

**Newtown Community Association  
Committee Meeting Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 8 pm**

**Minutes**

Present: Su Aves (to 9 pm), Derek Burnside (Treasurer), Carrie Davis, George Dumble, James Gould (University), Ian Harrison (Chair), Jackie Holdstock (Bookings), Johanna Korndorfer, Gay Smith (Secretary), Cllr Roger Spackman, PCSO Nic Unsworth, Cllr Westlake (from 9 pm), Marina Williamson.

ITEM	ACTION
1. <b>Apologies:</b> Joan Bond, Muriel Forrest, Sally and Steve Palmer	
2. <b>Review of Minutes of meeting 1.5.12:</b> accepted.	
<p><b>3. Have your Say: Police report / “priority issues” / other immediate issues.</b></p> <p>Nic came as our PCSO Kate is working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect was brilliant and the Police had their own base which people enjoyed visiting.</li> <li>• Globe pub is being managed by Theresa Claridge who is there until the pub is sold. Various improvements are being made. Su Aves has been in to introduce NCA. George is keen that they should have more music.</li> <li>• Cyclists coming down Clifton Road – Police have been there on several occasions when they have warned cyclists and four tickets were issued. In other parts of Newtown more cyclists have been issued with tickets. Will be doing more. Will do another speed op soon.</li> <li>• Street briefing on 28 June about 6.30 pm near Newtown Stores.</li> <li>• Main issues are sat navs being stolen from vehicles, and bikes being stolen.</li> </ul>	All
4. <b>Treasurer’s Report</b> (DB) Healthy. Attached.	
5. <b>The Vision – update</b> Ian, Derek, Gay and Rob Attwater are all presenting a proposal to ECC for funding from the New Homes Bonus Fund on Thursday 14 June at 4.45 pm. 10 minute presentation. We are first on stage and first ever group to present. Cllr Branston will	

<p>support us. Panel is Leader and Deputy and two others. The power point presentation was shown to the meeting. Johanna asked for a cc. This will then go to the Planning Meeting which is open to the public is on 25 June at 5.30 pm in the Rennes Room at ECC. Ian will attend.</p>	<p>Gay  All</p>
<p>6. <b>Funding for planters</b> George has spoken to Martin Campbell who has now decided that he does not wish to have an additional planter because of the maintenance necessary.</p>	
<p>7. <b>Future Events, Projects and Cafes</b></p> <p>a) <b>Insurance for Regular Hirers</b> – Occasional hirers are covered by our PLI. Regular hirers should have their own insurance. Some may not realise that their signature on the booking form confirms that they have insurance. Jackie has sent out a warning to all regular users that if she doesn't receive a copy of their insurance certificate by 1 September they will no longer receive the key codes.</p> <p>b) <b>Respect Festival</b>– we loved the graffiti wall.</p> <p>c) <b>Senior Social</b> – there were 10 participants not all them elderly and those that participated enjoyed the event. They would appreciate regular events with talks, for example, on Newtown History and computer use. However, it was noted that computer courses are already run at St Sidwells and the Library, so perhaps we could link up with them on this. Next date for a Senior Social is 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, on 27 June and 18 July. We need to advertise more widely. Marina and Su will hand out flyers. Next year the University hopes to work with us on this project. James will hand over to a new student representative.</p> <p><b>Harvest Cafe</b> – a great event 500 attended.</p> <p>d) <b>Community Choir</b> – Has met four times now and already needs a new location. Emma our choirmaster has chosen Belmont Chapel. We are going to try this for our next session on 27 June. Asked that our hut booking be kept until we are sure that the new venue is suitable. Unfortunately we will make a small loss initially as we have</p>	<p>Jackie  All hirers</p> <p>George</p> <p>James</p> <p>Choir Jackie</p>

<p>to hire Belmont at £20 a night if numbers remain the same. However, if numbers increase we will cover our costs.</p> <p>e) <b>Cafes: 24 June, 21 July, 26 August 22 September.</b> We are urgently looking for Supervisors and volunteers to man 24 June and 22 September and volunteers and cake bakers to help. Derek will do 21 July, George 26 August. Gay to email Sally about this. By then we will have new mugs, caftiere and tea pots.</p> <p>f) <b>Proposed 1940's tea dance</b> – Some professional 1940's event organisers have said that they would like to organise an event reflecting the life of Newtown during the 1940's. Suggested dates 1 and 8 September. Gay suggested that this might also be a good idea for next year's Blitz celebration. Mike will get in touch with them.</p> <p>g) <b>Sensory Garden Project update</b> – We have progressed and reduced the number of words on the sign to 50 words and submitted this for a new quote for two signs in Braille and also text. Will apply to Heritage Lottery and Co-op. Ian will also chat to Townsends.</p>	<p>Cafe team</p> <p>Sally Gay George</p> <p>Jackie Mike</p> <p>Ian Mike</p>
<p>8. <b>Constitution update</b> – Carrie has very kindly typed this up. It will be forwarded to the Constitution Committee for approval. Thanks to George and Carrie for all their hard work. Fortunately there is no longer any requirement for this to be endorsed at an Extraordinary Meeting and the business can be done at an ordinary meeting.</p>	<p>George</p>
<p>9. <b>Table tennis table update</b> – it's here and being used despite the weather. Need to have an official opening and thank Waitrose and the company who built the base. Someone to "open" the table is being sought. Greg Sheldon knows a club level player. Gay will look at asking the Lord Mayor.</p>	<p>Gay Ian</p>
<p><b>10. AOB:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Kitchen water boiler</b> – The cost of replacement is extortionate. George will try to repair the smaller urn to carry us through to the new building. Review in one year.</p>	<p>Gay</p>

<p>b) <b>Paris Street Roundabout proposals</b> – In the Citizen there is a long article about a wildlife friendly garden project which ECC want to put on the Paris Street Roundabout. Ian has suggested that we all read and ensure that our voices are heard. Cllr Westlake said that it would be helpful for the Wildlife Trust to talk to us about this to gain an understanding of the proposal because within five years the whole area will have changed and the proposal is not as odd as it sounds.</p> <p>c) <b>Banners</b> It was agreed that we will look at funding for a cafe banner. We already have notice boards.</p> <p>d) <b>Newtown Wildlife Pond in Sandford Walk</b> – built by Wild Aid. No-one seems to be taking responsibility and sadly it has now become overgrown. Ian will contact Dawn of Wild Aid to ask if they are going to maintain it.</p>	<p>Ian</p> <p>Gay</p> <p>Ian</p>
<p>11. Date of next general meeting Tuesday 24 July 8 pm</p>	