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| Newchurch Village Community Association |

A meeting of **NVCA** was held at **Boars Head, Newchurch** on **Thursday 12th July 2018**. Apologies received from Shelley C, Rachel G, Rachel H, Iain & Jo B, Stephen C and Cherry A.

# Approval of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a correction to the date of the Boars Head Gin, Beer and cider festival.

# Item Arising

1. **New Kirk Fair – Saturday 8th September 2018**

This is the list of current volunteers for stalls.

Whack a Rat – Geoff

Worm Charming Competition – Danny – help required with this please

Human Fruit Machine – St Nicholas Church

Bottle Stall – Julia

Tombola – Shelley

Bagatelle – Paddy

Bric-a- brac – Cherry

Refreshments – Newchurch Methodist

? – Guides & Rainbows

? – Brownies

Tin Can Alley - ?

Donation for the event can be brought to any of our monthly meetings. Bottles are required for the bottle stall.

Danny A has ordered a new banner which was shown to the group.

Simone C has ordered raffle tickets which will be distributed as soon as they arrive. Ideas for raffle prizes included contacting Marl Pits Garden centre, Golf range, Gemini, Boars Head, Nila, Jasmine House, Fletchers Hardware, Casa Tapas, Hollands Pies, Watts Newsagents, Ashworth Landscapes.

St Nicholas church have agreed to help with additional tables.

1. **Community Garden**

A number of bedding plants have been donated via Civic Pride which have now been planted. The dry weather continues to be an issue. A plea for ‘lone gardeners’ to help with maintenance wherever possible.

Sue H agreed to contact the council to ask them to cut the privet hedges

1. .**Staghills Play Area**

A ‘permission to improve the play area’ has finally been received and thanks must go to Paddy Marriott for his help with this. Next step is to contact Proffits to arrange for the process to begin.

1. **Planning Application – Paddy Marriott withdrew from the meeting at this point.**

This afternoon as planning application was notified for the Bowing Green behind the Boars Head. This is the land owners 5th attempt to be able to obtain planning permission with a view to increasing the value of the land prior to sale to a developer.

It proposes 6 houses be built using reconstituted stone and pvc windows. Following discussion it was agreed that the NVCA would follow the wishes of the residents and object to this application.

Rachael G has agreed to look at the plans with a view to making them simpler for people to understand including an overview of potential issues.

Simone C has contacted both Jake Berry’s office and Councillor Gill to ask for their support.

# Any Other Business

1. Councillor Paddy Marriott advised that the decision to make a considerable part of Newchurch into a Conservation area was approved this week.
2. Julia B reported that a number of rats have been seen on Windsor Avenue and surrounding area and people are being asked to be mindful of this when putting out bird feeders. There was a discussion as to who would be responsible for eradication.

**Date of next meeting – To be advised due to holidays.**

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