

**Newtown Community Association Annual General Meeting
Saturday 11th May 2019, 10:30 am, Belmont Hut**

Minutes

Present: **Trustees:** Rory McNeile (Chair), Steve Palmer (Secretary), Julia Crockett, Peter Montgomery, Karolina Borkowska-Knight, Jackie Holdstock
Members, representatives etc: Richard Branston, Sue Aves, Steve Aves, Natalie Vizard, Richard Westlake, William Batty, David Hebborn, Doris Marcelo, Jayne Leaver, Ali Jones, Sally Palmer, Julie Belshaw, Zhiuko Zhelev, Mariya Zheleva, Edward Belshaw, Saxon Spence, Douglas Hellier Laing, Nikki Milican, Chris Dent, Emily Mclvor, Moragh Mason, Mie Hodges, Natalie Prats, Debbie Thomas, Pauline Williams,, Elena Milego, Lucy Spriggs, Izabella Broadley, Jo Smyth, Rachael Shay, Kasia Kruk, Joanna Wakefield, James Leigh, Michael Parrott, Jill Christie, Jo Evans

Apologies: (Trustees) Gareth Carey-Jones (Treasurer), Ella Westland, David Hunt,, (Members) Gay Smith,

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action by:</u>
1	Welcome/Introduction - Chair	
2	Apologies	
3	Minutes of AGM 2018 Published on the website http://newtowncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/180219-NCA-AGM-Minutes.pdf Signed by Chair.	
4	Annual Report of the Trustees Rory McNeile presented the Annual Report. Published http://newtowncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NCA_FinalReportAccounts2018.pdf Additional items: information received on the Codrington Street planting project, and introduced the idea of applying for locality grants from ECC and DCC and routing these through NCA. Discussion of social media engagement. Discussion of use of the current building, and aim to maximise use of the new building. Discussion – recognising that significant efforts went into protecting the trees in the park during the building process. Acknowledgement of Chris Dent and thanks to Michael Parrott for their contributions to the project. Saxon Spence – proposed acceptance of the report, and commended the tenacity and commitment of Rory as Chair. Seconded Richard Branston. Passed unanimously.	
5	Treasurers Report and Statement of Accounts Presented by Steve Palmer. Discussion of the costing for the new building. Acceptance proposed Su Aves, seconded Julia Crockett. Passed unanimously.	
6	Appointment for the coming year to examine the Accounts Mr M B J Cronin, Bowhill Bookkeeping Services, Exeter	
7	Election of Trustees Presentation by Steve Palmer of the current and past Trustees and the current and future of the management committee, including the needs for volunteer roles.	

	Nominations: Karolina Borkowska-Knight, David Hunt, Nikki Milican, Moragh Mason, Doris Marcelo, James Leigh. Proposed en bloc by Steve Aves, seconded Richard Branston. Passed.	
	Tour of the new building – approximately 45 people looked round the building. Comments and suggestions welcomed.	
8	<p>Discussion and Ideas for use of the new Community Building.</p> <p>Discussion – consult with Kenworthy Village Hall and America Hall. Discussion of balancing use between use by informal community groups, organisations which promote community well-being and more commercial groups. Idea to set a profile of timings for different groups. Current interest from health professionals in community engagement for well-being. Discussion of community vs public, and concern that use by commercial groups for their own meetings should not crowd out community events. Need to make attempts to control waste and promote recycling. Potential for local artists to display (and get a proportion of sales). Gathering ideas after the meeting – notice on website, add new email for suggestions, use Facebook page.</p> <p>MOTION (proposed by Trustees): Charges for the new building for community groups should be £7 per hour for the small ground floor room, £12 per hour for the large room and £10 per hour for the upstairs room. Use of the kitchen would be £3 per hour in addition to either the large or small ground floor room. Use of the entire building would be £30 per hour. Regular users (defined as weekly or more frequent over a minimum period of 6 months) should be able to claim a discount of 10% provided that the user or user group also contribute to the Purposes of NCA though additional participation in activities of NCA. A commercial rate should be determined by the Trustees.</p> <p>MOTION (proposed by Trustees): The Members of NCA authorise the Trustees to investigate and implement suitable arrangements for the management, cleanliness and security of the building, involving payment for these services.</p> <p>Motions accepted and remitted to Committee for further action.</p>	
9	<p>Discussion and ideas concerning the Play Area</p> <p>Jo Evans – Background on FOBP. ECC have designated Belmont Park as a strategic area, and have allocated funding. Looking at replacing swings and adding a large multiplay area for older children, plus wooden scramble trail area. Thoughts of chat-shack, picnic benches. Moving table-tennis tables to paved area. Discussion of seating in sensory garden.</p>	
10	<p>Future events:</p> <p>Respect Festival 8/9th June</p> <p>Grand Opening of the Newtown Community Centre. Showcase activities which happen in the hut – slots for groups to promote themselves with two 15-minute taster sessions. Peter Montgomery organising, he will circulate to regular users.</p>	PM
12	<p>Any other business of which notice has been given to the chair</p> <p>None</p>	
13	Meeting closed at 13:10	