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****NVCA Meeting Minutes** 19th February at St Nicholas**

Present: Ron Suthers, Shirley Suthers, Iain Blair, Jo Blair, Natalie Ashworth, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Wilf Day, Fiona Heppleston, Cath Riley, Nicki Frankel-Caine, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Revd. Penny King, Paddy Marriot

**1. Apologies**

Shelley Carter, Mike Heppleston, Simone Cudworth, Margaret Ashworth

**2. Previous Minutes – no matters arising**

**3. Dark Lane Development**

The latest amended details of the development were circulated highlighting the alternative route in to the development (i.e. not Dark Lane).

Natalie highlighted there would now be a good mix of social housing & private properties including town houses, apartments, terraces, semi-detached as well as bungalows – in all 100 properties.

Concern was expressed about the pressure of traffic on the existing busy roads on Staghills and the danger to pedestrians, particularly pupils and parents attending Newchurch School. Particular concern was expressed about the current state of Dark Lane and that there appeared to be no plan to improve the road up to the School, including introducing pavements or lighting. Further to this, it appears that there will be access to garages/yards for 12 new properties from Dark Lane, increasing the risk to pedestrians using Dark Lane.

Concern was also raised regarding the planned move of the bus stop near the top of Dark Lane. This stop is used by elderly residents of the area, including Brandwood residents. Confirmation that the stop won’t be located too far from the current location required.

In regard to the loss of ‘sports facilities’, Sports England have been alerted – but the developers are expected to support the improvement of the Marl Pit pitches, so compensating for the loss of community facility on Staghills.

There is a Development Control Committee next Tuesday (26th February) where plans will be put before council members.

**ACTION: Dan to circulate link for members to express opinions direct to the Council**

4**. Community Garden**

Natalie requested we do some community garden tidy up activities. Penny suggested contacting the young leaders & gardening club at Newchurch School regarding support.

**ACTION: Janet & Jo to liaise regarding some Monday morning work parties!**

**Cherry to sort out a Saturday morning to have a go at the moss on the path.**

**Dan to liaise with Newchurch school.**

**5. New Kirk Fair SATURDAY 18TH MAY**

10 tables (£10 each for stall holders) to be erected outside Gemini’s/Heppleston residences  
(or community garden if some shelter required & in between churches if weather is awful).

Tables so far:

1. Raffle ticket table/NVCA information/registration near Info Board
2. Jewelry – Jackie Buckley
3. Bottle stall - Julia
4. Books/DVD/CD stall
5. Cakes (possibly one of schools hosting this)
6. Energibodi
7. Knitted Items
8. Tropic Stall
9. 9 and 10 still up for grabs

A giant football card with chance to guess when goals will be scored in FA Cup.

All stalls will be asked to donate some of their profit to NVCA.

Live and piped music will be available! Drinks will be available in the Community Garden.

It was agreed that we would ask Water Band to attend and cover their costs (£40).

Timetable of events:

1. Schools to host non uniform day on Friday prior to New Kirk Fair & a bunting competition. Winning bunting for each year group to be announced at Kirk Fair
2. St. Nicholas’ 11am to 1pm – bacon butties, heritage tours (& old pub trail), wildlife trails and Mike on the organ
3. St Peter’s 12 to 2pm – soup, games and music
4. Newchurch Methodist 2.30 to 4.30pm Unicorn tea party/strawberry cream teas
5. Boars Head from 5pm BBQ and games

We discussed doing a leaflet drop across Newchurch & Staghills. Also asking schools to advise parents via Parent Mail. Penny also suggested asking local estate agents to market through their signs (& offered Rectory front garden for installation).

Tables and gazebos discussed (we think we have access to 5 (Margaret’s, Paddy’s, Simone’s, ours (via Shirley), Cath’s)

**ACTION: Natalie to check Public Liability and request prizes from football clubs.**

**Penny to share ‘road divisions’ for leaflet drop with Natalie**

**Volunteers required for leaflet drop (names to Natalie please)**

**Volunteers and First Aiders required for each of the sites above – names to Natalie please**

**Spare tables – please alert Natalie**

**Janet to ask Brian if he can help with giant Football Card**

**Danny to liaise with Shaun regarding contribution from Boars to NVCA**

Next New Kirk Fair Meeting Tuesday 26th 7pm at Gemini’s

Agenda to include banner, prizes and design/distribution of leaflet

**6. Staghills Play Area**

Grant applications will be developed after half term. The cost of the Area will be £120,000 – NVCA will be expected to contribute £5000. It is anticipated money raised at New Kirk Fair will support this. Dan also suggested donation button on NVCA web site and Natalie suggested there should be a table at the Fair outlining plans & requesting donations.

**ACTION: Danny to explore adding donation button to web site**

**7. Membership Subscriptions**

BACS details for those who want to transfer directly are:

**Newchurch Village Community Association** Account 21429167 Sort Code: 403803 (remember to identify your name so Simone can add you to membership spreadsheet)

**ACTION: Dan to ask Simone to send around reminder of who hasn’t paid – with new bank tool?**

**8. Back of Boars Head/Bowling Green**

Mike/Iain have had further discussions with CAST regarding registering the area as a community asset. PowerPoint available to view with old and newer photos of the 4 sites included in the proposed area. Iain asked that Mike’s efforts be acknowledged.

**ACTION: Thank you Mike**

**9. Any Other Business:**

**Road Sign –** Danny has bid for 2 grants and got at least one of £385 secured. This will pay for ‘Newchurch – please drive carefully’ sign at top of Higher Cloughfold to be installed.

**Raffle Tickets** – Natalie made a plea for more tickets to be sold. Please remember to note on back of sold tickets that the draw is on 30/06/2019.

**Tropic** – Natalie has some catalogues advertising Tropic products – there is an important sales target for end of next week.

**Pancake Party –** Tuesday 5th March at St. Nicholas’. Everyone welcome & you can bring your own toppings.

**Water Village Band Open Day –** 16th March – you can try out an instrument!

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 16th APRIL 7PM – NEWCHURCH METHODIST**

**Natalie to chair/minute taker will be required?**