

4	<p>Hut issues</p> <p>New soap dispensers have been inserted. Our thanks to James Leigh. James has also attempted to re-repair the floor in the Blackboy Rd-end room, and we will keep an eye on its condition to see if that repair is successful.</p> <p>Terry Jackson of ECC had recently completed the mid-lease rent review. His initial comments indicated that he is unlikely to be recommending a rent increase.</p> <p>Derek has arranged the tuning of the piano by Dave Turner during the Easter holidays.</p> <p>Health and Safety Issues.</p> <p>Our own policy (which we reminded ourselves of and confirmed that we are largely in compliance with) says that we will conduct an electricity check (PAT testing) every year. Rory will follow that up with the electrician that Ian Harrison had previously used.</p> <p>We discussed whether the DDA spending to enhance disabled access to the current hut was justifiable in light of its potential imminent demolition (next year or later), and concluded that it is. The wheelchair ramp enhancement and the toilet grab-rails installation will therefore be completed as previously planned. Rory will contact the builder.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>
5	<p>The Vision</p> <p>The NHB bid presentation was successful, so £100k in two tranches over the next two years will be ours, assuming we do raise the rest of the money. £10k can be drawn down for preparatory work, including fund raising.</p> <p>The most significant bid is the 'Reaching Communities' lottery application for £500k, which had been allocated a project officer, Jenny Fish. She has written to 'Granted' indicating that significant additional evidence of community impact will be necessary before that bid receives any additional consideration. We agreed to submit a questionnaire (drafted by Rory, to be amended by committee members and finalised within a fortnight of this meeting) to all hut users to harvest some of the additional evidence required by this (and we anticipate other) grant bodies. Su volunteered to contact all hut users and email the final questionnaire to them. It will also be available at future cafes, the Respect festival, etc. We emphasised that successful gathering of such data may well require all committee members to expend some time and effort in talking to hut users.</p> <p>We expressed some misgivings about the apparent lack of progress on sourcing funding, and at the falling of this application at such an early stage. Rory will ask Alex from Granted if he can make a meeting on Wednesday 9th April, 6pm, at Rory's house to discuss Granted's potential contribution over the coming months; this will help us assess how much longer we intend to retain Granted's services.</p> <p>Granted have also submitted a bid for £30k to the Devon Waste Fill Management Fund, which is pending and needs no further action. Rory expressed some misgivings about the quality of that application.</p> <p>Rory has received a letter from Ben Bradshaw expressing unequivocal support for the proposed new hut. Rory has drafted a reply, asking Ben if he has any data on the ward that could be beneficial in any future bids. Rory will also ask for that sort of support from our county and city councillors, who could also be helpful in identifying additional potential future user groups and local needs that the new hut could serve and resource.</p> <p>Our plan to maximise publicity momentum from the NHB fund success has been slightly derailed by the recent E & E article. Michael will give some thought to a</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SA</p> <p>All</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>photo opp – possibly at Respect? The A1 photos of the new hut could form the centre-piece for our Respect display. Michael will be taking photos at the bike cafe on 13th April.</p> <p>We agreed there was little purpose in engaging university support at the moment.</p> <p>Rory and Michael will agree the updated Vision statement wording on the NCA website and pass it to Peter for uploading.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>RM/MP</p>
6	<p>Noticeboards</p> <p>The council have agreed to install new notice boards. The remaining Section 106 agreement money will fund one new notice board in the style of the current one, (some of the money was previously spent on the 2nd TT Table) and we agreed it should go at the Blackboy Road entrance. At our next meeting about The Vision we will clarify with Richard Branston and Roger Spackman how to draw down that money, that was previously set aside for park improvements.</p>	<p>All</p>
7	<p>The Grant Rent application to ECC was agreed at the executive meeting on 18th March, thanks to Su’s efforts in completing it. That means once again the majority of our rent charge is subsidised by the council.</p>	
8	<p>Cafe Programme The cycle cafe for Sunday 13th April is all set and ready to go. Bike marking and theft avoidance, bike maintenance (from the Chain Gang) and the ‘Smoothy Bike’ will be available. The posters are appearing around Newtown. Other cafes are in hand as previously agreed and publicised.</p>	
9	<p>Monday 28th April Open Forum meeting agenda (7.30pm, Belmont Park Hut)</p> <p>Rory circulated a draft agenda, which was discussed and agreed as follows: Police and Newtown Councillors reports, Neighbourhood Watch update, ECC Parks ‘Way Ahead’ forum, (possibly including Dawn Rivers and Paul Dugard) The Vision update (hopefully including Alex), NCA Art project (Fiona), Upcoming Major Events, (Respect, WW1 commemoration, and the Great West Run), Noticeboards, Hut Issues, Treasurer’s Report, Future Cafe programme, AOB.</p> <p>Su will send the agenda out, contact University liaison and contact the Respect Festival’s Suaad. Rory will contact Dawn Rivers, the councillors and the PSCOs. James will contact Neighbourhood Watch’s Kelly. Michael will contact Newtown Community Art Project’s Fiona. Derek will contact GWR’s Fleur, if they confirm their provisional booking.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>RM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>MP</p> <p>DB</p>
10	<p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 9th April: committee meeting with ‘Granted’ 6pm (tbc)</p> <p>Monday 28th April, 7.30pm, Belmont Park Hut. Open Forum.</p> <p>July Open Forum date <u>changed</u> from 7th July to 14th July, 7.30pm.</p> <p>AGM: Set as Sat 25th October 10.30am (the same date as the Halloween party)</p> <p>Su will ask Peter to change those dates on the website.</p>	<p>SA</p>

