
Newchurch Village Community Association

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NVCA General Meeting Minutes 20th March 2024

Present: Natalie Ashworth, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Fiona Heppleston, Iain Blair, Julia Barrow, Jo Blair, Michael Langan, Mike Ormerod, Wilf Day, Danny Allen, Ken Slaughter, Margaret Ashworth, Susan Holt, Anne Mulderrig

Apologies:

Jean Starkie, Anna McEvitt, Anne Mulderrig, Mitchel Lord, Cath Riley

Actions from last meeting:

- Fiona summarised events since last meeting – Christmas Craft Fair, Christmas Fair at St. Nicholas' (NVCA hosted a stand), Walking Nativity, bulb donation from R.B.C., Christmas Quiz, Water Band on Christmas Day.
- Mike L's son is ready to look at NVCA website improvements but waiting for news on the host platform (one.com). Dan is making a gallery page of photos of Newchurch. Iain has negotiated some drone footage of Newchurch that can also be added.
- Staghills Nursery still looking for additional governor.
ACTION: Cherry to discuss with Mike O.

1. Update on limit speeding campaign

Julia presented a summary of meetings that had taken place regarding road safety in Newchurch and relayed responses to date from LCC.

We discussed the offer from Altham Parish Council of renting cameras for a period that capture all vehicles passing through Newchurch with speed data.

ACTION: Julia to contact Altham Parish Council and arrange for cameras/blank plates to be installed.

ACTION: Leaflets outlining web links to sites where speeding can be reported to be circulated/mailed across Newchurch

Natalie reported some recent ASB around the Boar's Head & Salon. This has been reported to local PCSO.

2. Woodside Hut Update

RBC have notified us of various building and utility checks. Some of these have been carried out and

some have yet to be done. We have been notified of a monthly cost for legionella testing of £71.

ACTION: Cath, Fiona, Iain and Natalie are due to meet RBC representative on Monday to discuss next steps. Agreed that RBC should undertake all repairs and incur costs.

3. Path Renovation – bottom of Long Cosy

With pressure on roadside parking on St. Peter's Road around school drop off/pick up times, Fiona suggested that the 'snicket' at the bottom of the Long Cosy, leading through from Kirkdale to Hillside Close, be improved so families can take this route to reach St. Peter's School. NVCA have paid for 'crush and run' and a load of volunteers have tamped it on the worst sections of the path. St Peter's Headteacher is going to inform parents of the improvements.

4. Community Survey

Microsoft Form questionnaire shared - designed to share with local residents asking what sort of activities they think NVCA should offer and how residents think the area could be improved. There is also a question encouraging respondents to sign up for membership.

ACTION: Cherry to add to Facebook, NVCA website, add to Notice Board and share QR code

5. Events

Plea for more people to be involved in Events, both giving ideas and organizing/supporting Events. Birds of Prey event booked for September 14th.

Other suggestions: St. George's Event (for 2025), Murder Mystery Night, further Christmas Craft Fair, possibly an event fitting in with Euros or Olympics, Memory event involving the Coconutters.

Iain has renewed licence related to the Lottery.

ACTION: Fiona/Natalie to set date for next event planning meeting

● Plant pot donation

Michelle Collis has gifted several stone pots.

ACTION: We can plant up using donation for the Boar's Head Green. Agreed we'd put them near the Little Park benches.

● NVCA Calendar

Danny has developed flyer encouraging children up to age of 16 to enter photo competition. 'Winning photos' will be included in NVCA 2025 Calendar. The types of photos that will be accepted are included in the flyer.

Iain suggested 'sharing' proceeds of calendar with another 'charity' to widen the potential buyers base (like Civic Pride/Hospice have partnered over a calendar).

Natalie suggested incentivizing entries from local Schools by saying that if they met a certain number of entries, proceeds would be shared/or Schools would receive a set amount.

Julia suggested approaching Studio 51 regarding printing.

The nominated team that will organize/judge – Julia, Mike O, Natalie, Fiona and head judge Ken. Agreed that there will be 13 winners with the 'best' photo displayed on the front of the calendar. The winning photographer will receive a £50 voucher.

ACTION: Danny/Fiona/Natalie to circulate flyers to local primary schools and to secondary schools that may have pupils from Newchurch.

- **NVCA membership**

Iain keen to promote NVCA membership and increase revenue. Iain has updated and digitalized membership so that membership is renewed automatically one year after a member first joins.

ACTION: Danny to add new membership form to NVCA website after Iain has checked a legal outline related to wet/digital signatures.

Iain outlined that NVCA has adopted a Reserves Policy (mandatory requirement).

- **Any Other Business**

Thank you to Fabia Ashworth and the Food Bank Team for adding items in the Food Box until it was burned down last week.

Danny reported that RBC will rebuild the bus shelter and the Food Box Scheme will have to apply to have a Food Box kept in the shelter. Alternate boxes have been considered; current best suggestion is that wooden box is covered with flame retardant coating.

Natalie mentioned that CCTV footage of the person who is responsible is available. To date the Police don't appear to have acted on information. Ken suggested alerting Police Crime Commissioner given the seriousness of the incident.

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Next Meeting – date to be confirmed – beginning of June