

KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

9th Leicester Scout Group HQ, 58 Stoughton Road, Leicester, LE2 2EB

Councillor Grant (Chair)
Councillor Gugnani
Councillor Dr. Moore

10. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed and introductions were given.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr John Jones and Mr Simon Bennett.

12. ACTION LOG

8th September 2015 – received and noted.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM UPDATE (NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING)

A Steering Group meeting took place on the evening of 24th November. A summary report on progress provided by the Steering Group was read by Cllr Dr. Moore and is attached for information.

14. COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Councillors reported the following:

- A planning application to convert part of the Gables Hotel on London Road to retail was refused on the grounds of highways safety issues.
- Councillor Grant had objected to a planning application for a development on Knighton Church Road due to concerns with flooding. The application was approved with conditions.
- Consultation was undertaken with Castle Ward residents regarding permit parking in Clarendon Park. Councillors stated consultation should also be undertaken with Knighton Ward residents who would also be affected.
- The closure of a post office in Knighton Ward had been proposed, on the basis that Knighton residents could use the branch on Queens Road. Ward councillors to write to the City Mayor to ask that Knighton residents' views be taken into account.

15. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE

PCSO Lynette Steadman and PCSO Diane Stewart (Aylestone Ward) were present at the meeting and the following update on police issues was given:

- Statistics for incidents in the ward for the period of 35 days up to 24/11/15:
 - 5 burglaries of dwellings and 1 attempted burglary;

- 3 burglaries of other than dwellings (sheds/garages);
 - 9 reports damage, 4 occurring at Lancaster Boys/Sir Jonothan North schools which related to the same group of youths – one youth had been arrested and was on bail whilst further enquiries took place. 3 of the damages were to unattended cars;
 - 2 bicycles were stolen;
 - 2 theft of cars;
 - 3 theft from vehicles.
- Burglary figures for Oadby, South Wigston, Wigston and Freeman 23/9 – 23/10

71 in 2014 compared to 32 in 2015

Bags containing advice on security and timers for lighting were distributed at the meeting.

- The police were looking at graffiti tags in the area to see if they could be identified with individuals.
- Councillors advised the scout hut to submit an application for vandal-proof lighting for the side of the scout hut.
- The City Warden to bring a graffiti kit to the next community meeting.

The police were praised for their good police work, rapid response and excellent detective work regarding the recent attack on a young school boy in the area.

16. CITY WARDEN

Darren Evans, City Warden, informed the meeting he covered Knighton, Spinney Hills and Stoneygate wards. He added Chris Bramley-Brown would co-work with him in Knighton ward.

- Contact details to be passed to ward councillors and posted online.
- Residents to contact the city warden with any issues in the ward.

17. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

The following funding applications had been agreed:

- 68th Leicester Scout Hut – replacement of equipment – an application for £2,001.40 had been received, but a revised bid of a lesser amount was due to be submitted which was supported in advance.
- Allandale Road / Francis Street Community Market (submitted by Kevin Urquhart) – £3,769.00 (joint bid with Stoneygate at £500) – supported for the lesser amount of £769.00.
- Art House (submitted by Sue Ryan) – £500 – the application was fast-tracked.

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Date of next meeting – 1st March 2016.

Summary Report on Progress

Proposed Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

24th November 2015

Apologies for not being able to attend the Ward Community Meeting, but we have our own meeting this evening, and the members of the Steering Group need to be setting up the room before it starts.

Since Hamish Whiteley gave a detailed report at the September Ward Community Meeting, the Proposed Neighbourhood Forum met on 29th September and did not have a meeting in October.

Key points are:

- **The Neighbourhood Forum met in September to involve new members who joined from Knighton Park Fun Day.**
- **The City Council consultation on the Designated Area finished in October. The Steering Group has met with the City Council Planning Department and separately with Friends of Clarendon Park. Minor changes will be made to the boundary of the area, which will be designated by the Council. If a Neighbourhood Area is applied for for Clarendon Park in the future, part of the boundary may be subject to further consultation.**
- **The Ward Grant of £150 has been spent on room hire. A report has been sent to the Neighbourhood Team at the Council documenting the expenditure and summarising achievements.**
- **The Steering Group has been granted a further grant of £2,602 from Locality, which will pay for public liability insurance, a proper website, which is important for consultation and involvement, and room hire and publicity.**
- **The next steps are to apply to the City Council for designation of the Neighbourhood Forum as the forum for the Designated Area, and to hold formal elections for the Officers and Steering Group of the Proposed Neighbourhood Forum, which will happen at the meeting on 26th January 2016.**

