

Newcourt Community Association AGM

Tuesday 24 April 2018

Minutes



Attendance: 92 people attended

Trustees: Chris Sampson, John Arkell, Jo Brown, Judy Cretney, Anna Evans. **Officers:** Ken Cretney (treasurer), Kate Arkell (minutes), Andrew Cook (line manager Centre manager)

Guests: 4 representatives from IKEA; Bernice Endacott (Community Builder), Councillor Andrew Leadbetter; Hayley Toy (Newcourt Community Centre Manager)

Apologies: from trustees Paul Brady & Claire Pinsent; 13 Newcourt residents; Sam Bourner (DCH); Councillor Rob Newby

1. **Welcome and introduction** (Andrew Cook)

- Conflicts of interest invited from trustees and officers – none declared
- Minutes from NCA AGM 2017 were approved (none against) and signed
- No matters arising

2. **Chairman of trustees** (Chris Sampson) explained his experience in Newcourt, first, as a resident, then getting involved in litter picks, meeting other residents, joining NCA as a trustee, and now chairman. The fulfilment of doing something positive to invest in the community.

3. **Treasurer's report** (Ken Cretney)

The Trustees Annual Report contains the financial report for the year 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017 that has been prepared, inspected and approved by the treasurer, trustees, officers and the Independent Examiner (Martin Cronin). This is available to view on www.newcourtca.org.uk under 'Legal'.

NCA (CIO) Financial Review of 2017	
Cash surplus	£45,713
Total cash receipts	£112,832
Total cash payments	£67,119
Total cash funds at 31 December	£110,799
Community Centre made a surplus of	£51,453 (this includes final ECC 'draw down' grant of £30,682)

- The reserves cover adequately all current and anticipated financial commitments. (for example – if the lift breaks down that could cost £30,000)
- The trustees continually review reserves and ensure monies are set aside if necessary to ensure all financial commitments continue to be met, and that any surpluses will continue to be spent on the charity's objectives.
- The trustees are developing a more robust financial planning process to more accurately forecast and prioritise the demands on the charity's reserves and surpluses.

Appreciation was expressed to Ken Cretney for his work as treasurer.

4. **Secretary's report** (John Arkell)

Looking back: community association started in 2012 when around 200 homes occupied – what has been achieved: Newcourt News & residents' email circulation; campaign for playpark, and J-Bus; social events outdoors – including carols on the green; Queen's Jubilee picnic; NCA becoming a charity with trustees; setting up & equipping the centre; appointing part-time manager (Hayley Toy); opening of Community centre in 2014; Station opening 2015. Indoor events – bingo, quiz nights.

In 2017: Community Garden taking shape; opening of Trinity School – first class met in the Centre for two terms; expanded Newcourt News; updated website; two residents' engagement surveys; developing our relationship with IKEA; a team working on parking/safety proposals for DCC; Phase 1 proposals; a trustees' planning workshop; vision, goals, objectives; (see website) conducting a wholesale review of the Centre to support the staff; introducing policies and contracts to make us employment and charity compliant. *Appreciation expressed to Centre Manager, Hayley Toy; Bernice Endacott introduced as ECI community builder for Newcourt.*

Looking ahead: continue working with DCC on (i) adoption and parking; and (ii) seeing a detailed proposal from a resident to make River Plate Road/Omaha Drive corner safe actually happen; developing and strengthening our relationship with IKEA; working with YMCA and Bernice Endacott (Community Builder) on the weekly Community Hub; establishing a robust secure charitable board of trustees and officers that gives hope of longevity. Much scope for involvement of individual residents - to be a liaison with - DCC, ECC, Developers, Police, Sandy Park, ECC Parks and Green Spaces; community events. Making Newcourt a great place to live!

5. Cllr Andrew Leadbetter

Re: adoption of roads: expressed tribute to Andrew Cook for an excellent piece of work in Phase 1. The 350 responses to the residents' survey last year greatly helped to move things forward. 'I will find money to sort the River Plate/Omaha bend in this financial year.' Residents' parking permits on match days is in the programme. The traffic plan for IKEA is involving Police, DCC. We will have traffic cones. Can't do 'Access only' in Newcourt, nor 20mph speed limit. But 20mph speed limits are under review.

6. Election of trustees:

Residents were invited to vote for or against a block vote for the nominated trustees. No-one voted against. All voted for a block vote.

The following trustees were unanimously elected: **Lawrence Clinton** (1° David Russell; 2° Judy Cretney); **Jonathan Draper** (1° Chris Sampson; 2° John Arkell); **Jenna Hamilton-Pursglove** (1° Nick Pursglove; 2° David Turner); **Maiteth Jones** (1° Andrew Cook; 2° John Arkell); **Emmanuelle Regrain** (1° John Arkell; 2° Joanne Brown); **David Russell** (1° Peter Farrow; 2° Jane Farrow)

This concluded the legal part of the evening.

7. **Owen Wilder** (Trinity School headteacher) expressed his appreciation for the school being hosted in the community centre; for the support received from many people in Newcourt; the value of connections between residents and the school. Invited anyone to come and see the school; and his desire to serve the community.
8. **IKEA presentation:** Want to be a good neighbour. Opening on 10th May. Traffic management big concern; have been working with Highways, the Councils and Police; For first 2 weeks will have Virtual messaging Signs on A379; 'no parking' yellow cones down Newcourt Way. Police will ticket those cars. DCC are closing the right turn into Newcourt Way coming out of Exeter.

Short Q&A closed the evening.