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****NVCA Annual General Meeting Minutes** 1st October 2024**

**Welcome**: Kath Riley, Iain Blair, Fiona Heppleston, Sue Holt, Danny Allen, Janet Meleleu, Natalie Ashworth, Jo Blair, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Larry Doolin,

**Apologies for absence**: Anna McEvitt, Margaret Ashworth, Mitchell Lord, Emily Hewitt Townley, Mike Langan, Jean Starkie

1. Review of previous AGM minutes – proposed as true record by Natalie Ashworth, seconded by Cherry Hughes
2. Fiona asked if any issues arising from chairperson’s report (circulated with agenda) – no issues arising.
3. Iain presented NVCA Annual Report and Financial Statements to end of June 2024 (previously circulated with agenda). These have been independently examined and verified by Dean O’Brien. Proposed for submission by Danny Allen and seconded by Kath Riley.   
   Agreed that Iain could ask Dean to continue to be independent examiner of NVCA accounts.
4. Election of Trustees – all current trustees present at the meeting are happy to continue. Mike Ormerod has resigned. Kath Riley proposed that Sue Holt stands as a trustee; seconded by Natalie Ashworth.

**General Meeting – Tuesday 1st October 2024 - 7pm St Nicholas Church**

**Agenda**

Minutes of the last meeting/matters arising not on the agenda:

1. **Woodside Hut (update and vote)**   
   Fiona outlined the commitment required if NVCA were to take over the operation of the Hut. Have we got the commitment and sufficient people to run a management committee to operate the Hut as a facility? Natalie suggested we need about 10 people e.g. 4 keyholders & also several people willing to organize Hut bookings.

Iain reported that the Hut was not in good repair. RBC have agreed to lease the Hut to NVCA for a £1 per year. RBC would carry out the repairs, but have asked NVCA to seek grants to fund the repairs. Iain has applied for a grant initially to Lancs Environmental Fund for £15,000. The application has gone to a pre-assessment committee and the committee suggested repairs required are nearer £30,000. Lancs Environmental Fund have met with representatives from RBC – and are seeking a better understanding of the work needed. The grant could come directly to NVCA or be managed by RBC.   
Fiona suggested we take a vote to decide whether we should take on the responsibility for the Hut. The vote was conclusive that we no longer pursue taking on the management of the Hut.

2. **Speeding Issues Newchurch Road**   
Julia updated that forms about placement of speed cameras have gone to LCC. We are unable to get a grant via Police Commissioners for the cost of renting the cameras. There will be two cameras, one at the bottom of the entrance to Heightside House (the placement post still needs to be assessed) and one at top of Bolton Street. The devices will cost £600 to hire.   
It was agreed that funds raised at the Winter Fair and Christmas Quiz will go towards the cost of hiring the devices. We won’t advertise this specifically, in case perpetrators slow down!!   
Thanks to Julia for her persistence, liaising with Altham Parish, securing and applying for positioning of the devices.

3.Events   
3.1 The summer BBQ was cancelled due to poor weather ☹  
  
3.2 Birds of Prey event was successful (again). Thanks to Tesco for donating the food. Iain reported that after donations to School and choir, NVCA raised £80. The grant from RBC didn’t quite cover the cost of booking the falconry. Iain suggested that we continue to book the same event every other year.

3.3 Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £1406. Agreed we’d continue at same venue thanks to generosity of St. Peter’s congregation and excellent facilities.

3.4 The Winter Fair to be held Sunday 17th November 12 to 3pm. To date Fiona/Natalie have secured five craft stallers to rent tables. The Choir will be singing.   
ACTION ALL: Require donations of general items for tombola, chocolate tombola and bottle raffle.  
  
3.5 Walking Nativity 9th December – Water Band have confirmed they will attend (and also will attend Christmas Day).   
  
3.6 Christmas Quiz and karaoke 27th December at the Boars Head. Tickets £5 per person. We will hold a raffle.

* 1. New Kirk Fair will be held around 17th May 2025. Events meeting to start organizing this and liaising with church/schools in November.

4.NVCA 2025 Calendar  
 Now with printers – 50 ordered and we can order more with demand.

1. Website   
   Danny to complete the Gallery. Iain suggested that Dan liaise with Mike’s son to outline what NVCA want – i.e. the current content of website adapted to be more mobile/tablet friendly.
2. Members   
   Currently got 25 members. Most members are not coming to meetings. Iain has had a chat with some who say they want to remain members but don’t feel they can commit any time.
3. AOB

Ken asked about NVCA insurance – Iain confirmed that NVCA has up to date insurance including public liability.

Date of next meeting: January 2025 – date to be confirmed.