

Newtown Community Association AGM

Saturday 18 February 2012

MINUTES

Present: Su Aves, Joan Bond, Cllr Richard Branston, Derek Burnside, Penny Burnside, Pete Cann, Jackie Cox, Carrie Davies, Chris Dent, Andrew Dimmock, George Dumble, Muriel Forrest, Ian Harrison, Debbie McNeil, Rory McNeil, Max Montgomery, Peter Montgomery, Tess Nixon, Sally Palmer, Steve Palmer, Michael Parrott, Christina Readshaw, Gay Smith, Fiona Stapleton, Cllr Roger Spackman, John Stapleton, Cllr Richard Westlake, Marina Williamson.

1. **Chair:** Ian Harrison welcomed those who had attended the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence:** David Barker-Harlow, Nick Crow, Jackie Holdstock, Dawn Rivers, David Topple,
3. **Minutes of AGM 2011:** Were adopted and signed by the Chair.
4. **The Annual Report of the General Committee:** Prepared by the Chair and Secretary. Read by Secretary. (Attached).
5. **Treasurer's Report and statement of accounts:** Derek Burnside thanked Peter Montgomery who was Treasurer until recently. Total income has increased due to successful grant applications and increased hut usage. (Report attached)
6. **Election of three Honorary Officers for 2011:**
 - Chair: Ian Harrison re-elected. Proposed by Roger Spackman and seconded by George Dumble.
 - Secretary : Gay Smith re-elected. Proposed by Ian Harrison and seconded by George Dumble and Muriel Forrest. Carrie said she would like to be minute taker at future meetings and this was agreed.
 - Treasurer: proposed by Joan, seconded by Peter Mongtomery.
7. **Election of members of the General Committee:** George Dumble proposed by Cllr Richard Westlake and seconded by Steve Palmer.
8. **Any Other Business**
 - **Newtown Community Choir:** Peter reported that we are looking at hiring a choir master to lead a community choir. We need at least ten people to start and would hope that it will increase. Those interested should contact Peter via his email on the www.
 - **The Vision:** The application went in to Planning for consent last Wednesday. After about ten days there will be signs around the park asking for views pro- or con- the application. Tess Nixon requested a

consultation meeting for residents of Gordon Road and this was agreed. Time and place to be confirmed. Cllr Spackman who is on the Planning Committee commented that it was the opinion of Planning that NCA had made more than the usual efforts to consult with residents. The timescale is not known yet as it is dependant on funding but Ian would like to see the project starting in 2013. Estimated cost is around £300,000 but we now need to get the costing done professionally. It may be that different funders will fund different aspects of the development. Cllr Westlake requested information on how the different aspects break down so that he can take this forward with potential funders. Ian will supply this information to Cllr Westlake after further discussions with the Architects.

9. Chair announced the end of the AGM at 12 noon. There were no formal questions.