

<p style="text-align: center;">Newtown Community Association AGM Saturday 19th October 2013 MINUTES</p>	
<p>Present: Su Aves, Joan Bond, Jacky Cox, Fiona Daughton, Chris Dent, George Dumble, Muriel Forrest, Ian Harrison, James Leigh, Clarissa Lord, Aaran Momin, Rory McNeile, Debbie McNeile, Lucy McNeile, Issy McNeile, Alice McNeile, Elena Milego, Peter Montgomery, Michael Parrott, Gay Smith, Saxon Spence, John Staplehurst, Angela Vinelott, Paul Williams, Marina Williamson,</p>	
<p>Introduction to Keith Owen who gave Introductory talk City Councillor Keith Owen is portfolio holder for the Environment, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Owen briefed the meeting on a range of matters in relation to city parks and Belmont Park in particular. He confirmed that the city council are continuing to consider the policies regarding dogs in city parks in the light of the recent dog attack in Belmont Park. Currently there is no one policy for all Exeter parks. He said that rules were being reviewed and would be updated next year in order to try and achieve common rules across all city parks and to provide a public places protection order. They will monitor use of the park. Community Patrol are making regular visits to gauge use the park with dogs. Richard Branston, our local city councillor, has already spoken to 30 people in the park to ask their opinions.</p> <p>In answer to a question on members of the public being able to contact the parks department and wardens if there are problems in the park, Councillor Owen said that this would be looked into and signs checked to see if they have the necc. contact numbers. Comment was made on the poor quality of paths in city parks particularly for older and less mobile members of the community, especially as we have a sensory garden in this park.</p> <p>Keith highlighted medium term objectives to be improving health and wellbeing in Exeter and promoting community engagement. Richard Westlake, our local county councillor, is the Chair of DCC scrutiny committee on Health. Their aim is for the city to be the most active city by 2018 as there is currently a lack of Physical daily activity by residents. They will encourage more use of present facilities in the parks and will encourage more sports on the back of the Rugby World Cup as three matches will be played at Sandy Park.</p> <p>The New Homes Bonus Fund will be working with local communities. Any other questions will be passed onto Keith Owen by email so do let us know. The committee thanked Councillor Owen for his time in attending the meeting.</p>	
<p>1. Introduction and Welcome by Chair - With 25 signed in attendees at the meeting, it was deemed quorate. The current Chair Ian Harrison welcomed those present including Exeter University community liaison representatives Aaran Momin and Clarissa Lord.</p>	Notes:
<p>2. Apologies: Councillors Richard Westlake, Richard Branston and Roger Spackman. Other members of the committee Derek Burnside and Carrie Davis and community Jackie Holdstock, Gabi Dumble, Sally Palmer and Steve Palmer. PCSOs Kate Rees and Nic Unwin.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of previous AGM approved - 19th January 2013</p>	
<p>4. Annual Report of General Committee delivered by Chair (Attached) The committee thanked Ian for his exceptional work over the past 3 years, in</p>	

particular in leading the development of the 'Vision' project and he was presented with a card and 2 bottles of Australian wine in anticipation of his travels in Australia next year.	
5. Treasurers Report and statement of accounts delivered by Chair on behalf of the Treasurer (Copy Attached)	
6. Adoption of the new constitution:- Proposed by Su Aves and seconded by George Dumble. Vote in favour of adopting the new constitution was unanimous. Thanks offered to both Su and George Dumble for their hard work in drawing up the new constitution and to Su in particular for pursuing its approval by the Charities Commission and subsequent circulation in advance of the meeting.	NB: NCA members Angela Vinelott, Saxon Spence and Gay Smith left the meeting prior to voting but left their proxy vote intentions with the Secretary.
7. The current committee members then stood down with the exception of Su Aves (acting secretary) to organise the election of the Chair and then the new Chair took over and then Su Aves stood down.	
8. The new honorary officers for 2013/2014 were elected unanimously as follows:- Chair: Rory McNeile Vote: unanimous (Proposed by Ian Harrison and Seconded by George Dumble) Vice-Chair: Michael Parrott Vote: unanimous (Proposed by George Dumble and Seconded by Jacky Cox) Treasurer: Derek Burnside, although not present had sent written agreement to stand. Vote: unanimous (Proposed by Ian Harrison and Seconded by Debbie McNeile) Secretary: Su Aves Vote: unanimous (Proposed by Rory McNeile and Seconded by George Dumble)	
9. Election of General Committee Members Representing the Community: George Dumble Vote: unanimous (Proposed by Su Aves and Seconded by Peter Montgomery) James Leigh Vote: unanimous (Proposed by Joan Bond and Seconded by Fiona Daughton)	
The new Chair reminded the meeting that under the new constitution, the committee would be delegated the responsibility for conducting the business of the NCA and making decisions on behalf of the community. Open meetings would be held quarterly at which members of the association could question the committee on NCA business.	
10. Appointment of Auditors: Under the new constitution it is necessary for auditors to be appointed on an annual basis to monitor the financial transactions of the NCA and it was agreed by unanimous vote that the committee could be delegated the responsibility to appoint auditors in due course.	Proposed by Ian Harrison and Seconded by Joan Bond Auditors to be appointed
11. Vision Update: The Chair briefed the meeting on the imminent signing of a contract with Granted (Fund raisers) and the ambition to start the first building work in June 2015.	

<p>12. Future NCA Events:-</p> <p>Halloween in the park event Sat 27th Oct 5-8pm Craft Fayre in NCA Hut Sun 17th Nov 11-4pm Winter Warmer event Sun 15th Dec 6-9pm</p> <p>13. The meeting was encouraged to suggest/lead ideas for future community events and reminded of a list available for suggestions on the signing-in table.</p>	
<p>14. World War 1 Centenary Commemoration:-</p> <p>Initial proposals were aired by the meeting including a commemorative walk and historical talk in the Newtown area. A suggestion was also made to place plaques on Newtown houses and buildings associated with those members of the community who had died in the war. Finally a suggestion was made to plant a poppy bed in the park. Again further suggestions were invited from the community and the committee undertook to take the commemoration forward.</p>	
<p>15. AOB:</p> <p>Founder member of the NCA Muriel Forrest thanked the committee for all that the association had achieved recently and for a continuing commitment to the aims of the Newtown Community Association since her husband Harry had been the founding Chair of the original community association (formally The Fountain Community).</p> <p>She said that NCA have lived up to what community spirit means and so wishes us good luck in the future and with the new building.</p>	
<p>DoNM: The committee will next meet on: Tuesday 19 Nov at 8pm</p>	