**NEVILLES CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION [NXCA]**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2018; CHURCH HALL, ST JOHNS CHURCH**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** J Thompson (chair), A Doig (Sec), P Rowe (Treasurer), L Brown (Trustee), A Haysey (Trustee), M Smith (Trustee), D Walker, B Fox, A Lockhart, I Pollard, M Stephenson, J Graham, T Pitts, M Smith, E Ashby, K Davies, P Jackson, L Hudspith, R Hudspith, S Shaw, M walker, H Martin, J Meredith, E Scott.

1. **CHAIR’S WELCOME, MINUTES OF 16TH JANUARY 2018 MEETING, MATTERS ARISING and CHAIR’S ACTIONS**

**RECEIVED**

1. Chair’s opening comments.
2. Apologies for absence as follows: C Reeves, L Szablewska, E Evans, K Hampshire, B Whitton.

**APPROVED**

Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting held on 16th January 2018

**NOTED**

1. That there were no matters arising.
2. Chair’s actions are reported under the relevant item below.
3. **TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS, MEMBERSHIP AND DATA PROTECTION**

**APPROVED**

Mandeep Smith to become NXCA Entertainment and Activities Officer, to develop an annual calendar for NXCA and NXCA-related events.

**CONSIDERED**

That a Deputy Secretary be appointed to support work on membership records, data protection, etc.

1. **ACCOUNTS**

**NOTED**

Income and Expenditure relating to the Easter Egg Hunt which involved, after the APPROVED item below a modest net income

**APPROVED**

The Trustees’ decision to reimburse Mandeep Smith £65 for costume purchase relating to the Easter Egg Hunt.

**AGREED**

That Councillors Liz Brown and Elizabeth Scott be thanked for funding support for the event.

1. **PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTED**

1. That the Chair had invited all the elected parish councillors to attend the full meeting to appreciate the range of topics reflecting the interests and concerns of our members and to share a few words about themselves and what they see as the main challenges for the Ward.
2. That the Chair offered to include all new Parish councillors in the NXCA mailing list as associate members to ensure they receive all communications on local issues, meetings and events.
3. That the Chair suggested that all new Parish councillors join the Facebook group for Nevilles Cross.

**RECEIVED**

Introductions and short statements on issues and opportunities from Councillors Esther Ashby, Jonathan Elmer, Liz Brown, Elizabeth Scott and Alan Doig (Carol Reeves and Roger Cornwell sent their apologies).

1. **DURHAM UNIVERSITY AND RESIDENTS FORUM (DURF)**

**NOTED**

The DURF constitution (circulated with Agenda).

The University Feedback on its first ‘community engagement’ event on 12 April (circulated with Agenda).

**RECEIVED**

A report from the NXCA representative, Alan Doig, on the DURF meeting.

**AGREED**

That Grenville Holland, Nevilles Cross Parish councillor and NXCA member, be appointed as the second NXCA representative on DURF.

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**RECEIVED**

A report on the progress and status of the Durham Neighbourhood Plan, including information on the re-evaluation of the six themes in the light of public comment, on the referendum on the revised Plan at the end of the year, on the County Council plan and on the availability of more information on the Plan’s website (http://npf.durhamcity.org.uk/).

1. **SHERATON PARK/USTINOV COLLEGE**

**RECEIVED**

A summary of current developments relating to the Sheraton Park playfield from Helen Martin of the SPRA, including a survey of use, maintenance, relations with College, consultations over use, the current absence of a sub-committee, etc.

**CONSIDERED**

1. NXCA representation on a Sheraton Park playfield subcommittee.
2. An intended application from Ustinov College for a 1 hour extension to the bar licence for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

**NOTED**

1. That no progress had been considered on path lighting.
2. The application for extension (which will be a full application to include the extended hours requested) and the availability of individual members to comment on the application when formally submitted.
3. That Jamie Graham will be ending his role as Chair of the Common Room and that Tom Pitts will be his successor.
4. That Mandeep Smith was discussing with Banks Ltd the use of the area below the field (known as the Jungle) for gardening and an adventure play area.

**AGREED**

That NXCA stated its interest as an Association in the uses of the field and welcomed involvement in the consultation.

1. **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**RECEIVED**

A report on the progress and status of the Nevilles Cross Community Centre from the Chair on the decision to incorporate the bowls club requirements into that of the Centre while retaining an external storage facility, on the progress with the business case and the development of the feasibility study that will lead to an application of funding from s106 funds, on the availability of and need for more volunteers, and the need to apply for further funding.

1. **FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS TO WAY**

**CONSIDERED**

1. An possible NXCA project to map all existing footpaths and rights of way in the area
2. A letter from the NPF concerning Observatory Hill (circulated with Agenda).

**AGREED**

1. That (a) be deferred to the next meeting.
2. That (b) be considered by the Planning Sub-group.
3. **PLANNING MATTERS**

**CONSIDERED**

A questionnaire about the proposed County Hall location (circulated with Agenda).

**NOTED**

Issues concerning building on the carpark, access and traffic levels, etc.

**AGREED**

That the question of an NXCA response to the County Hall location be the Planning Sub-group

**APPROVED**

The Trustees letter of objection to the proposal to turning Newsmarket on

Nevilles Cross Bank into student accommodation (circulated with Agenda).

1. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

**RECEIVED**

Reports from local councillors relating to the speed limit on the A167 and round Durham School, the next PACT meeting, the proposed Western relief road, and an application for an HMO in Prospect Terrace.

1. **AOB**

**NOTED**

There was no AOB.