

**Newtown Community Association
Committee Meeting Tuesday 10 January 2012**

MINUTES

Present: Su Aves, Joan Bond (Trustee), Kevin Cotter (Love Local Food), Carrie Davies (Harvest), Andrew Dimmock (Uni), George Dumble, James Gould (Uni), Ian Harrison (Chair), Peter Montgomery, Michael Parrott (Publicity), Christine Renshaw, Gay Smith (Secretary), Cllr Roger Spackman (ECC), Cllr Richard Westlake (DCC).

	Action
1. Apologies: Jackie H., Cllr Branston.	
<p>2. Review of Minutes of meeting 6.12.11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profiles and pics of new PCSO's will be available soon. • Re-routing path – IH has spoken to Paul F. and said that we don't think it necessary in current climate. • Kitchen crockery – got nowhere with Actively Green. Will look elsewhere. • Toby Buckland is too expensive for our purposes so we will look elsewhere. • The Minutes were agreed and signed. 	<p>IH</p> <p>IH</p> <p>MP/GS</p>
<p>3. Have your Say</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our PCSO Kate Rees will start on 16 January. • Report and stats will be attached as appendix to these minutes. • Stats for Christmas were worse because of drink-related crime over the festive season. • Cllr W, there is a rumour that the cttly pcs may disappear. IH will write to Commander and cc to Polsloe and other cttly associations requesting assurances. • DCC/Government is backtracking on charging tradesmen for parking in residents parking areas. It is anticipated that this will be suspended whilst it is sorted. 	<p>GS</p> <p>IH</p>
4. Treasurer's Report – No report. IH will chase and it will be added as an appendix to these minutes.	IH/GS

<p>5. Love Local Food – Kevin Cotter. This social enterprise has been running for 3 years as a local mobile shop, 4.5 days a week. They are now Lottery Funded for three years which has enabled them to purchase a new van which will have a soup kettle and coffee making. Opportunity to create another community hub and acts as a food information centre including where the food comes from and cooking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please visit the mobile shop at the back of Newtown Primary School, Sandford Walk 3 – 3.40 on Thursdays, and on Saturdays 1.30 – 2 at Belmont park gates. • The project is available come to events and are happy to do farm visits with community groups. GS to send cafe dates for Kevin to choose one. 	<p>All GS</p>
<p>6. University liaison team – Andrew and James The uni volunteering groups are available to work closely with the community. Cafes for the elderly was suggested as a start, and it was agreed that the uni volunteers might be able to assist here. George will liaise. Jubilee Art weekend might be another opportunity. Proposals need to be put together and submitted to Andrew and James. Rory has also been speaking to Exetech which is music/bands based and could be available for an event. Peter Montgomery is liaising.</p>	<p>GD/IH/GS P Montgomery</p>
<p>7. Future Events, Projects and Cafes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AGM arrangements: Thanks to Harvest who have offered to be our speaker for the occasion. Steve and Sally may be able to help with cafe. Gay to pull cafe team and cakes together. b) Harvest – Garden Match: ECI runs this Lottery Funded initiative in last year of a three year project. The idea of Garden Match is that someone with a big garden they can't manage shares it with someone who wants to do more gardening. Produce can then be 	<p>GS</p>

<p>shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although people have been interested it hasn't been possible to match people up. Decided to focus on Newtown instead of whole city as Newtown has a mix of small and large garden properties. • Harvest has grown out of our little hut. • Harvest plan to hold an event like a speed-dating event to put people together. 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday 29 February to pop in and find out more at St Matthews Hall. We will help with publicity and leafletting but word of mouth is important, then events in May and September. <p>c) Calendar dates: GS to email them round. GS to circulate cafe dates to cafe team so that they can sign up to help.</p> <p>d) Food safety certificates update IH will authorise payment for this qualification for our cafe team leaders.</p> <p>e) Tea and coffee parties for the elderly George will call a meeting of the organising group and write a proposal. 70th anniversary of the Blitz in May could be an opportunity for an event.</p> <p>f) Winter Warmer –35 people came and good music from Spin 2 and Peter.</p> <p>g) Sensory Garden Project update – St Bridget Nurseries will supply us with plants. We need to consult with users about what they would like to see. Toby Buckland needs to know what our funding is before he can design anything. It was agreed that we should put together a simple plan for the first phase which can be submitted to Cllr Westlake</p>	<p>All/GS</p> <p>All</p> <p>GS</p> <p>IH/GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>MP/GS</p>
<p>8. Vision update ECC is very supportive. There is a new fund called the New Homes Bonus which attaches to new developments and aims to encourage councils to have new housing in their area. We might be able to pick up on this as</p>	

<p>funding for our new building through student developments. This could push our funding well ahead. ECC has asked for a business plan which is in hand.</p>	<p>IH</p>
<p>9. Constitution update In hand. We continue to use our old Constitution for the time being.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>a) Woodwork painting There is still painting to be done. Please contact Ian if you are able to help on Tuesday mornings.</p> <p>b) Table Tennis Table We have £2,780 in the kitty at the moment. We need a total of £4,000 including the concrete, but it could be reduced if we look for our own suppliers/builders. IH will look at small grants to meet the shortfall.</p> <p>c) Ice cream van Agreed, no objection. Gay will let them know.</p> <p>d) Community choir Magic Carpet has set up a Community Choir. Peter and Gay thought it would be nice to have one. Cost of musical director could be met from participants fees. Everyone liked the idea. Peter will look at this.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>IH</p> <p>GS</p> <p>Pmontgomery</p>
<p>10. Date of next meetings</p> <p>a) AGM Saturday 18 February 11 am to 1 pm. GS to email re cafe and cakes – Sally and Steve. NB Next AGM will have to run under old Constitution which requires 25 attendees. MP will arrange to advertise in the E & E .</p> <p>b) General Meeting Tuesday 20 March 8 pm</p>	<p>All</p>