

Newtown Community Association

Committee Meeting Tuesday 8th October 2013

MINUTES

Present: Derek Burnside, Ian Harrison, Rory McNeile, Su Aves, Michael Parrott, PCSO Kate Rees, Elena Milego, George Dumble, Carrie Davis, James Leigh. Rory Cunningham, Saxon Spence, Richard Westlake, Gabrielle Gvozdociciute, Sam Harris, Jackie Holdstock, Richard Branston.

Apologies: Joan Bond, Gay Smith.

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<p>1. Review of 10th September minutes. The minutes were approved. The chair signed them off.</p>	
<p>2. PCSO update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Neighbourhood Watch drive. NW schemes are being encouraged in Newtown and across the city. This needs to be resident-driven, and needs a decent percentage of the street to be interested. We are encouraged to consult our neighbours. The PCSOs are encouraging it in their daily interactions, but it needs residents to be proactive. Sixth monthly meetings with PCSOs will take place once a scheme is established; 'Community Messaging' alert texts will be sent to the coordinator's phone. More detail can be gleaned from the website. The student wardens are already part of the community messaging scheme. Michael will be publicising NW in Newtown News, emphasising that Neighbourhood Watch involvement lowers insurance premiums. Kate will put a laminated sign on the park notice board. She will also get more details to Cllr Branston.</p> <p>Crime Commissioner's Grant is available up to a level of £5k. Improving the lighting in the park would fit the criteria, although we felt that £5k will not be enough to pay for it. We also have £2.5k in the budget for 'park improvements'. Another suggestion is solar lighting for the notice board area, which may be more affordable. We discussed whether Waitrose might match it. It would need a discussion with the parks department; Michael will contact Galvin Short and then Derek and Michael will liaise on completing the form.</p> <p>Dog attack update. The dog involved is in the hands of the police. The case is going to court. Cllr Owen will be at the AGM and that will be a chance to brief him as to Newtown public opinion on the issue. Most people seem to be of the opinion that dogs should not be kept on leads, although some disagree. There is precedent in small urban parks such as this for dogs to be required to be on a lead, but opinion on the issue clearly varies. Clearing up dog poo would be easier if dogs are kept on a lead. The possibility of seasonal restrictions exists, but policing it could be problematic.</p> <p>Speed and cycling ops. Recent speed checks led to 2 drivers needing 'follow-up work'. Kate has been warning and educating illegal</p> 	<p>Michael Parrott Kate Rees</p> <p>Michael Parrott Derek Burnside</p>

<p>cyclists. Cyclists continue to cycle down Clifton Hill, and we fear injuries will result.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Neighbourhood Team street briefings: Sat 30th Nov, 3pm, Newtown Stores, Mon 14th October – 10 – 11am. • Free bike marking. Thursday 24th October 3 – 5pm, Waitrose Car Park. 	
<p>3. Student Wardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcomed Sam and Gabrielle, the new community wardens. Rory explained that their primary responsibilities were to do with housing, refuse and crime. They are Rory's 'eyes and ears on the ground'. They occasionally assist in community events. Help at the Halloween Event would be much appreciated. Community Guides are distributed to local student residents, which we were shown. They make regular walkabouts to check student resident behaviour, especially with regard to bins, and encourage students to register on national crime prevention databases. • Rory reported that a meeting with Cllr Branston and the Printworks manager had taken place to discuss 'teething issues' involving noise in particular, which had disturbed the local residents, especially those in the blocks opposite in the council flats. A letter from the NCA has been distributed to all Printworks residents. The university and Printworks manager Sarah Turner have been quick to respond to the issue, and problems have significantly reduced. 	
<p>4. Treasurer's report. Derek presented written interim accounts. Attached below.</p>	
<p>5. Vision Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granted have revised their terms following the amendments suggested at the previous NCA meeting, and agree that it is a flexible and workable agreement. Ian, Derek, Rory and Michael met with Alex Chalkley on Monday 7th October to confirm those adjustments. Alex predicted that it would take between 3 and 12 months to raise the required funds. We are committed to spend £4k in the first quarter, and we can cut our agreement with them off after that. Alex assures us that ots of grant money is available for community initiatives such as this. Some eco-funding may be drawn down, but it will be far from the majority. The city will allow Granted funding to come from the section 106 monies, as approved by Pete Edwards, leader of the City Council. The £50k currently allocated to us will be surrendered this year as we aren't in a position to spend it, but £100k will be available to spend in 2014/15. June 2015 is the anticipated build start date, following the Respect Festival. 	
<p>6. AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Constitution. We agreed to vote in the new constitution at the AGM before voting in the new officers. 25 eligible voters will need to be present. Only those who live in the Newtown Ward and are 18 or above can vote. Councillors and user groups who 'work within 	

<p>the ward' can under the new constitution elect one representative who can vote. The new wording was agreed at the August 10th meeting which was more than 28 days in advance of the AGM. It has since gone to the Charity Commission, who have confirmed they are happy for the changes to be proposed at the AGM. 10 copies of the proposed constitution will be available. The new wording has gone to the Express and Echo and has been on the website and distributed via the email distribution list. Rory will make 10 copies of the constitution and Richard B will bring a map of the ward. Some changes on 'holding trustees' may be required. Su will action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest speaker is Cllr Keith Owen who will discuss parks and environment. If he requires a/v equipment Rory can provide them. Richard Branston will find out what he needs and liaise with Rory. • Draft agenda Ian and Carrie will finalise the agenda. Rory will be copied in • Elena will run a paying café before the AGM. 	<p>Su Aves</p> <p>Rory McNeile Richard Branston</p> <p>Ian Harrison Carrie Davis</p> <p>Elena Milego</p>
<p>7. Cleaner employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Su is progressing this review. 	<p>Su Aves</p>
<p>8. Halloween Event: 26th November, 5 – 8pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Cotter will be story telling. 'Deep in the Pumpkin Patch' with shadow puppets, suitable for all ages. 5- 6, 6.30 – 7.30. • 'Ghosts of Newtown': 4 historical figures of old Newtown, in character. Hopefully students? Derek will start by liaising with Rory, but failing that will see if our councillors and others will be up for the challenge. 	<p>Derek Burnside</p>
<p>9. Craft Fair Sunday 17th November. Publicity is underway through e channels and posters. Stall holders are signing up. Publicity for it at the Halloween event will be available.</p>	<p>Michael Parrott</p>
<p>10. Winter Warmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The choir is set to go. Rory will assist Peter, and Gay may also help. A donations box will be available, which Derek will arrange. 	<p>Peter Montgomery Rory McNeil Gay Smith Derek Burnside</p>
<p>11. Senior Citz and QiGong is ongoing. We agreed that QiGong and the choir could cover shortfalls from General Funds to a limit of £300 each.</p>	
<p>12. 116 individuals in the Newtown Ward perished in the Great War. How will we mark the event? The memorial by St Matthew's Church</p>	

<p>can't be added to. An online historical web site tracing the Newtown history of the Great War – spending money on a quality interactive web site that local schools could use? Poppy planting would require rough planting – one of the banks in the sensory garden to be rotovated and then planted with Poppy Seeds? Discussion to be continued.</p>	
<p>13. Sensory Garden The sign has been unveiled! Congratulations to Michael for his perseverance!</p>	
<p>14. Health and Safety Advisor. George is closing in on a potential H & S officer. Jackie will circulate the letters we send to hut hirers for review. They will be OK-ed or amended at the AGM. Peter will put the updated versions on the website.</p>	<p>George Dumble Jackie Holdstock Peter Montgomery</p>

Newtown Community Association Interim accounts to October 8th 2013

1. Receipts

(A) General Funds receipts

Hut Income	£6477.75
Café Income	£504.31
Choir Income	£1720
<u>Total General Funds receipts</u>	<u>£8202.06</u>

(B) Designated Funds receipts

Vision project

DCC grant for Surveying	£4300
ECC grant	£5310
ECC NHB funding for Carpenter associates	£861.90

Senior citzs cafe

ECC grant	£300
Devon Police	£150
Devon Police	£350
Qigong subs	£569.15
 <u>Newstock music night</u>	
DCC grant	£100
Contributions on the night	£85.43
 <u>Hut upgrades</u>	
Devon Police	£150
Devon Police	£500
DCC Disability Enhancements	£1500
 ECC Graffiti clean up	
	£100
 <u>Total Designated Funds receipts</u>	 <u>£14276.48</u>
 <u>Total receipts</u>	 <u>£22478.54</u>
 <u>(A) General Funds payments</u>	
Non-domestic rates	£96
Cleaner	£1507.36

Community Choir	£2115
Rubbish collection	£223.90
Supplies	£1007.38
Power	£1170.42
Maintenance	£212.59
Insurance	£722.23
Publicity	£65
Events	£60.33
Water	£165.50
Training/compliance	£0
Hut booking reimb.	£42
<u>Total General Fund payments</u>	<u>£7387.71</u>

(B) Designated Funds payments

Senior Café/Qi Gong costs	£1065.53
Newstock costs	£125
Water heater	£856.20

Vision payments

Ruddlestone Geotechnical	£1140
John Daly	£1650
Robin Attwater	£2650
Living Space	£4560
John Daly	£750
Paul Carpenter Associates	£861.90

<u>Total Designated Funds payments</u>	<u>£13658.63</u>
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Total payments **£21046.34**

3: Summary

General Funds receipts over payments: **£814.35**

Designated Funds receipts over payments: £ **617.85**

Closing Bank Balance (as of 6th September 2013) **£12491.30**

Derek Burnside, Treasurer. October 2013