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****NVCA Annual General Meeting Minutes** 26th September 2023**

Present: Fiona Heppleston, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Jo Blair, Ken Slaughter, Kath Riley, Iain Blair, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Paddy Marriot, Mitchell Lord

**Apologies**

Anna McEvitt, Margaret Ashworth, Natalie Ashworth, Ann Mulderrig, Sue Holt, Emily Hewitt, Emily Townley, Mike Ormerod, Lynne Ormerod, Jean Starkie, Larry Doolin

**1. Previous AGM minutes read out**

Confirmed as accurate record of events – Proposer: Danny Seconded: Julia

2. **Chair’s Report –** presented by FionaSee Report attached.

Special thanks to Brian for renewing and enlarging the very popular Library and to Simone and Defib Dawn for their lengthy persistence getting the Staghills Play Park Defib operational.

**3. Financial Report – already circulated by Iain**

Accounts have been independently audited and signed off.

Proposer: Danny Seconded: Julia

4. **Election of Trustees**

Current trustees were elected until 2025. Iain to support formal addition of Kath Riley as trustee by end of month.

**5. Election of Independent Auditor**

Retention of Dean O’Brien Proposed: Cherry Seconded: Kath

End of AGM

**NVCA Regular Meeting**

**Apologies: (as above)  
  
1. Actions/matters arising from last meeting**Agreed items arising will be covered in current agenda.

**2. Events Update**The Macmillan Coffee morning raised £406.54. There was a great atmosphere & St. Peter’s have requested we host the same event next year. We discussed how St. Nicholas’ congregation could be more involved next year.

**3. Future Events**

**3.1 Winter Fair Sunday 5th November** at St. Nicholas’ Primary School, Staghills. Fiona had limited response from previous stall holders – Natalie posted an invitation on Facebook and 10 potential stall holders will be followed up.   
**ACTION: Fiona & Iain to sort for booking form & invoice to be forwarded to stall holders**

**ACTION: ALL to donate tombola items – bottles & chocolates. Cakes, parkin, cinder toffee donations required also.**

**3.2 Walking Nativity 11th December** Danny is waiting for response from Water Band.

**3.3 Christmas Day –** Again Danny waiting for response from Water Band to play on Boar’s Head Green

**3.4 Quiz & Karaoke 28th December at Boar’s Head**

**4. Campaign for more members**We discussed how to generate more interest in NVCA and recruit more (particularly younger) members. Currently there are 31 members.   
Fiona suggested contributing more financially to partners in the Community to raise NVCA profile & attract interest/loyalty. Currently our funding contributes to maintenance of defibs. Discussion around amount in NVCA reserve and the amount that will be required to maintain ‘The Hut’ on Staghills (if we take tenancy)   
**ACTION: Iain to draft a Reserve Policy**

Discussed sharing a ‘Questionnaire’ via social media, to request input about what the local community would like to see NVCA offer/get involved in.

**5. Any Other Business**

**5.1 Boars Head beds/Community Garden –** discussion around bulb planting

**ACTION: Danny to ask Civic Pride if bulbs will be available this year  
ACTION: Cherry to be added to Boar’s Head Green What’s App**

**5.2 Potholes –** the ones outside the Corner Shop on Staghills have been filled – although one is developing outside the Chinese Takeway. Ken requested a focus on the street off St. Peter’s.  
**ACTION: Ken to confirm road name and alert Fiona**

**5.3 The Hut Update –** Fiona has had a meeting with the Assistant Property Officer Rossendale B.C. The Council have initially agreed to do an electricity and water inspection – but have said that cost of other repairs (estimated at £5000) can’t be agreed. Fiona has raised need for fire extinguishers to be serviced & several windows to be fixed.   
Discussion around potential costs of electricity & water. Grants available to cover costs of e.g. furniture.   
**ACTION: Paddy to request a meeting with Officer and breakdown of costs.**

**5.4 Christmas Tree Lights –** Kath & Janet requested new solar Christmas Tree lights **ACTION: Cherry to request advice from Dave who works at Summerseat Garden Centre**

**5.5 Speeding Concerns Newchurch Road/Church Street –** Julia is going to attend Rawtenstall Community Partnership Meeting October 5th at St. Anne’s Edgeside to highlight traffic issues. Janet and Fiona also going to support.

**Next meeting 28th November St Nicholas’ Church at 7.00pm**