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****NVCA Meeting Minutes**** 8th January 2019 at Newchurch Methodist

Present: Ron Suthers, Shirley Suthers, Iain Blair, Natalie Ashworth, Margaret Ashworth, Jo Blair, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Wilf Day, Mike Heppleston, Fiona Heppleston, Cath Riley, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Simone Cudworth, Janet Meleleu, Larry Doolin

**1. Apologies**

Stephen Cudworth, Peter Fell, Rachael Gildert, Shelley Carter, Patrick Marriot, Penny King

**2. Previous Minutes – matters arising**

**Staghills Play Area**: Simone reported that Proffitts are collating the 50 responses from the community questionnaire that was circulated. St Nicholas’ School and their students have also had an input to the community response. Hopefully there will be sufficient evidence to start applying for grants.

There is evidence of Council backing for the regenerated play area. Unfortunately there will be no Section 106 funding associated with the Dark Lane Development as the Council has bought the land.

**3. Membership Subscriptions**

£5 for full membership

£1 for associate membership

BACS details for those who want to transfer directly are:

**Newchurch Village Community Association** Account 21429167 Sort Code: 403803 (remember to identify your name so Simone can add you to membership spreadsheet)

Ian reported that membership numbers have fallen over past couple of years and this has had an impact on funds.

There was discussion about methods to promote NVCA and attract new members – a stall at Rawtenstall market (we would need to be a charity to be offered this opportunity) and asking local Schools to email details to parents.

Agreement that NVCA would consider an open event in conjunction with establishment of new constitution when we gain charitable status, possibly at Staghills Community Centre.

4**. Newchurch Road Signs**

Danny has sent off one grant application for the community grant. Another one for the ‘green grant’ will be sent within the next 2 weeks. If we are successful with both applications, the plan is to have the park benches and new road signs installed by May.

Natalie updated that the yellow speed calming signs on Dam Top and Schofield Road appear to have been removed.

**ACTION**: Natalie/Danny to email/see Paddy to enquire about speed calming or restriction signs on streets or bins.

**5. Poppies**

Danny has ‘saved’ about 20 poppies that weren’t damaged

**ACTION**: Contact Danny if you want to keep a poppy

**6. Evaluations**

Great feedback on the Nativity Parade and consensus that change of venue to St Nicholas’ worked well. It was suggested that we return to St. Nicholas’ next Christmas if possible.

The Christmas Cracker Event was really successful and raised £182. Lots of raffle tickets were sold on the night.

**7. Any Other Business:**

**Further raffle ticket sales** – We have a further 1000 tickets for sale. Danny suggested we sell door to door and promote NVCA at same time. (We have the licence to be able to do this). An Easter Raffle was suggested with a chocolate hamper prize?

**Litter picking** – We discussed having our own hi-vis tabards with NVCA logo. Could Screwfix/Winfields support us with this?

**ACTION**: Danny to ask Civic Pride regarding procurement of tabards

**Dog Poo Bags Dispenser** – Concern raised about bag abuse! Janet mentioned that some bags blow out of dispenser down road.

**ACTION**: Danny to look in to purchase of box of bags that will fit dispenser

**Noticeboard keys** – held by Geoff, Shirley, Natalie and Simone

**Photoshoot for Civic Pride Newsletter**

ACTION: is anyone available for a photo in the Garden on Saturday 12th Jan? Confirm time with Danny.

**Christmas Tree** – thanks to Larry for securing Tree (thank you card has been dropped off at Lee Brook Nursery). Larry suggested decorators for the Tree next year. Cherry proposed Newchurch Methodist Guides.

**Newchurch Methodist Hall** – Shirley showed us around top floor.

**ACTION:** ALL – please let Shirley have ideas regarding how facility can be used for possible future grant applications.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 7PM – VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED**