

Freeman Ward meeting
14 March 2012 (6.15 -8.00pm)
Aylestone Recreation Ground (Football Pavilion)

Information Fair.

The following stands/information were in the room

- City Warden Service
- Community Safety information
- Saffron Fete
- Saffron Young People's Project

Members of the public were also given the opportunity to meet their local Councillors, Police, and City Wardens.

Election of Chair

Cllr Cutkelvin was elected as chair

Apologise for Absence

Were received from Ann Sturgess

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

Minute of previous meeting

Were agreed as correct, no matters arising

Councillors Report:

- Seven grot spots had been cleaned up around Neston Bridge, Meadow Gardens area.
- Grit bin installed at **Knighton Fields Road West**.
- Tic Toc park new equipment installed.
- Clean-up of Fly tipping in St Marys allotments off Saffron Lane
- Plans being put together to develop St Marys allotments for housing, not publicised yet. Cllr's to state that if it goes ahead that some land is retained for green space. Consultation in the summer.
- Leicester City Council have approved the library plan and now after consultation the overall scheme is improved (from the first proposal). Old library building to be retained for community use.

- Patch walks completed in Neston gardens identifying housing issues
- Attended events at SAFTA volunteers awards, Friendly Friday goes large, Catch 22 Arts project
- Opening event of phase 1 old Wheatsheaf building.
- Saffron fete – now has access to the new ATP for the day. Improving toilet facilities.
- Meeting with City Mayor in the coming weeks on local issues
- Cllr's thanked David Budd for all his hard work in the area. His contract is coming to an end and he is retiring this month.

Football Investment –ATP and Grass Pitches Update Mark Laywood (ML)

Outlined early teething problems but generally the site is working well. Encourage users to contact Aylestone Leisure Centre (ALC) to book for room hire. not only the sporting facilities.

Due to issues with reinstatement by contractors use of the grass pitches has been delayed until the new season (weather permitting). Work is planned to re-seed and correct levels across the park.

Q Resident – will flooding at top end be sorted? -ML yes, contractors are coming back

Q Resident – is park going to be dug up again? -ML No

At this point both Cllrs stated they are very keen for the facilities to be used by local people.

Local Football Activity Partner Club and other projects

St Andrews Barry Daniels (BD)– Partner club to the football development on Aylestone Recreation Ground (ARG)

Expressed disappointment about the delay with the grass pitches which has caused some significant problems for the club.

Stated the Local Management Group (LMG) was up and running which focuses on the day to day running of the facility to ensure it benefits the local area.

Now attracting local children to the club who see St Andrews training on the ATP.

St Andrews FC has charter standard and CRB in place to evidence their commitment to high quality and safe provision

Q - Resident what are the club doing to develop girls football. – BD –the club are working to the development plan which focuses on developing girls, football

Q Cllr Cutkelvin –When the club is ready she would like an article to go into the Saff magazine.

Saffron young people project (SYPP) Jules (J)

Working with young people in the area on attached youth projects. Developing self-esteem by getting young people to run their own football tournament. Jules runs skills camps at half term.

May 19th is a inter faith tournaments for 8 teams on the ATP

Lewis King

Runs a drop in football session on Mondays, £1 per child. Helped to deal with a number of anti-social issues giving youth people something to do. This project has very good feedback from young people. Cllr Cutkelvin to look into funding for equipment for this project.

Aylestone Library proposals Adrian Wills (AW)

Highlighted the recent changes to the proposals after considering consultation.

The main changes are:

- 1) Old building will be retained for community use.
- 2) Library Staff be located at the ALC library during some operating hours including some toddler sessions.
- 3) A direct phone link to other libraries.
- 4) New computer service will be introduced

This provides additional opening hours for the library service for local people. This will be operational by Oct/Nov this year

Aylestone Leisure Centre lockers Marc Read (MR)

Presented information around recent repairs to dryside lockers and highlighted about 28 dryside lockers were currently operational. This is an improvement over recent weeks this improvement was welcomed by everyone at the meeting.

Saffron Fete Kellie Bugby (KB)

Outlined the theme for the fete this year (2012 Olympics) to take place on the 11th August 2012 (same day as the Olympics closing ceremony). Asked for more local residents to volunteers to help with planning the event. The planning committee meet each month but volunteers are not required to attend every meeting.

Q Resident –The stage on the floor not as effective as the raise stage used previously. (KB) explained it is a cost issue, but they will consider using a raised stage this year, if possible.

City Warden update Scott Clarke (SC)

Handed out a 6 month priority plan to the meeting for comment. Concentrated on dog fouling and illegally car parking i.e. Cars for Sale.

Q - Resident highlighted dog fouling is a real problem around the perimeter of ARG. SC stated he undertakes both plain cloths and uniform patrols, also if anyone has information on dog fouling to contact Scott's team.

Q Resident –How often are bus shelter damaged. SC not a problem at the moment but may change in the summer with longer days.

Police update Darren Little (DL)

No priorities at present but may change in the summer. All crime in the area either reduced or static to the moment. Currently 5 officers working the area but June/July staffing will be increased to approx 10. This will enable more proactive targeting of crime.

Q resident- raised an issue about a vandalised car. The chair suggested this best dealt with after the meeting by the police and Cllrs.

Ward Budget funding applications

- **Pink Lizard- £700 Auditions –**
- Resolved **Approved** *concerns expressed over cost of sessional worker in bid*

- **Owen Johnson -£300 –.**
- Resolved **Reject**

- **Dee Dixon -£2000**
- Resolved **Approved**

- **Audrey Matuer -£500**
- Resolved **Approved**

- **Pink Lizard -£1075**
- **Resolved Deferred** welcome the applicant to attend a ward meeting to present a case for approval.

- **Saffron Arts Forum £700**
- Resolved **Approved**

AOB

Q resident –Housing solar panel installation work looks good. Cllr, raised some issues about how the installations on Bloomfield Road have progressed. Some houses seemed to be included other not!!

Cllr's to check how houses are being selected re council owned/owner occupiers.

Q Resident – Rendering on houses along The Fairway been done 2 times in recent memory and it coming away again. Future item for housing managers to report on.

Q – CSO, can consideration be given to signs on the perimeter footpath ARG where cars drive in warning cars to take extra care due to pedestrian and young children on footpath. Some near misses so far.

Q- Cllr to include angel and heroes and Stars Dance group on next Agenda.