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**NVCA General Meeting – Tuesday 11th March 2025 – 6.30pm Gemini Hair & Beauty**

Welcome: Fiona, Wilf, Janet, Natalie, Ken, Julia, Sue, Cherry, Danny

Apologies: Jo & Iain Blair, Emily Hewetson, Cath Riley, Mike Langan, Anna McEvitt, Margaret Ashworth

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

1. Anti-social behaviour – Natalie, Councillors Annie McMahon & Nick Harris
PCSO Nick Stratton has said because limited data they’re not able to act on reports of ASB. Natalie also had meeting with local M.P. Meeting took place at St. Nicholas’ School with police. Locals shared fear of getting out of house and damage. Together Housing involved & seemed supportive.
Things have quietened down a bit. Some tenants been given notice to quit. Youth Service staff have been focusing on area & said quietened down. Andy & Nick been to St. Nicholas’ too. School raised concerns around resources for SEND pupils.
Fiona mentioned idea of White Horse Project getting involved with Staghills Hut – but shelved because of problems with NVCA being responsible for Hut.
Natalie been in contact with Family Hub. There was an open event last year aimed at families on Staghills/Stag Drive.
From meeting at the School, suggestion from children were arranged litter pick. Fabia & Steve Ashworth approached about doing sport activities at the School.
Natalie mentioned that St Nich have set up a PTA and have put on a couple of events that have been well attended by locals.
Nick mentioned that there is funding for development work – and it’s been agreed emphasis on engaging young people. Trying to focus on those children who don’t access local clubs now (or schools regularly). Focus on local estates – need ideas of what to offer & how to engage children. Jade Flatley Town Centre Manager, Regeneration Rossendale CC requested meet with Newchurch Hub to meet with Fiona next week.
Natalie suggested that engagement shouldn’t be aimed just at children but should include parents too. ST Nichs finding events more effective when parents attend events with the children.

There is a family liaison person attached to St. Nichs Nick asked about ‘forest school’ contact at St. Nichs.

Together Housing send communication saying what do you want, would you like to meet. Seems that St. Nichs building is the only suitable meeting venue.

Governors agreed to mention to Schools – councillors to make contact with Schools. Issue with communicating to privately owned homes. Natalie to talk to Steve/School regarding potential events.

Focus get infor from schools, input in Jade,s meeting, event at ST Nichs with Steve Ashworth. Town Board meeting this week to discuss how to use development fund which might help fund events/activities.
Skate board parks being built in the 4 main parks & a paddle board centre in Whittaker. Julia suggested bringing paddle board to St Nichs. Dan suggested outdoor gym for adolescents – need to find an area for older young person.
Could Schools send survey out? What do they want. Could they do a draft.

1. Speeding update – Julia
Chased three times but not had any response from the department that has the data from Paul Connell (Lancashire C.C.). Lancashire Police won’t act as average speed taken was 33.+ so they do not regard this is an issue.
2. Events
Kirk Fair date was set for September but Cath suggested moving to 30th August.
BBQ in Little Park for V.E. Day
Events meeting TBA in next few weeks
3. NVCA Calendar 2026 (Fiona)

Everything set up for a calendar. Fiona suggested Dan going into Schools again ‘A Day in the Life of Newchurch’. Needs to be Newchurch specific. We need to ensure the bank holidays are on. We need to stick at 50.

1. A.O.B.

Fiona, Natalie & Janet attending meeting with Jade .
Can get community fund money – looking at cordless lawnmower with trimmer + hedgetrimmer. Could buy ‘banner’ to put up in Little Park with dates when people can get volunteer. Civi Pride borrowing litter pickers. Janet has offered to keep mower in shed.

Events Meeting: Wednesday 19th March 5.30p.m.

Next General Meeting: 13th May 6.30p.m.