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****NVCA General Meeting Minutes** 28th November 2023**

Present: Larry Doolin, Kath Riley, Natalie Ashworth, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Fiona Heppleston, Iain Blair, Julia Barrow, Michael Langan, Jo Blair, Mike Ormerod, Wilf Day, Linda Bolton

**Apologies:**

Danny Allen, Ken Slaughter, Paddy Marriot, Margaret Ashworth, Jean Starkie, Lynne Ormerod, Anna McEvitt, Anne Mulderrig, Mitchel Lord, Emily Hewitson

1. **Woodside Hut Update**No further forward! Fiona has emailed Paddy to ask if he’ll chase up repairs. We can’t move forward until after Hut and the repairs have been inspected.

\*Fiona has also emailed Sean Surridge regarding pot holes.

1. **Rawtenstall Community Partnership Meeting – Speeding Update**
Thanks to Julia and others for attending. Police said (again) that road speed limitations and more permanent signs couldn’t be introduced to limit speeding. Police have offered to come up and do random speed check.
**ACTION: Please forward any dashcam evidence of speeding/issues to police. Any ideas about ways forward to be discussed at next meeting. Iain suggested canvassing new ward councilor as elections follow boundary changes. Natalie suggested keeping in contact with Jackie Oakes who campaigns regularly on the issue.**
2. **Events Update**
Craft Fair raised £525 (after donating £50 to St. Nicholas’ School and £20 to choir). Fair wasn’t brilliantly well supported by Community, but still worth doing.
3. **Future Events**

4.1 St. Nicholas School Christmas Fair December 1st 4pm to 6pm – NVCA are hosting the cakes stall and selling memory baubles.
**ACTION: Please donate cakes to Salon/Fiona by Thursday & Friday morning**

**Walking Nativity**

4.2 extra meeting to be held after meeting to plan.
**ACTION: Please donate mulled wine and mince pies. Also, on the evening volunteers required to erect gazebo in little park and to steward ‘crowd’ crossing Church Street. Water Band will be performing.**

**Christmas Day**

4.3 Water Band will be performing at noon on area opposite Boar’s Head.
The Band are charging £150 for the performance (and the Walking Nativity).

**Christmas Quiz**

4.4 28th December 7pm at Boar’s Head. Entry tickets £5 which includes raffle ticket. Food for purchase available provided by Boar’s Head.

1. **RBC Bulbs Donation**
Lots have been planted. Michael suggested more on the green between Bolton Street and Dark Street.
2. **Village Green and Community Garden**
Plea for gardening help.
**ACTION: Some weeding!!**
3. **Website**
Discussion on current website. Looking for suggestions for simpler, more effective site that is cheaper to maintain. Iain cautioned care to be taken regarding covering domains.
**ACTION: Michael to ask his son to look over site to suggest recommendations.**
4. **Christmas Tree**To be erected on Monday by Colin & Geoff. Fiona/Natalie have decorations and lights.
**ACTION: Fiona to get batteries.**
5. **Any Other Business:**
9.1 Reader for St Nicholas’ Carol Service on 17th December at 5pm – Cherry volunteered

9.2 Staghills Nursery are looking for a community governor. Commitment is limited to 3 meetings per year. If interested discuss with Michael Ormerod or Paddy Marriot.

9.3 Julia asked for update on extension of Newchurch Conservation Area and the plan to list Boar’s Head as a community asset.
**ACTION: Request update from Paddy.**

**Next Meeting 30th January St Nicholas Church at 7pm.**

**Walking Nativity Cast?**
Angel Gabriel – Elinor Thomas
Mary – Jenny T.

Joseph – Simon or Harry T.

Shepherds – Michael, Paddy?, Dean?

Kings – Danny, Richard?, Iain

Emily and Jo have offered to manage kitchen.