

**Newtown Community Association - Annual General Meeting
Monday 19th February 2018 at 7:30 pm, Belmont Hut**

Minutes

Present: Rory McNeile (Chair), Steve Palmer (Secretary), Gareth Carey-Jones (Treasurer), James Leigh, Jackie Holdstock, Ella Westland Judith Pattison, Peter Montgomery, Julia Crockett
Su Aves, Stephen Aves, Richard Branston, Peter Cleasby, Fiona Daughton, Dorleta Diego, Jo Evans, Jayne Leaver, Doris Marcelo Sanchez, Oscar Martinez, Emily McIvor, Gay Smith, Helen Solomon, Michael Solomon, Saxon Spence, Debbie Thomas, Matthew Vizard, Nic Unsworth, Daniel Szolga, Isabella Mengoni.

Apologies: Richard Westlake, Sally Palmer, Joan Bond, Chris Dent, Natalie Vizard.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action by:</u>
1	Introduction/Welcome/Apologies Welcome by Rory McNeile at 07:35. Explanation of the CIO, membership and voting rules. And of the agenda.	
3	Minutes of AGM 2017 Not available	
4	Annual Report of the Management Committee Proposed by Julia Crockett, seconded Jackie Holdstock, Passed unanimously	
5	Treasurers Report Gareth Carey-Jones presented the annual accounts for 2017. New bank account opened. For 2017, no need for formal audit, but will be needed next year. Work that goes into the hut bookings, and honorarium going forward. Acceptance of accounts. Proposed Steve Aves, seconded Richard Branson. Accounts adopted unanimously.	
6	Appointment of Independent Examiners Gareth Carey-Jones – quote received from Independent Examiner. Discussion of fees. Proposal to delegate Management Committee to contract with an Independent Examiner. Proposed Su Aves, Seconded Saxon Spence. Passed unanimously.	Cttee
7	Membership of NCA Judy Pattison – Description of the need for a formal Members database. Discussion of GDPR. Discussion of membership rules and criteria.	Cttee
8	Election of Trustees List of Trustees circulated. Invitation for other nominations. Proposal that the list of potential Trustees circulated be elected. Proposed James Leigh, seconded Steve Aves. Passed unanimously.	Sec

	Refreshment break	
9	<p>The Vision update</p> <p>Rory McNeile - Welcome to Simon Spencer, architect supervising the project. Need to complete the project because the funding has time conditions.</p> <p>Simon Spencer – Schedule of works. Going to tender in March. Timber frame construction being designed/prepared. Planning conditions being prepared – tree protection and working area orders. Building regulations being submitted this week. Contractors preparing to receive tender documents.</p> <p>Issue for decision: Outside cladding: proposal for lapped cement board (board sample and colour samples displayed) – discussion of cement boards vs timber. A show of hands about cladding preference gave: Wood 8 Cement 8 abstentions 7. Saxon Spence suggested the decision be delegated to management committee.</p> <p>Roof – artificial slate. Windows and doors – aluminium.</p> <p>Need to decide colour for cladding, roof, doors and windows. Open discussion of colour resulted in a preference for dark colour for walls to blend into the park (noting current hut is black).</p> <p>Heating. Reported on meeting with alternative energy consultant, Regen. Suggestion for underfloor heating, electric, with solar panels/battery, or possibly air-source heat pumps. Concern about noise from air-source heat pump and effect on neighbours and park users. Discussion of PV panels.</p> <p>Lease agreement being discussed with ECC -35 years at no cost under discussions.</p> <p>Working area during building – entry through main entrance, fenced off area covering part of play area up to current hut. Details: probably need to remove swings (which will life-expire within two years in any case).</p> <p>Current hut will remain open until the new building is ready.</p>	Cttee
9a	<p>Friends of Belmont Park</p> <p>Redesign of play equipment and fundraising. Jo Evans – Friend Of Belmont Park being reactivated – families being canvassed, involving children.</p> <p>Opportunity to seize the initiative, with support from ECC. Saxon Spence – Belmont Park is very central and heavily used, serves a big community, not just local residents.</p> <p>Friends have a Facebook page. Request for more active members in Friends Of Belmont Park.</p>	
10	<p>Community Updates – ECC and DCC councillors</p> <p>Richard Branston – ECC – need for refurbishment of the Park, but no funding. Need people to do fundraising. ECC – change in number of councillors – thanks to Richard Westlake. Exhibition 4 May - Barnfield Theatre exhibition by people with dementia. Substantial development at Magdalen Road Bull Meadow for retired people – consultation soon. Planning application for Summerland Street, Exeter auto centre – 80 student flats – public consultation at Belmont Chapel 28 Feb.</p> <p>Matthew Vizard ECC – potential uses of ground floor in Exeter Auto Centre replacement. Needles in Belmont Park etc. – reporting line 01392 265147 - ECC cleansing team.</p> <p>Su Aves DCC – Air quality survey - Survey. 24 Feb consultation about rail transport – GWR franchise. Trees – Newtown has had a number of trees cut back; responsibility split between ECC and DCC. Cherry tree in Clifton Road – in poor condition, needs replacement probably later this year. International Womens Day 8 March – (30% of DCC is women) - March from St Sidwells, Bedford Square flash dance, then Guildhall..</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Nic Unsworth – working with councillors on drug use. Education in schools, keeping safe on internet, not picking up things. Discussion of drug users seen on the street – currently most users will buy then use straight away – phone 999 if dealing seen. Information phoned in is logged and intel used – report preferably by email: 101@dc.police.uk because information can be pasted across.</p>	

11	Community Updates – Community Builders Jayne Leaver. Newtown Primary School has grounds day on 3 March, want volunteers. Interest in community lunch in the park, springtime. Community litterpick. Intergenerational walk. Good neighbours scheme. Regular Crochet group in Clifton Inn. Community event St Matthews Church – breadmaking. Recovery café Fridays. Quiz afternoons at Faraday House. Monthly golden oldies sing-along. Age UK map of the risk of loneliness in the area.	
12	Community Updates – University Wardens Daniel Szolga and Isabella Mengoni: Student problems, e.g. bins, rubbish. Team of 10 in the area. Contact via Rory Cunningham at University. Discussion of involvement of students in the community.	
13	Future Events : NCA Events Peter Montgomery – planning a choir day, combining NCA Choir and Youth Choir. Want to recruit new members especially from Newtown. New musical group – Newtown Roots band being formed (acoustic instruments) start Thursday 19 April. March – Tour of recycling facility. Respect Festival 30th June / 1st July 2018	
14	AOB None	
15	Open Forum Meeting dates 2018 Committee to consider and circulate.	Cttee
	AGM of the Newtown Community Association (Exeter, Devon) CIO (Charity Commission No: 1173331) closed at 09:55pm.	