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## **NVCA General Meeting Minutes 18th June 2024**

**Present:** Natalie Ashworth, Janet Meleleu, Iain Blair, Julia Barrow, Cath Riley, Michael Langan, Wilf Day, Danny Allen, Ken Slaughter, Anne Mulderrig, Margaret Leake

**Apologies:** Margaret Ashworth, Fiona Heppleston, Jo Blair, Jean Starkie, Anna McEvitt, Anne Mulderrig, Mitchel Lord, Patrick Marriott, Cherry Hughes, Larry Doolin, Emily Hewitson-Townley

### **Actions from last meeting:**

- Web site gallery work still ongoing – **ACTION: Danny to complete.**
- Web site – general – Mike Langan's son to look at redesign **ACTION - Iain to supply one.com details.**
- Staghills Nursery still looking for additional governor **ACTION: Cherry to discuss with Mike O.**

### **New points:**

1. Anti-social behaviour. It was noted that several instances of crime and open anti-social behaviour have happened over the last few weeks including the arson at the bus shelter, car theft and drug dealing happening quite clearly in broad daylight.

Police have been contacted about the drug dealing, and readers are encouraged to use the CrimeStoppers web site to report crime if they wish to remain anonymous.

Anyone can use CrimeStoppers at :

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<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/pre-form>

2. Woodside Hut

Iain has been applying for grant funding which will pay for the remedial work to put the hut back into a good condition.

**ACTION – Danny to provide Iain with more funding sources - DONE**

3. Update on limit speeding campaign

Julia had a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June, and unfortunately the lamppost with the SpID board already on it is unsuitable for use because it also has a bus stop sign on it. Work is ongoing to identify suitable lamp posts for speed detector signs.

There is also the possibility of installing unobtrusive detectors which would output simple lists of speeds and volumes of traffic which would give us the evidence we need to take things further.

Julia is happy to take this matter further and keep on with it.

**ACTION: (from previous minutes) Leaflets outlining web links to sites where speeding can be reported to be circulated/mailed across Newchurch. NOTE This local leaflet drop listing how to report speeding or dangerous driving is on hold due to the upcoming election**

**These links are available on the NVCA web site [www.newchurch-village.co.uk](http://www.newchurch-village.co.uk) on the 'Useful Local Info' page.**

4. Local Paths, Little Park and flower beds

Danny spoke briefly about the Bolton Woods path clearance, the improvement to the path between Kirkdale Road and Hillside Drive (funded by NVCA). The flower beds are very tidy and the Little Park is also looking great with the 4 new big pots by the benches looking lovely. Thanks to anyone who has helped in any way with any of these projects.

5. NVCA community survey

Only very few survey responses have been received by Cherry, everyone is encouraged to give their ideas on

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjaiBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAMAAP57YFJUQ1dNRk81TzdQSlpZVIZQWjVDR0k4OTBXM4u>

**ACTION – Danny to forward responses received to far to all members – DONE**

## 6. Events Update

- Unfortunately the June BBQ was cancelled due to a poor forecast, and it was also noted that only a very few tickets were sold.

The idea of combining a BBQ with the bird of prey event in September was discussed. **ACTION – Danny to try to get permission for this from St Nicholas school**

- NVCA have got the chance to have a table at St Nicholas school during their event on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. **ACTION – ALL to give ideas to Natalie about how we could use this to promote NVCA.**
- There will be a Macmillan coffee morning on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at Gemini.
- The Nativity date has been fixed for 9<sup>th</sup> December **ACTION – Danny to book Water band**

## 7. 2025 Calendar

So far, we have only received photos from 5 children and although that gives us just enough photos to make a calendar with, everyone is encouraged to get their kids, or kids they know to send photos in to give us a fair amount of photos to choose the best from. Full size photos should be emailed to [photos@newchurch-village.co.uk](mailto:photos@newchurch-village.co.uk).

**ACTION – ALL to encourage more children to send photos in**

## Any Other Business

- The top wood of the notice board at the Little Park is badly rotten. Anne asked John Mulderrig to fix it and he agreed. This work has now been completed.
- Danny suggested that we try to find someone who could do a good job of painting the lettering in the commemoration stone opposite the Board Head. **ACTION – Danny to ask for a volunteer**
- Rossendale Hospice got in touch for us to put up 9 of their sunflower remembrance boards. This work was carried out by Janet, Kath and Mike.
- Julia told the meeting that she'd had good success using the '**Love Clean Streets**' app to get jobs done locally – everyone is encouraged to use it as this is now the standard method of reporting issues such as blocked drains, overhanging vegetation etc. in England.
- Anne suggested it would be good to have a proper right of way sign at the bottom of the Long Cosy path. **ACTION – Danny to install a post and sign if a suitable site can be found.**
- Iain mentioned that the end of June is membership renewal time, so you should all receive invoices at the start of July.

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- It was suggested that we make use of the hall in St Peters church for future events – we already have agreement from the church that this would be OK.