# Freemen Ward Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 21 October 2014

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** Aylestone Leisure Centre,

2 Knighton Lane East, Leicester

**LE2 6LU** 

### **Ward Councillors**

Councillor Elly Cutkelvin Councillor Bill Shelton



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- Keep to the Agenda
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  aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

The Chair will 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. ACTION LOG

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The Action Log from the meeting held on 30 June 2014 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.

#### 3. WARD BOUNDARIES

An explanation of the proposed ward boundary changes and their effect on Freemen Ward will be given at the meeting.

#### 4. WHITTIER ROAD HOUSING PROJECT

Housing Officers will provide an update on the Whittier Road housing Project

#### 5. REVIEW OF PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Jerry Connolly, Scrutiny Support Officer, will be at the meeting to present the findings of the City-wide review of pavement parking.

## 6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - ISSUES AND OPTIONS STAGE OF THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

Planning Officers will be at the meeting to introduce the public consultation that starts on 15 October 2014 on the Issues and Options stage of the new Local Plan.

#### 7. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

To receive an update on Police issues in the area

#### 8. CITY WARDEN - UPDATE

The City Warden will give an update on issues in the Freemen Ward.

#### 9. BUDGET Appendix B

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

The approved expenditure on Grants for the Ward so far this financial year is £4,086.66, which leave a balance of £14,047.34 for future applications,

including the following applications, which are submitted for consideration by the meeting:-

- 1. Bid no. 5030 Youth Support for Leicester fencing Leicester fencing club (£4,847 requested)
- 2. Bid no. 1118 Nutritional Improvement Our Community Cares (£1,000 requested)
- 3. Bid no. 1130 European Championships Empress Rollerskating Club (£500 requested)
- 4. Bid no. 1131 European Championships Empress Rollerskating Club (£500 requested)
- 5. Bid no. 5040 Developing Youth, Mothers in Music Pink Lizard (£500 requested)
- 6. Bid no. 5053 Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board Christmas Event May Jones (£3,000 requested)

#### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### 11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6pm at the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester, LE2 7PL.

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## Appendix A

#### FREEMEN WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

#### **MONDAY, 30 JUNE 2014**

Linwood Community Centre, Linwood Lane, Leicester LE2 6QJ

NO	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES	Cllr Cutkelvin – Chair welcomed everyone and led introductions.  Apologies – Herbert Hepple. Alan and Anna Sturgess No interests were declared.
2.	ACTION LOG – 19 MARCH 2014	Agreed and Noted.  Matters arising:  Item 52/13 – Ian Stapleton Housing Manager to
		<ul> <li>give a report under Neighbourhood Housing Update</li> <li>Item 60 – the planning application for 18 Lothair Road had been before the committee and was approved.</li> <li>Item 61 – The Richmond Library building was now publicly advertised for lease.</li> </ul>
		Item 66 – re: concerns about car parking were raised in particular on match days when cars were parked on both sides of the road by the Velodrome site.
3.	COUNCILLORS REPORT	<ul> <li>The Saffron Fete would take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 – more information to follow under that agenda item.</li> <li>St Mary's Allotments: Councillors continued to meet Officers from Planning, to discuss the site's future. The project would include a mixture of housing and open space and there had been some progress.</li> <li>Foodbank, a recent collection in Waitrose had a fantastic response from the public who donated 2</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>full trolleys of food. Unite trade union continued to regularly donate food too.</li> <li>Councillor Shelton had opened a Cricket Tournament that had been hosted in Leicester and included teams from across the UK.</li> <li>The Linwood Centre would close in January 2015.</li> </ul>

		It was confirmed the Xmas event would take place as planned.
		<ul> <li>There was a door knocking session along the Fairway with the local MP, issues raised mainly concerned housing and those would be passed to the relevant officers.</li> </ul>
		There were plans to set up a Cycle Forum.  Anyone interested was invited to join.
		Councillors were still seeking a comprehensive cycle lane to be introduced along Saffron Lane.
		A meeting of Fire, Housing and Police officers took place in Neston Gardens regarding issues with the installation of the security gates that had been installed.
4.	TIC TOC PARK UPDATE	Adrian Edge, Landscape Development Manager explained that at the last meeting a bid had been approved for £10,000 to purchase play equipment for Tic Toc Park. The equipment would be purchased once the issue of the costs of installation had been addressed. Over the next 6 weeks local residents and users of Tic Toc Park would be consulted to establish what equipment should be bought. It was hoped that the equipment would be installed by September 2014.
		Councillor Cutkelvin said the installation costs should be considered in more detail, there was a significant underspend in the Housing Revenue account for the area that should be explored as an option to fund the installation.
		Members of the Youth Council should be engaged in the consultation and Councillors kept informed of the consultation results.
		A concern was raised about the amount of litter on Tic Toc Park. The meeting was informed that new bins had been installed but that didn't guarantee usage. Councillor Cutkelvin would chase park services on how regular parks were visited and litter cleared.
5.	SAFFRON FETE	Simon Walters, Community Engagement Officer presented information on the upcoming Saffron Fete to be held on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2014.
		Highlights of the event to be:
		a fancy dress parade with a football theme to mark the City's promotion to the Premier

		league.
		<ul> <li>50 goody bags for the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 children in fancy dress taking part in the parade.</li> </ul>
		a mixture of stalls that could be booked through Karen Pickering.
		<ul> <li>a talent show, music &amp; gospel singers.</li> </ul>
		a fun fair.
		Publicity material had been printed. Posters and leaflets would be distributed in the coming weeks.
6.	SAFFRON RESOURCE CENTRE/ACRES PROJECT UPDATE	There was no-one present to provide an update. Councillor Cutkelvin informed the meeting the intention had been for someone to inform about the project to install 50 new Eco homes.
		The Community Engagement Officer to invite a representative to the next meeting to provide information on the project.
7.	NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING UPDATE	Ian Stapleton provided an update on Housing Developments in the area:
		9 new homes to be built at Westley developments on the Fairway, the site had been cleared, new fencing installed and the homes should be built and handed over to the council by February/March 2015. Nearby residents had been consulted and assurances given about access. The housing officer would continue to review situation.
		<ul> <li>Housing at the old Velodrome site was being built in partnership with ASRA Housing Association. The development was progressing well and Leicester City Council would have first nomination rights for tenants on completion. In relation to the new traffic signals Councillors asked to be kept informed of any issues e.g. hotspot times for traffic build up or other traffic calming issues.</li> </ul>
		Neston Gardens – work was underway to remove shrubs which had overgrown and caused a place for litter to accumulate. Residents were pleased with the improvement.
		Bike racks/storage – funding was being sought to introduce bike racks into some areas in response to residents' concerns about not

		having storage for bikes. On a wider note officers were looking at improving all bike facility provisions & a suggestion to convert some of the drying rooms into bike stores would be considered.		
		<ul> <li>Neston Gardens – Fire Gates, these were being left open and that was an issue that needed to be addressed.</li> </ul>		
		A resident raised a concern about flats being built at the Cricket Ground – he was informed that was in the Aylestone ward and his enquiry should be directed to the Councillors in that ward		
8.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	Caroline Walsh, the City Warden for the area gave a brief update on progress made in the area since the last meeting and distributed information leaflets to those present.		
		If residents had any issues they could contact the City Warden whose contact details were on the leaflets distributed.		
9.	NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND COMMUNITY	Sgt Little gave an update on local policing issues and reported crime statistics were noted.		
	SAFETY UPDATE	<ul> <li>Residents were asked to ensure properties were kept secure especially during warmer weather when windows were sometimes left open.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Residents were also reminded to ensure vehicles were locked and items of value not left on display.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>There had been an increase in bike incidents, 4 people had been identified and each verbally warned and the situation would continue to be monitored.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>A resident raised concerns about speeding cars and recent car crashes, it was suggested a speed camera might make a difference. Councillor Cutkelvin agreed to feedback to the Highways team.</li> </ul>		
		Concerns about parked cars were raised. Sgt Little reminded the meeting unless it caused an obstruction the police had few powers to tackle it. Councillor Cutkelvin advised the findings of the recent pavement parking consultation were being considered and would go before a		

		scrutiny commission who would look at the options available to deal with the city wide problem.		
10.	BUDGET	Applications Fast Tracked since the last meeting		
		<ul> <li>Community Events (1008) – Application for £256.66 - Grant of £256.66 Supported for Chris Festorazzi.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Let's Get Planting (1025) – Application for £380 - Grant of £380 Supported for Christine Herbert, Homestart.</li> </ul>		
		Applications Considered at the meeting		
		<ul> <li>Saffron Fete (1027) – Application for £1000 - Grant of £1000 Supported for Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Special Olympics Multisport Club (5006 Joint bid with Aylestone and Eyres Monsell) – Application for £500 from each ward - Grant of £500 Supported for Maura Farnish.</li> </ul>		
		Late Bids Considered at the meeting		
		<ul> <li>Youth Support for Leicester Fencing Club (5030 Joint bid with Aylestone Ward) – Application for £4847 - Deferred until next meeting.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>Mothers in Music (1093) – Application for £1300</li> <li>Deferred until next meeting.</li> </ul>		
		Tic Toc Park Play Equipment installation () –     Application for £7000 – alternative funding options to be considered.		
		The Edge Project () – Application for £300 – Grant of £300 Supported for Alison Roche.		
11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Patchwalks were discussed; Police no-longer had the resource to do them on a large scale but did monthly "knock on doors" in a few roads of the ward. Residents were reminded that if issues were reported the agencies would get together to tackle that. Councillors to be kept informed of any patchwalks that were organised.		
		<ul> <li>Concerns were raised about the sub-station area of Marriott Road – Ian Stapleton/Sgt Little to discuss with Louise Cox. Councillor Cutkelvin to</li> </ul>		

		be kept informed of outcome.
12.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 6pm - a venue to be confirmed.  Future meetings will take place on:- Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6pm – venue to be confirmed  Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6pm in the Church of the Nativity, Cavendish Road, Leicester.  The meeting closed at 7.40pm

# Appendix B

#### Freemen Community Meeting Budget 2014-15

Balance Carried forward 13/14	£134.00
Budget Allocation 14/15	£18,000.00
Opening Balance 14/15	£18,134.00

Applications Supported				
Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Agreed	Agreed Funding
1008	Community Event	Chris Festorrazzi	30/06/14	£256.66
1025	Lets Get planting	Homestart	30/06/14	£380.00
1027	Saffron Fete	Saffron Management Board	30/06/14	£1,000.00
5006	Special Olympics Multisports Club - Joint bid Aylestone and Eyres Monsell	Maintain club	30/06/14	£500.00
1110	Gazebo Acquisition	Saffron Neighbourhood Board	04/07/14	£450.00
5001	Junior Park Run- Joint bid Aylestone and Knighton	Alison Robins	19/03/14	£1,000.00
1141	New doors AFC Andrews	Benny Irwin	04/08/14	£500.00
Com	mitted	·		£4,086.66
Balance Remaining				£14,047.34

New Applications to be Considered at the Next Meeting				
Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Received	Funding Request
5030	Youth Support for Leicester Fencing club - equipment - Joint bid Aylestone	Leicester Fencing Club	01/07/14	£4,847.00
1118	Neutrictional Improvement	Our Community cares	14/07/14	£1,000.00
1130	European championships	Empress Rollerscating club- Mariam Sylla	25/07/14	£500.00
1131	European championships	Empress Rollerscating club - Tyia Sylla	25/07/14	£500.00
5040	Developing Youth- Mothers in Music	Pink Lizard	23/06/14	£500.00
5053	Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board Christmas Event	May Jones	07/10/14	£3,000.00
Total	Value of Bids to be Considered	·		£10,347.00
Balance Remaining if above are approved				£3,700.34

Applications Not Supported				
Bid	Name of Project	Applicant	Date Decided	Amount Request
Total Value of Bids Not Supported				£0.00
Withdrawn Applications				