



Notes

A. Chairman's report (John Arkell)

NCA is a group of volunteers. We are a new community – so there aren't many of us here. The local community is invited to get involved. We want to use the problems that face us as bridges to build community – that takes a lot of hard work. And no-one gets a bean!

Looking back over the past year

(a) Centre is now fit for purpose. Thanks to the Council for significant alterations. (b) Have advertised, interviewed and selected Centre Manager & Centre opened in July by Lord Mayor. (c) Residents have the task of furnishing and fitting, keeping it secure, clean and tidy, hiring it out. (d) Have reached 50% of booking target in 6 months. (e) Community events for locals – Christmas fair; toddler groups; railway build process tracking; newssheet, emails, facebook, webpage; litter picking; representation over planning issues. (f) Residents have given hours and hours of voluntary time

Looking forward

(a) Continue marketing centre. (b) Re-energise Neighbourhood watch scheme & find street reps. (c) Progress road safety issue. (d) Work towards some provision for youth (e) Community garden. (f) More drop-in events (eg friendship club for older people). (g) Effect of Rugby world cup? (h) Start a residential response team. (i) Adopt Newcourt station
All done by volunteers

B. Money Matters (Clive Martin: Treasurer) (see separate financial report)

Extra notes: Financial year is January to December. So we keep well established end of year dates.

Need to get reserves. Any further grants seem very unlikely; We may not get rent rebate in year 3 – and may not be able to afford paid manager.

C. Re-election of Trustees

As a CIO, the trustees have the legal responsibility for the running of the NCA. These have to be proposed and elected in the manner specified in the constitution. The rest of the committee is made up of residents who volunteer, and partner members who represent Councils, D&CH and police. The trustees can co-opt a trustee during the year. This has to be ratified next AGM. Two Trustees were re-elected: **Kathryn Newbery** (proposed by Kate Arkell, seconded by Paulene Godfrey); all in favour. **Ken Cretney** (proposed by John Arkell, seconded by Chris Davies); all in favour. Joanna Broadhurst & Paulene Godfrey expressed interest in joining the NCA Committee, Cherie Rowlandson is considering. All voted in.

D. Guest Speaker: Richard Short: Assistant Director, ECC City Development

Explained the history of the Newcourt Plan. Newcourt when complete will be just over 3000 homes. 750 completed so far. East of railway line will have 460 homes and road link through to A379; Ikea outline consent and 220 houses. Land is reserved for a MUGA there. Then there is 16 hectares of employment land next to Sandy Park. Potential also for including St Bridget Nurseries, and driving range, and some of Mr Pratt's land.

- Schools** – 2 Primary sites - County Council to deliver school on DART land. Access an issue – Council in discussion to bring forward getting across 3 developers. Upper end of the site there could be a one form entry school.
- Ikea** – are planning new stores in Exeter, Sheffield and Redditch. Designing store at the moment. Retail – application in for Aldi off Topsham Road. Will it affect Topsham shops, darts land?
- Golf course fence** – 900 metres of netting 30 metres high. The responsibility for stray golf balls lies with the golf club. Remodel course Persimmon are looking for alternative ways to fund cost £550K.

E. Reports

• Youth provision (Jonathan Smith)

Youth clubs cut; there is insufficient space for kicking a ball around; few youth activities; complaints of noise and bad behaviour. So it is up to us in the community to provide facilities; run activities, keep children safe, be inclusive. But we can't just do stuff. Need DB check; Safeguarding policy, and need a qualified safeguarding officer; seek funding; work with other agencies; café facility; volunteers. Youth club won't solve the problem of kids on the street. Jonathan is working to get (a) a group of people together who are interested to hammer a few things out, (b) get parents of the teenagers involved.

• Centre - Hayley Toy (Centre Manager)

Centre owned by city council. They rent it to NCA to manage. There are 11 volunteers who help regularly. Have part-time cleaner. Centre is well booked. Our 2nd phrase – building volunteer base. There is so much opportunity. Financial security enables us to move forward. Members of the community can come and talk to me about what you would like to see and what you would like to help run. Lots of funding opportunities – eg Mark Marshall trust fund – apply youth fund.

• Crime (PCSO Anthony Keller)

There has been a large spate of vehicle crime – insecure vehicles. Make sure you lock your car, garage, etc.

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F. Questions, Comments & Concerns raised verbally or on post-it notes (*answers in italics*)

Building, development

- What about building for a shop? Access for delivery lorries? One stop is interested. Spar – waiting.
- St Bridget Nurseries is in the notional Newcourt plan, but they haven't sold their land yet
- Schooling is overloaded and only one school planned so far in this area.
- *Education authority – forecast. Proposal to improve capacity of schools. Does tend to be a bit of catch up. CIL Section 106 money was taken. Long list of requirements – transport, school.*
- Shops and health centre – where and when? *Dart land – provided by open market, existing doctors' practice will establish practice themselves. Hospital capacity – money has been stripped from council & social services*

Finances

An idea for regular support for the centre - £1 a week? £2 a week? Could that be set up?

If people donate £10 can reclaim tax back. Eg: 100 club – or 200 club. S/O for £1 a week. Friends of NCC. Is there someone to push that along?

Park & Open Spaces

- Community garden proposal between playpark and station – for everyone to get involved.
- Encourage residents to cultivate on 'waste' ground. How will land be maintained?
- can we have light in the park? ECC land. **ACTION: Cllr Rob Newby**
- Grass cutting – River Plate road not getting cut. *Persimmon is responsible to cut that grass.*
- Please can event signs be removed from lamp posts after events?
- Dog mess: Good place for dog bin & litter bin at the bottom of the steps. Who is Dog Warden? Need a few initiators. Offer them a bag! dog bins/litter bins. **ACTION: Cllr Rob Newby**

Transport, roads, parking, safety

- Lighting in Admiral Way and Omaha not working. *Has been ongoing problem for months. Roads won't get adopted till Persimmon sorts this.*
- Bus service – can this be extended? *Buses are subsidised by the developers. It is up to stagecoach. Sundays? There will be a train to use. Cllr Andrew Leadbetter can go to stagecoach.*
- Parking on Omaha Drive; Parking across pavements. *This will change when roads are adopted – yellow lines - Adoption within 6 months. Will need group of residents, police, county to decide where yellow lines will go.*
- Need signage for the station?
- car parking for the station - with room for 10 cars minimum? *There is no space for car parking at station; is for disabled only. Tony Raven is heading up this team of residents.*
- Lots park here on Rugby match days – *permits will be extended to this area.*
- Any plan for roads to be added to? Is the transport strategy sufficiently ambitious for all this development? *Gov Policy - can't refuse a development unless it is severe. Council decide how traffic can be mitigated to stop things grinding to a halt.*
- Pavements are too narrow – issues with parking – dropped kerbs missing – really poorly done – this is a big issue and very thick wedge. Dropped kerbs – none up Blakeslee Drive – need.

56 attended • 17 residents signed up to be voting members • 24 people volunteered to help in some way

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