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# Newchurch Village Community Association

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## **NVCA General Meeting Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Present: Natalie Ashworth, Helen Robinson, Danny Allen, Margaret Ashworth, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Fiona Heppleston, Iain Blair, Julia Barrow, Mike & Lynn Ormerod, Wilf Day

### **Apologies ON:**

Cath Riley, Jo Blair, Ken Slaughter, Ann Mulderrig, Margaret Leake, Anna McEvitt, Sue Holt, Larry Doolin

1. **New Chair** – welcome Fiona who is working with Danny for the first couple of months
2. Electrical connection - Boar's Head Green  
The last quote from Rochdale B.C was around £2100 with Rochdale B.C. willing to fund £500.  
Agreed that we would approach local electrician to check what he would charge.  
**ACTION:** Natalie to contact Steve Rothwell and ask if he's prepared to approach Council and give us a quote  
**ACTION:** Dan to approach Council to check if cost same or higher
3. Planter for Boar's Head Green  
Civic Pride have suggested a bed rather than a planter and offered to design it. We agreed perennials with bulbs to minimize maintenance. We agreed the bed needs to be far away enough from where the Christmas tree/Cross is situated for easy access.  
**ACTION:** Dan to discuss with Civic Pride
4. Woodside Crescent Hut  
No news. Agreed that we would still pursue the option of being a steward but check on the state of the building and the liabilities before agreeing to anything.  
**ACTION:** Fiona to check current status
5. Slow Down – Save Lives  
Samara (councillor) has offered to put a large sign on a key lamppost. Signs are already up on wheelie bins and bus shelters. Contact Natalie if you can display a sign.  
**ACTION:** Dan to contact David Foxcroft regarding temporary speed detection sign at top of Bolton Street  
**ACTION:** Cherry to invite local police community officer to NVCA regular meeting to discuss
6. Bulbs  
Lots gone in to green spaces in Autumn and approx. 250 planted through January

## 7. Generating interest

Next Event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 12 to 3, to celebrate The Coronation.

Bid for £250 submitted to the Council to assist funding the Event– bid outcome will be known on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Events Committee suggested Refreshments/Cream Tea in Park with activities for children e.g. fancy dress, face painting, ping pong, selfie throne, tombola stalls, lawn darts etc.

Local schools/nursery students to be invited to create crowns and bunting for the Event with prizes for best key entries from keystone 1 and 2 students.

**ACTION:** Fiona to Email Schools this week asking if they want to get involved. To support, Julia has ordered resources to make crowns.

**ACTION:** Next Events Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### 7.2 NVCA Calendars

Agreed that we'd suggest competitive photo entries for next NVCA calendar.

**ACTION:** Fiona To alert Schools by Summer Holidays

### 7.3 Donations

Fiona suggested we make annual donations to local churches and schools/nursery to support their recognition of us and gain their support.

**ACTION:** Iain to meet with Fiona to look at NVCA annual budget commitments. Donation amount can then be considered.

### 7.4 Litter picking/gardening work groups

Fiona suggested monthly activity where those participating can wear hi-vis jackets and get noticed in the community

### 7.5 Newsletters

Agreed that we would develop a termly newsletter that could be shared with local nursery/churches/schools outlining our activities (with photos).

## 8. Regular meeting dates set for rest of 2023 (all Tuesdays):

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September + AGM

Tuesday 28<sup>st</sup> November

## 9. Any Other Business

### 9.1 Little Garden

Janet recommended cutting back the rhododendrons at the back of the Little Park.

**ACTION:** Dan to get trimmer

## 9.2 St Patrick's Day Event Ceilidh at St. Peter's Church

### 9.3 Accounts

Iain suggested we transfer the £412 that is being kept for the connection of the Defib at Staghill's Play Park into the main Defib maintenance funds.

Donations through Amazon = £7.83 and through Easy Fundraising = £88.18. (Amazon Smile donations are being phased out).

**ACTION:** Reminder for all to via Easy Fundraising if possible

### 9.4 Defib at Staghill's Play Park

Remains dis-connected. Delay with communications between Council and Utility Company.

### 9.5 Potholes outside shops on Staghill's

Dan investigated via councillors, M.P. and others – issue with ownership of the pavement outside of the shops. Waiting for confirmation of ownership before progressing.

**Next Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April venue to be confirmed.**