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****NVCA Meeting Minutes** 11th June 2019 Newchurch Methodist**

Present: Shirley Suthers, Simone Cudworth, Fiona Heppleston, Mike Heppleston, Cath Riley, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Larry Doolin, Peter Fell, Revd. Penny Warner, Steven Jones, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Linda Bolton

**1. Apologies**

Micheal Ormerod, Jo & Iain Blair, Natalie Ashworth, Paddy Marriot

**2. Previous Minutes**

Appeal regarding development at rear of Boar’s Head – update due 12th June tomorrow from Planning Inspectorate. Further information via <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/> - search on appeal number 3223116.

**3. New Kirk Fayre**

£700 raised ☺. Natalie’s hard work recognized.

The Events Committee will meet September/October to start planning for next year’s Fayre. Positive feedback from this year included involvement of both schools/3 x churches and bunting from school pupils. Tips for improvement include better signage to venues & events and more games (particularly for younger children). Larry offered to bring his roller ball table.

Dan has breakdown of contributions of events and venues involved for those that are interested.

**4. Raffle**

Agreed that ‘draw’ would be 30th June at St. Nicholas’ at midday. Monies gained so far given to Simone.

**ACTION: Deadline for ticket sales is 30th June before midday! We need to sell £175 worth just to cover prizes.**

**Iain – if you have any tickets left to sell, could you check if St. Nicholas church members want to buy or sell tickets (we think you have quite a few books)?**

**5. Dark Lane**

Danny waiting to hear back from Alyson Barnes following her approach to Together Housing regarding NVCA request for Dark Lane improvements.

**6. CAST**

The map/boundaries for the proposed community asset land has been prepared and is now with those that take the decision! (This would give the community the right to prepare to bid for the land should it come up for sale/disposal.) No timeline for a decision is yet known.

**7. NVCA charity status**

NVCA now recognised by Companies House with 4 named directors. This is required process for the next stage when NVCA applies for charity status. Ken checked insurances will be amended to reflect new constitution.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Two benches ordered and hope to be installed in the recesses in the Community Garden by end of July.

8.2 Defibrilators for Rossendale have been awarded Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service. Simone to discuss training/refresher training with Dawn Taylor.

8.3 Simone raised concerns about traffic danger following recent incident on Newchurch Road (near Staghills Road). There was discussion regarding speeding cars, inconsiderate parking around entry to St. Peter’s Road and surrounding roads and the obscured ‘Welcome to Newchurch’ sign.

**ACTION: Dan to circulate details of county council officer so those who are concerned can write/email their concerns. Suggestions were that traffic calming measures were required and consideration given to safer crossing for pupils/parents exiting St. Peter’s School.**

**Dan to ask Steve Ashworth to trim trees around Newchurch sign.**

**8.4 Staghills Play Area Update –** Simone responding to queries from Funding Bodies on regular basis. Recently co-ordinated 10 letters of support from local Organisations.For the project to progress NVCA have been obliged to commit funding - £5000.Play Area to be developed in 3 stages:

i Boundary fencing

ii Cycle Track

iii Outside Gym

Currently £1561 in funds that can contribute to funding commitment. Rachael Gildert has suggested a ‘sponsor a railing’ scheme – further ideas for raising more funds included a Murder Mystery Night at the Church, a Halloween Disco and a Race Night. Already in queue for Tesco ‘bags of help’.

**ACTION: Please contribute further fund raising ideas at next meeting**

8.5 Sponsored walk ‘Hope for Sri Lanka’ – on Friday 22nd June. Starting from Newchurch Methodist at 6.15pm with walk over tops followed by a brew back at the Church. Shirley to circulate more details.