

Newtown Community Association Meeting
Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30 pm
Minutes

Present: Su Aves (Secretary,) Derek Burnside (Treasurer), Jackie Holdstock, (Hut Bookings Manager), James Leigh (Hut maintenance), Rory McNeile (Chair), Michael Parrott (Vice Chair & Publicity).

Visiting: Jo Hawkins

Apologies: None

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action by:</u>
1	<p>Jo Hawkins, former chair of the St James' Forum, which formulated the St James' Neighbourhood Plan, alerted us to the plans to redevelop the ECFC ground to build some new student blocks (320 beds) to fund the required new stand; there is a concern that such a development would not contribute to sustaining a 'balanced community' in the St James' ward; affordable housing and starter homes would seem a better option, although they may be financially non-viable for the developer. Rory will invite Jo to the next Open Forum meeting to present this to a wider audience.</p> <p>Jo also updated us on the Exeter Community Forum, a gathering of Exeter community associations and similar groupings. To date its primary concern has been the distribution of the Community Infrastructure Levy; 15% of the CIL pot is to go to communities 'affected by development'. ECF is an encouraging development of united community initiative in the city, rather than individual areas scrapping for funds independently.</p> <p>ECF are also thinking of having a conference for community groups, possibly at St David's Hill.</p>	RM
2	<p>Next Open Forum meeting. Now rescheduled for Saturday 8th August. Possible items include... Jo Hawkins and the ECFC development (see 1, above) The Globe is applying for extended licensing hours. 40 locals have objected to date. A presentation on the issue might be useful. Su will research.</p>	SA
3	<p>Rhino Project Our application for a free rhino was unsuccessful, so as previously agreed but Su will now apply for us to buy one. Jackie, Su and Fiona will lead the charge on this, and meet up to decide next steps. The Scrap Store will take part in a 'design cafe', possibly including a competition, possibly assisted by the Arts, who could also actually paint the Rhino.</p>	SA
4	<p>'Vision' Update The Garfield Weston Fund has not yet responded to our grant bid. We have had no further communication from the university regarding their offer to assist us with a resubmitted Big Lottery grant bid. Rory will chase. To resubmit our planning application will cost £1540. We still have £9000 from our existing funds, so it could come from that, but we agreed there is no point in resubmitting until we know we have likely funds to complete 'Plan A', which we'll be clearer on by the end of this year. Dr Neil McLeod, a GP at the Heavitree Practice is interested in meeting to see whether the hut could be used as part of the 'community development in health' charter implementation. Rory will meet with him in early August; Derek is willing to attend too if that would be helpful. This could tie-in with the lady Michael met at the Vice Chancellor's Garden party, who was interested in community initiatives to raise awareness of dementia and approaches to it.</p>	RM RM/DB
5	<p>Wet Picnic are offering assistance and funding to stage free community-based outdoor festival performances, combining them with the 'Big Picnic' and other family-friendly and inclusivity-oriented initiatives. This is currently under funding consideration by ECC. We have expressed our interest and will be approached if</p>	

	the project does proceed.	
7	Gazebo. Our current gazebo has been damaged, and is proving a little small. Derek will research a larger, better-quality, NCA-branded Gazebo.	DB
8	Holding Trustees Joan Bond intends to resign, and Su will communicate to her that she should feel free to do so; we will have the constitutionally-required three HTs.	SA
9	Hut Issues James, Derek and Michael will put up the new notice board on Saturday 18 th July at 9am.	JL/DB/ MP
10	Publicity Michael will produce and get printed postcards advertising our events for the remainder of the year. Su will ask Nick Unsworth whether our Police Cadets could distribute them early in September. 12 th – 16 th October is ‘Democracy Week’. Michael will use it as a NCA promotional opportunity in the Newtown News, and we may need to put together a display for an ECF ‘community associations’ presentation.	MP SA MP
11	Future events: July 19th – 2-5pm theme to be decided. Swap Shop Cafe. Take stuff you don’t want, take stuff you do. A cash-free exchange of table-top items. No adult clothes or electrical items, or large items. August 16th – 2-5pm: Cancelled September 13th Food festival. Sunday 13th September, 12-4pm Su A , Michael P and Rory McN Great West Run 15th October 2015 Thursday-Sunday Halloween Café, Saturday 31st October, 5pm- 8pm Michael organising. Craft Fair. Sunday 29th November, 11 – 4pm. Elena Milego with Su supporting. Winter Warmer, Sunday 13th December, 6pm-8pm. Rory McN	
12	Forum Meeting Dates August date re-scheduled to Sat 8th Aug, Sat 21 st Nov AGM Sat 20 th Feb 2016.	
13	Date of next committee meeting Monday 21 st September 7.30pm, 20 Clifton Hill.	