

Newtown Community Association Meeting
Monday 23rd March 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).

Apologies: None.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action by:</u>
1	Review of minutes of previous meetings. The minutes of the 26 th January 2015 committee meeting and of the AGM on Sat 21 st February were approved and signed by the chair.	
2	Treasurer's report. Derek presented the accounts for the first quarter, which are attached with these minutes. The bank balance at 6 th March 2015 was £14374.60 , although £900 of that is held for the Herschell Road and Portland St community initiatives. We agreed that the monies received for those projects could go out as personal cheques to the project leaders, on condition that they keep detailed accounts which we can call for if DCC and ECC request them. Derek will issue cheques to Jo and James Leigh.	DB
3	The Vision Update Rory reported that the Bernard Sunley Fund had awarded us £20,000, to be released once the remainder of the build fund has been secured. It needs to be claimed within the next twelve months, although the fund trustees might be willing to issue an extension if required and requested. Rory will write 'thank you' letters to the Bernard Sunley fund and to those involved in the bid presentation and will also write a piece for the website, possibly including some visual representation of the Vision target and funds raised to date. Frances Vowles (Deputy Director, Building & Estates, Exeter University) has been seconded by the university to assist us with further fund raising. She attended a recent meeting and will be in contact with us soon. Her sense is that we should resubmit a bid to the Big Lottery Fund. We need to resubmit our planning application to the Council before June, and at the same time will also get the build cost re-assessed by a Quantity Surveyor. Rory will check best timings for both with Ross Hussey. The Garfield Weston Fund is still worth submitting a bid to: Rory will be giving that some attention over Easter. Jewsons have launched a Community Funds competition; the deadline is the middle of April and Aviva have launched a similar fund; Rory will draft bids over Easter and send them to Frances for comment. James will investigate the potential of accessing funds from Viridor. Michael is also happy to assist in writing bids. Rory reminded us too that the previous Devon Waste Management bid had been unsuccessful because we were too far away from a build start date: it will be worth re-applying when we're closer. Su will do further research on the CVS website on potential funds.	RM SA
4	Respect Festival We agreed in principle that Newtown Community Association should sponsor the festival to a limit of £500. Su will initiate contact with Suaad: Michael will seek	MP

	<p>clarity on what being a 'sponsor' will bring us in terms of publicity, profile on banners, letterheads, etc. If both approaches are satisfactory we anticipate the figures will look like this: We will waive the £325 hut fire fee. Respect will waive our £75 stall hire fee. That will make an initial contribution from us to Respect of £250. We will contribute a further £250.</p>	SA
5	<p>Ward boundary changes We agreed to postpone discussion of response to the ward changes until the actual detail is clearer. We agreed we would not submit an objection to the Boundary Commission about the potential loss of the ward title Newtown.</p>	
6	<p>Hut Issues The gloss paintwork has been cleaned; thanks to Su Aves, Sally & Steve Palmer and Joan Bond. The external step has had a white line painted around its edge for greater night time visibility; thanks to James Leigh.</p> <p>Su will call Gaslec to arrange an appointment to sort out the toilet light, and install a timer switch for a replacement outside light and check two of the heaters.</p> <p>Rory will communicate that Police Cadets could clean the windows, assist with cafes and other events and distribute publicity leaflets. Michael will draft and produce publicity leaflets outlining our 2015 events and coordinate their distribution, possibly including the Police Cadets and students.</p>	SA MP
7	<p>Exeter Community Forum Derek, Su, Michael and James represented us at the inaugural meeting, which we hosted. The minutes have been previously distributed. We will retain involvement in the new organisation and will send representation to the next meeting, (date tbc).</p>	
8	<p>Future events:</p> <p>Magic Carpet Saturday 11th April café and exhibition of art club</p> <p>Upcoming events: Sunday 19th April – 2-5pm Flute cake organising 'Amnesteia'. To support Amnesty international: NCA will run the café for them, refreshments from 2.30pm, music from 3pm. Flute cake will do the music. They will provide the tea and cake. Sally and Steve Palmer will help run the café. We will advertise it on our website/newsletter. All money collected will go to Amnesty. Flute Cake have been charged £6 for the hut hire, and have redeemed a voucher.</p> <p>Sunday 10th May: Seed and Planting Cafe: 2-5pm. Hanging baskets will be started by the Portland Street 'Greening' group. Su is organising the cafe, with Joanne White and Lou Fearn. Su will recruit more people for the Cafe, and ask St Matthews pre-school if they would like to be involved.</p> <p>Cycle Tour finish venue: Provisional booking from cycle group on Sunday 31st May 2-10.30pm.</p> <p>Respect 6th-7th June</p> <p>June 14th – 2-5 pm Healthy Living Cafe- including cycle group - Rory organising: he will see if the Clinical Commissioning Group would be interested in being involved and will also contact Sustrans. Su will talk to Joe Salmon and Kevin Cotter about whether they would also like to be involved.</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>August 16th – 2-5pm: likely to be cancelled, unless someone comes forward.</p> <p>September 13th Food festival. Sunday 13th September, 12-4pm Su A , Michael P and Rory McN</p> <p>Great West Run 15th October 2015 Thursday-Sunday</p> <p>Halloween Café, Saturday 31st October, 5pm- 8pm Michael organising.</p> <p>Craft Fair. Sunday 29th November, 11 – 4pm. Elena Milego with Su supporting.</p> <p>Winter Warmer, Sunday 13th December, 6pm-8pm. Rory McN</p>	
9	<p>Forum Meeting Dates Confirmed as: Sat 23rd May, Sat 22nd Aug, Sat 21st Nov, AGM Sat 20th Feb 2016.</p>	
10	<p>Date of next committee meeting Monday 11th May, 10 Clifton Hill, 7.30pm.</p>	