

Newtown Community Association

Meeting Tuesday 30 November 2010 in the Hut

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Present: Su Aves, Rob Attwater (Vision), Cllr Richard Branson (ECC), George Dumble,

Ian Harrison (Chair), Jackie Holdstock (Bookings), Cllr Richard Westlake (DCC),

Peter Montgomery (Treasurer) late, Michael Parrott (Publicity), Sally Palmer,

Gay Smith (Secretary), Cllr Roger Spackman (ECC)

Apologies: Duncan Jackson, Rosie Kelly (ECC), Simon Perseghetti

Item	Action
<p>1. PACT Our community police officers were not present so their input will be deferred to the next meeting. There are cycles attached to lamp posts opposite the Globe and at the bottom of East John Walk and it was requested that the Secretary inform them.</p>	<p>Gay</p>
<p>2.Treasurer's Report Deferred as Treasurer was late.</p>	
<p>3. Events Debrief</p> <p>a) Halloween Event 31.10.10 Michael reported that the event was a huge success with almost more visitors than we could cope with. For this reason the hut was very busy, even full, even with the doors open. Also, Michael and Duncan had no additional help which made controlling the crowds, hosting the games and competitions and feeding the five thousand (sic) quite difficult. Thanks to Duncan and Michael for organising, Cllr Westlake who judged the competitions and Kevin Cotter the storyteller. Lessons were learned, the priorities being,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more help • get outside light repaired so that overflow can be outside and could see what they were doing • fewer, not more activities. <p>Christmas Craft Event 21.11.10 This was a success and the event was well attended. The stallholders all seemed happy and they were all asked to attend next years event due to the success. As far as the publicity was concerned the event was publicised in E&E, Exeter FM, City Press as well as the vast majority of 5,000 leaflets that were delivered in the 4 days prior to the event. The cafe was busy the vast majority of the time, as were the stallholders. The money taken was more than that of the Halloween event. , Thanks to George, Gaby, Kat and the other artists and stallholders for all their hard work.</p>	<p>Thanks to all involved</p>

<p>b) Bulb Planting Event 21.11.10 A large number of daffodil bulbs were planted in East John Walk up against the wall of the school, with a variety of implements. The event was quite well attended. Thanks to Ian and Cllr Westlake for organising and to ECC, the University and Cllr Westlake for providing the daffodil bulbs.</p> <p>c) Autumn Cafes Have gone well. Thanks to Peter who has done an excellent job of organising as much music as possible and thanks to all those who ran the cafes, Ian, Kat, Tricia, Hilary, Rob, Su, Sally and Tess. Peter had had no response from the university about musicians for future events so will contact the university again. He will also approach Exeter Young Strings to see if they would like to perform. Cllr Westlake has a good university music contact and will let us have this. It was agreed that although music is a very popular component of the cafes we can and should find other attractions to draw people in i.e. The Fabulous World of the Potato! Rob was disappointed in the turnout for his cafe which included a Vision display which may have been due to the lack of publicity.</p> <p>d) Future Actions/Events Gay will co-ordinate lead people for cafes and events and a proposed diary list is below. Once someone is appointed "leader" it will be the leader's responsibility (with Gay's help) to find helpers and to keep Gay informed so that she can keep a record. With dates decided in advance we will be able to improve on publicity for all cafes. All regular helpers will be circulated with a comprehensive list: 26.2..11 11 – 1 AGM with refreshments and talk by Transition Exeter 10.4.11 Cafe 11 – 1 ish 8.5.11 Cafe 11 – 1 ish 4 and 5.6.11 <i>Respect Festival</i> 3.7.11 Cafe 11 – 1 ish 29,30,31.7.11 125th Anniversary of Belmont Park Celebrations 7.8.11 Cafe 11 – 1 ish 4.9.11 Cafe 11 - ish 30.10.11 Halloween 4 – 7 20.11.11 Christmas Craft Fayre all day 11.12.11 inter Warmer social 6 – 9</p> <p>e) Polsloe Event Cllr Westlake proposed that we may like to share an event with Polsloe who have no meeting place of their own. He will put their Secretary in touch with Gay or Ian to discuss.</p> <p>f) Joan's Event for Elderly Group It is proposed that Joan, if she wishes, could take over one of the cafe dates above.</p>	<p>Peter Gay</p> <p>Cllr Westlake</p> <p>Cllr Westlake</p>
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<p>g) Winter Warmer 6 pm to 9 pm Sunday 19 December A social event is planned with mulled wine and hot mince pies. The event will include an exhibition from Rosie Kelly's writing group, Michael's writing, the Vision and photographs from events. Gay and Peter will start in the kitchen but later help would be welcome so that they can get out to socialise. Guests will be asked to bring along a dish to share. Helpers should arrive between 4 pm and 6 pm to set up. Gay will arrive at 5 from work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter will purchase the mulled wine and juices. • Gay will buy the mince pies and look at ideas for table covers (Sally and Jackie, do you have anything?) • Gay will find out about hiring wine glasses. • Helpers so far are Michael, George, Peter, Ian, Rob and Gay. 	<p>Joan</p> <p>Peter Gay Michael Rosie George Ian Rob</p>
<p>4. Hut Decoration Ian and his team have now completed the emulsion on the inside walls, all of the outside paintwork and glossing and half the protective grilles on the windows. After Christmas we will need a weekend to do the gloss paintwork indoors and fix the remainder of the grilles outside. Thanks to George to putting up some super pin boards inside which we hope will encourage our groups to put up displays. Thanks to Ian for the huge amount of organisation and hard work. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time. Photographs of the work teams will be on the www soon.</p>	
<p>5. Date of AGM Post meeting note – date was agreed for Saturday 26 February 2011 from 11 am to 1 pm. In the past this has been poorly attended so it was agreed that coffee and cakes will be served by Sally and Cllr Spackman will look for a speaker to attract more people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Cllr Spackman's speaker is not available George and Su will approach alternative speakers. • A public notice has to be made at least six weeks before the date and Michael will inform the E & E. • Michael and George will organise the Constitution item. • Gay will send round an email to all those on the distribution list to invite them to comment on the current version of the Constitution which is on the www. If there are any objections they can be made at the AGM. • Gay will draft a letter to our three current Trustees to ask if they wish to continue. They are Simon Perseghetti, Joan Bond and Annie Ross. <p>It was noted that the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are automatically Trustees. For this reason we require Trustee indemnity insurance as</p>	<p>Sally Cllr Spackman Michael George Gay Peter</p>

well as public liability insurance. Peter is looking at this.	
<p>6. 125th Anniversary of the Installation of Belmont Park We plan to celebrate this anniversary over the weekend of 29, 30 and 31 July. Gay and Michael will have an initial meeting in December to decide a way forward and report to the next meeting.</p>	Gay Michael
<p>7. Cafe 5 December 2010 It was agreed that this event should be cancelled due to the weather. Gay will let all those involved know and make signs to put up in the park announcing the cancellation.</p>	Gay
<p>8. The Vision The most recent information will be displayed at the Winter Warmer including a floor plan and a 3D version so that people can understand the context. All three plans have gone to Terry Jackson of ECC. They will then give us an in principle agreement to the proposal. With the final drawings we will then be able to get costings. There were lengthy discussions about how a consultation letter could be delivered to everyone in Newtown – 5,000 residents. Cllr Branston knows the addresses we should use. The letter needs to be worded in such as a way to explain the proposal clearly. There was concern that hire charges would increase with a new building. Some suggested that it would be a better idea to refurbish our present building. Should the new building go ahead it would be necessary to run the present building alongside so as not to interrupt use and it may be that ECC would allow us to use the original building at a peppercorn rent. Ian anticipated that in future we will be responsible for repairs both inside and out. Cllr Spackman said that the consultation document needed to be well drafted so that we obtained the responses we required. Also we should compare the pros and cons of rebuild or refurb.</p>	Rob Ian
<p>9. Next Meeting AGM 26.2.11 11 – 1 pm Next ordinary meeting 18.1.11 8.15 in the hut.</p>	All