
Newchurch Village Community Association

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Minutes May 11th 2022 – Methodist Church

Danny Allen, Fiona Heppleston, Wilfred Day, Ken Slaughter, Natalie Ashworth, Michael Ormerod, Lynne Ormerod, Linda Bolton, Janet Meleleu

1. Before the meeting, Janet, Danny and Fiona went to the mayor's award ceremony because NVCA had been picked as a recipient of an award. It was a real eye opener with 13 other groups based in Rossendale getting cheques of various sizes but the general theme of the local groups was all to do with helping their communities in many different ways.
2. Apologies
Kath Riley, Iain and Jo Blair, Patrick Marriot, Anna McEvitt, Julia Barrow, Cherry Hughes, Heather Parsons, Margaret Ashworth
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
Inconsiderate parking and bin lorry access especially during child drop off and picking up time was discussed at the last meeting with actions for Kath Riley and Steph Pilling. They were both absent yesterday so hopefully we can get any updates at the next meeting. The meeting was reminded that footage of dangerous driving can be uploaded to the police here <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know.aspx>.

4. Defib Session :

Danny was concerned that the recent defib session although well received by all attendees didn't attract enough participants, but everyone else was assured that 12 was a good number because there weren't many people per trainer. The suggestion was made that next time we also advertise the CPR training aspect. **ACTION** – Danny to arrange another defib session in 2 or 3 months time. Linda, Natalie and Michael said they could contact local school regarding the next session.

5. Paths :

The Bolton Woods path has had its 2nd annual clearance, so it's back to great condition. If this happens every year then it will prevent the path from turning into the slush pit that it had been until last year. This year only 3 people cleared the path, and Danny said he'd like to see it as more of a community event even if people just bring tea and cake as so many local people use this path. Perhaps thought needs to go into allocating a specific evening to do the job instead of a whole week so that people know exactly when to turn up, although that's awkward given the dependency on the weather.

Ken commented that it would be useful to have a local map on the web site with the right of way marked, and the idea of producing a small booklet of short local walks around Newchurch was also raised. **ACTION** – Danny / Wilf update web site with maps. **ACTION** – All, please forward your favourite local short walks to Danny and we'll investigate producing a walks booklet.

Danny also said that the Long Cosy path has been getting a lot of use which has been bringing rubbish to the surface, so he's cleared a bag of rubbish from it (mostly plastic and broken glass) which should make it safer and more enjoyable to use.

6. Daffodils :

The recent daffodil planting has been very well received by anyone who's commented, so the decision was made was to do more this Winter including the trees at the top of The Heys, the banking by Staghills play area, top of Priory Close, trees on Staghills Road green areas and possibly beside the path through the new trees above Greendale Ave depending on how many we get. More tulips were requested, but it all depends on what RBC have available at the time. **ACTION** – Danny to keep an eye open later in the year for bulb offers from RBC.

7. Post holder in front of The Boars :

We have a new 8inch diameter hole centrally placed in the green outside the Boars. This was dug because our Christmas tree kept falling over in the gales, breaking branches and also the lights so hopefully that won't happen again. It was suggested that we approach

LCC to see if it would be possible to power the tree lights from the nearby streetlight. **ACTION** – Danny to contact LCC highways on the basis of ‘if you don’t ask you don’t get’.

8. Bins

Good news – we’ve had agreement from RBC to arrange more collections for the bin outside the Staghills shops which was regularly overflowing. Fingers crossed this will make a difference.

The dog poo bin at the top of the cobbled path on Cloughfold rec was again brought to the attention of RBC as it is currently badly overflowing, so hopefully we’ll get a result there aswell.

9. Events for the rest of 2022

Fiona has agreed to coordinate producing the 2023 calendar, and this time the idea is to use local landmarks (e.g. churches, local paths, the Boars, schools, the cross, kids in the play area, the Little Park etc.). Please forward any photos you think could be good for a calendar to Fiona on calendar@newchurch-village.co.uk. If there are any people in your photo, please get their permission before sending it on.

The idea of sponsored calendar months was also suggested, with a suggested £20 fee. **ACTION** – All to contact schools, churches, local businesses to see if we can get calendar sponsors, please let Fiona know any results.

Prize draw – Fiona has volunteered to coordinate the tickets. It is planned to have the next prize draw combined with the Christmas fair. There will be the usual cash prizes plus local experience days.

ACTION – Linda to contact Ski Rossendale

ACTION – Fiona to contact East Lancs Railway

ACTION - Natalie to contact Marl Pits golf

Lucardo have already been contacted but have failed to respond after several attempts.

ACTION – All - Suggestions for other local experience days or non-cash prizes would be very welcome.

It was suggested that other people may want to help with events, so **ACTION** – Danny to send email to see if more people want to help with the events, and also to see if anyone doesn’t want to be in the events group anymore.

10. Any other business

Janet said she’d like a new bench outside the Little Park as the existing one is very tired. **ACTION** – Danny to investigate grant funding.