

**Newtown Community Association
Committee Meeting Tuesday 20 March 2012**

MINUTES

Present: Su Aves, Joan Bond (Trustee), Derek Burnside (Treasurer), Andrew Dimmock (Uni), George Dumble, James Gould (Uni), Ian Harrison (Chair), Jackie Holdstock, James Leigh, Christina Readshaw, Mike Parrott (Publicity), Gay Smith (Secretary), Paul Spiller, PCSO Nic Unsworth, Marina Williamson.

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies: Carrie Davies, Tess Nixon, Polly Osterley Sally and Steve Palmer, PCSO Kate Rees, Cllr Richard Westlake, ,</p>	
<p>2. Review of Minutes of meeting 10.1.12 Love Local Food van is reported as excellent. Minutes were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>3. Have your Say Police Report PCSO Nic has been doing joint work with PCSO Kate. Have been doing speeding work and have given some tickets various locations in Newtown the morning. Afternoon in Magdalen Road – 23 vehicles caught speeding which surprisingly is down on previous time. Have had some reports of cyclists on footpaths and have carried out observation in Sidwell Street when 5 tickets were issued. Lack of pedestrian crossing outside Waitrose has been noted. Still looking at parking permit issues in car park in Newtown.</p> <p>Ian raised problems with graffiti tagging and vandalism to cars, also a couple of burglaries of student accommodation. Message is don't leave anything visible in your car.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report a real time offence call 999. • To report other issues call 101. • Or email PCSO's: Nicholas.UNSWORTH@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk Kate.rees2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk 	All
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derek read through the interim accounts for the year (attached). Ian stated that with our current balance of £6,599.75 we are sufficiently in the black to ensure continuation of the Association for the time being. If the Vision goes ahead we will have funding coming in for this project and we will also set up a sinking fund to ensure that the running of the new building is covered. Ian and Derek were also looking at preparing a five year budget. • Derek reported that he and Jackie had met up to discuss billing our regular users as historically this has been rather disorganised. It was hoped that in future this would tighten up proceedings. • George reminded Derek that in addition we have approximately £200 petty cash for the cafes which will need to be banked and recorded. • George requested that we agree now that the hut hire fee should not be increased for regular users when we have a new building . It was agreed that it was too soon to discuss this. 	

<p>5. Vision Update The planning application is with ECC and there has been quite a lot of to-ing and fro-ing between the architects, the case officer and the statutory consultees. Ian had a meeting with Derek and some of the Gordon Road residents who live nearest to the proposed development. Tess Nixon kindly sent through an aide memoire of some of the points of concern:</p> <p>a) Parking It was agreed we would get someone out to the next meeting to discuss this issue.</p> <p>b) Noise The new hut is designed so that the open doors face away from Gordon Road and will be well insulated to avoid noise nuisance. A condition of booking will ask that all noise and music ceases at 11 pm, everyone out by midnight. An hour later is allowed at New Year.</p> <p>c) Location and position Ian has spoken to our Architects to attempt a compromise which was demonstrated to the meeting. Derek was not sure that this would satisfy the Gordon Road residents. Ian said he was saddened that these issues had arisen at the 24th hour and that he hoped that the residents would be happy with the compromise.</p> <p>d) Size, height and materials Difference in size was explained 100 sq m v 180 sq m. This increase is necessary because of the requests from the community for improved facilities.</p> <p>e) Upkeep – what if NCA goes bust. It has survived since 1987. We will have a more fundamental approach to our finances (see item 4) including a sinking fund, but of course we can't speak on behalf of future management. Gordon Road residents would like assurance that the new building will only be used for community use in the future.</p> <p>f) Anti-social behaviour We will be looking at having CCTV and how it can be monitored. The design and finish of the building will also take into account issues arising out of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>g) Policing of events There will be planning conditions for hours of occupation and when music is played. We do our best to police this and users who abuse the rules of the hut are not allowed to hire it again.</p> <p>h) Changes in projected use It is envisaged that the use of the building will be by the same, or similar groups.</p> <p>i) Loss of green space The building is bigger by 80% and there is some outside paved space. The old building is being levelled to grass so the loss of green space will be minimal.</p> <p>j) There is a council meeting towards the end of April when residents can make comments. Date on the web.</p>	<p>IH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>IH</p> <p>IH</p> <p>IH</p> <p>IH</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p>6. Future Events, Projects and Cafes</p> <p>a) Sunday 6 May Blitz cafe 11 am to 2 pm Michael and Gay to lead. Small exhibition. Former residents George Walker and another with a question and answer session. Cafe with 1940's music. Blitz themed guided walk around Newtown starting at about 2.15 pm Need cafes and cafe helpers. Gay will ask Cafe team. Students will help in cafe. Gay to remind them. Thanks to Su, Marina, Joan and Ian for offering to bake cakes.</p> <p>b) Harvest Cafe Saturday 19 May We will run a cafe from 11 am to 2 pm and Harvest will run an information event during the day. Gay to</p>	<p>GS AD/JG</p> <p>GS</p>

<p>circulate Cafe team.</p> <p>c) Food safety certificates update: people nominated are working through the online qualification.</p> <p>d) Tea and coffee parties for the elderly George leading. Will invite people to ask to attend and let us know if they require transport. Project will be advertised in charity shops, elderly associations, doctors' surgeries and Express & Echo. First date proposed is a.m. Wednesday 23 May and 30 May. Willing students will be recruited.</p> <p>e) Sensory Garden Project update Devon in Sight are working with us and have consulted with their users. Their representative is a trained gardener. Ideas about enhancing the garden have been discussed. St Bridgets have agreed to supply us with plants. We are obtaining quotations from sign makers for Braille and text signs. Parks Department are supportive. Looking at Heritage Lottery funding and our local councillors hope to assist with funding in the new financial year. Project will be broken down into manageable chunks.</p> <p>f) Polsloe Party in the Park stall Saturday 12 May 12 noon to 6 pm Agreed, George, Michael and Gay and will run a fund raising activity and information stall. We will pay Polsloe for our stall. The two student volunteers will help us – Gay will liaise .</p>	<p>GD AD/JG</p> <p>MP/GS</p> <p>GD/GS/MP AD/JG</p>
<p>7. Constitution Update George will prepare an update as an appendix for this set of minutes.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>a) Woodwork painting and external doors need repainting.</p> <p>b) Piano tuning It costs £40 to tune the piano. Derek has agreed that we can afford to pay it. George will look at fitting a lock.</p> <p>c) Storage There is no additional storage available in the hut.</p> <p>e) Second Table Tennis Table Ian has £2.5K coming from Townsend developers and has pushed suppliers to agree to this lower amount. The groundwork will be completed by Churngold in late April with the table being installed at some point in May. Well done Ian.</p> <p>f) Craft Fair bookings can be made by contacting the organiser after August.</p>	<p>IH/GD DB GD</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8. Date of next general meeting Tuesday 1 May 8 pm</p>	