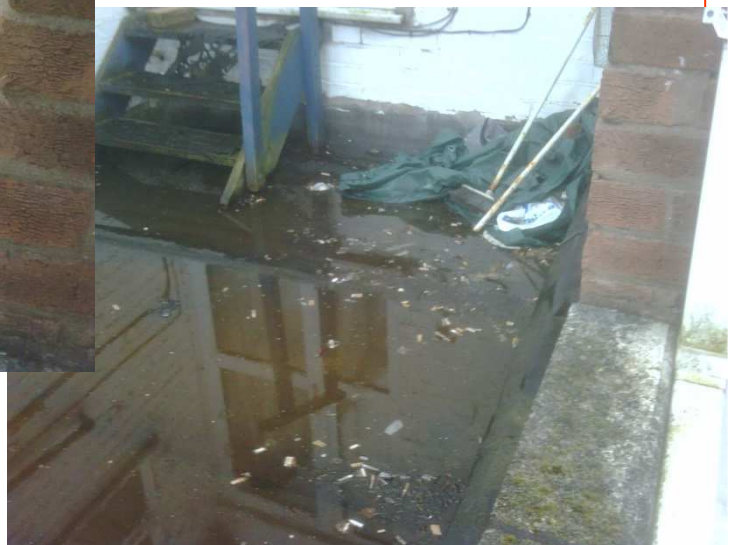
Here are some before and after pictures of some of the work carried out:



Guilford Court, London Road



Francis Street



If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001