
From: Miranda Cannon
Sent: 17 September 2013 11:23
To: Cllr Adam Clarke
Cc: Kamal Adatia; Mike Richardson
Subject: RE: Franklyn Fields

Cllr Clarke

Unfortunately Cllr Porter has not agreed with my proposal, and therefore I cannot offer my staff from Democratic Services to support this. However, there is nothing to stop you from continuing to arrange a meeting yourself and seeking input from Mike and colleagues.

Regards
Miranda

Miranda Cannon
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From: Cllr Adam Clarke
Sent: 07 September 2013 09:32
To: Miranda Cannon
Cc: Cllr Adam Clarke; Cllr Nigel Porter; Nigel ; Kamal Adatia; Mike Richardson
Subject: Re: Franklyn Fields

Dear Miranda
Very happy with this proposal.
Thanks
Cllr Adam Clarke
Labour Councillor for Aylestone

On 6 Sep 2013, at 10:52, "Miranda Cannon" <Miranda.Cannon@leicester.gov.uk> wrote:

Cllrs,

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It would be an inefficient use of officer time to have two meetings and not helpful for residents, therefore if you are both able to confirm that you would agree to holding one meeting which you

both attend, and that you consider having a third party chair this meeting, then I will allow officers to facilitate this.

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From: Miranda Cannon
Sent: 09 September 2013 15:01
To: 'nigel.porter'
Cc: 'Nigel'; Kamal Adatia
Subject: RE: Aylestone meeting - Franklyn Fields
Attachments: Requesting that we hold a ward meeting

Cllr Porter

Unfortunately I was away from my desk until gone 5pm on Friday
, hence I didn't get an opportunity to return your call and had been intending to call this morning.

I would like to clarify points referred to in your email:

- 03/09 - you wrote asking for a ward meeting. At this point you were not specific about this relating to Franklyn Fields (your email is attached). I responded on the basis that there was nothing to indicate in your email that you were seeking an alternative approach and as such on the basis of previous correspondence I had to decline your request.

05/09 - you emailed my officers - , and , and in this instance referred specifically to arranging a single issue meeting re: Franklyn Fields, which you were at pains to point out was not a ward meeting.

"Further to your phone call and the issues we discussed. A number of residents have raised concerns about the lack of consultation in the ward. I had asked for a ward meeting this month but the council have refused does my co councillor support the ban? I am therefore requesting that we have a meeting (but not a ward meeting) in the ward that I will chair and officers from planning and planning policy are invited to attend to discuss this proposal. The dates I am looking at are the 25 / 26 of this month or early October. I can sort out the venue can you ask officers for their availability. Thank you for your assistance."

06/09 - Cllr Clarke separately wrote on the 6th asking for a single item meeting in the ward on Franklyn Fields.

Given that you had both at that point requested a specific single issue meeting on the same issue (as opposed to a ward meeting), I was willing to support this being facilitated provided you both agreed. However I suggested a third party chair this to ensure the meeting considers all views in a fair manner. I had been thinking this would be a senior officer and not another elected member, at this point I did not have a specific individual in mind, it could be the relevant Director or Head of Service from Planning. I can categorically state that there has been no political involvement from any other elected member in terms of my response. This proposal is on the basis of this one meeting on a single issue.

My response does not extend to reinstating the ward meetings or proposing a model of an third party chair in future.

Miranda

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-----Original Message-----

From: nigel.porter [mailto:nigel.porter]
Sent: 08 September 2013 20:52
To: Miranda Cannon
Cc: Nigel
Subject: Aylestone meeting - Franklyn Fields

Dear Ms Cannon

Thank you for your email.

I called you on Friday but you did not return my call. Can I please have a full explanation about exactly what is going on here.

As the council know, the proposed development of Franklyn Fields is a major and important issue of concern in the ward.

On 3.9.13 I wrote to the council and I requested that we hold a ward meeting to discuss issues of importance in the ward and to update residents. My suggested dates were the 25 or 26 of September.

On the 4.9.13 the council wrote back refusing my request for a meeting .

On the 5.9.13 at 10.15am I made a complaint to the council regarding the decision to refuse a meeting.

On the 5.9.13 at 17.11 I wrote to the council explaining that I had asked for a ward meeting but the council had refused. I now requested that we have a meeting (but not a ward meeting) in the ward to discuss the proposed development of Franklyn Fields. I explained that I could sort out the venue if the council asked Officers for their availability.

It now appears that the council have taken over my suggestion and are proposing a single issue ward meeting in anything but name.

I wanted a meeting as I have explained but this was refused by the very same council who just three days later then say we can have a meeting.

There appears to be favouritism and double standards in operation which is not proper or fair.

The council have asked me to consider having a third party chair this new proposed meeting in Aylestone.

Who is this person?

Is this proposal from the Council about putting another Labour councillor or Labour mayor in Aylestone to chair a meeting about issues in Aylestone?

Is it an attempt to stage manage the proceedings in order to benefit cllr Clarke or the Labour controlled Council?

This is not right or proper.

Sir Peter and his Labour controlled Council might not like the fact that I won the election but I did.

Cllr Grant (the only other opposition councillor) is in a minority in the three seat Knighton ward, I am not in his unenviable position and because of the balance in Aylestone ward the council has intervened and pushed the scales in favour of the Labour councillor.

The people elected me and I am more than capable of chairing this meeting. Following the last ward meeting I chaired I received compliments from independent members of the public. I can give their contact details if you don't believe me.

Is this proposal from the Council about putting another labour supporting person in Aylestone to chair a meeting about issues in Aylestone?

The Labour councillor in Aylestone has written that he is very happy with the Council's proposal that the Aylestone councillors are not permitted to chair this meeting in our ward.

But why would I be happy with the Council's proposal.

If the Labour councillor in Aylestone is very happy for someone else to take over and to chair Aylestone meetings then I suggest that Cllr Clarke resigns and that this person stand for election. It's not good that the Council appears to be actively engaged in preventing elected representatives for Aylestone carrying out the roles for which we were elected.

I want full details of what took place after the Council reached the decision on the 4.9.13 not to allow a meeting in Aylestone and the decision outlined in the email below dated 6.9.13. Thank you.

Regards

Nigel Porter

-----Original Message-----

From: Miranda Cannon

To: adam.clarke@leicester.gov.uk

To: Nigel

Cc: Nigel

Cc:

Cc: Kamal adatia

Cc: Mike Richardson

Subject: Franklyn Fields

Sent: 6 Sep 2013 10:52

Cllrs,

You have both now separately written to me to ask officers to facilitate arrangements for a meeting in Aylestone ward concerning Franklyn Fields.

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From: Cllr Adam Clarke
Sent: 06 September 2013 00:06
To: Mike Richardson
Cc: ; Sir Peter Soulsby; Miranda Cannon; Kamal Adatia
Subject: Franklyn Fields meeting

Dear Mike

I am really grateful for your support re engaging the community with the Franklyn Fields housing development proposal. I hope you agree it is a sensible way forward.

You may be aware that ward community meetings are not taking place in Aylestone at the moment. I am looking at ways of making sure residents have appropriate opportunities to input into ward issues which might ordinarily be covered at ward community meeting level. With this in mind I wondered whether you would be amenable to working with me to organise a meeting in the community to discuss the potential Franklyn Fields development.

Obviously it is important there is a level of information to be given that will be of interest and use to residents so timing is a consideration. I do feel that community engagement will be crucial as proposals move forward.

I wondered whether a mid October public meeting at Aylestone Baptist Church would enable us to engage those that aren't able to contribute at next week's scrutiny meeting? Perhaps we could meet to discuss further?

Best wishes,

Cllr Adam Clarke
Labour Councillor for Aylestone

From: Kamal Adatia
Sent: 05 September 2013 19:14
To: Miranda Cannon
Subject: RE: Franklyn Fields

I fully agree with you. However it is dressed up, this is the type of meeting that we have declared is unhelpful, misused and places your staff and the Council's reputation at risk

Kamal Adatia
City Barrister & Head of Standards
Leicester City Council

-----Original Message-----

From: Miranda Cannon
Sent: 05 September 2013 17:40
To: Kamal Adatia
Subject: FW: Franklyn Fields

See below - I am inclined to say that officers cannot facilitate any sort of meeting because as set out previously we have asked for reasonable proposals for other forms of engagement and in this case he has emailed me yesterday asking if he can hold a meeting to which I have said no, and now he is approaching my officers directly.

Thoughts?
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-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 05 September 2013 17:28
To: Miranda Cannon
Subject: FW: Franklyn Fields

Hi Miranda

Email from Cllr Porter suggesting a meeting to discuss Franklyn Fields, which he is offering to Chair.

How do you want us to respond?

Regards

-----Original Message-----

From: nigel.porter [<mailto:nigel.porter>]
Sent: 05 September 2013 17:17
To:
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Franklyn Fields

Dear Ms , is away could I pass it over to you. Thank you Regards Cllr Porter

Thank you for your email. . The office contact number for inquiries about ward meetings or scrutiny matters is 229 (39) 8898

member support officer

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-----Original Message-----

From: nigel.porter
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2013 16:11:07
To: nigel.porter@leicester.gov.uk
Reply-To: nigel.porter
Cc: Nigel <nigel.porter>
Subject: Fw: Franklyn Fields

Dear Sir

Further to your phone call and the issues we discussed. A number of residents have raised concerns about the lack of consultation in the ward. I had asked for a ward meeting this month but the council have refused does my co councillor support the ban?

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Regards

Cllr Porter

-----Original Message-----

From:
To:
Subject: Re: Franklyn Fields
Sent: 4 Sep 2013 16:20

Franklyn Fields

Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council have jointly agreed to the marketing of Franklyn Fields, a decision announced earlier this year. A media release on the issue was published in July. A link to that release is here

<http://news.leicester.gov.uk/newsArchiveDetail.aspx?id=2290>

The issue of the disposal, and the framework for possible development of the site, will be heard by the Housing Scrutiny Commission on Thursday 12th September 2013. The Commission starts at 5.30pm, and will be at the Town Hall.

The meeting is open to the public for comments and representations, in writing or verbal, and these would be welcomed by the Commission, which is chaired by Cllr Paul Newcombe.

If you wish to attend the meeting you will be requested to sign in at reception; Those who wish to speak will be taken in the order in which they have signed in.

Aylestone ward councillors are aware of this notice and that the issue is being brought to the Scrutiny Commission; if you wish to contact your councillors they are available through the link:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

The agenda and reports for the scrutiny commission have been published on:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=735&Year=0>

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me (contact numbers are below). You are encouraged to forward this email to friends, contacts and groups who might have an interest in this issue.

Regards

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From: nigel.porter
Sent: 03 September 2013 14:27
To: Miranda Cannon
Cc: Nigel
Subject: Requesting that we hold a ward meeting

Dear Ms Cannon

I am formally requesting that we hold a ward meeting this month to discuss issues of importance in the ward and to update residents. My suggested dates are the 25 or 26 of September. Thank you

Regards

Cllr Porter.

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