



**WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY
NEW BRIGHTON COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM
(NBCCT)
MEETING NOTES**



Monday 10 September 2018

Present:	<p>Albert Ellis (AE) Carl Leckey (CLe) Carla Beardsmore Caroline Laing (CL) Cathy Roberts (CR) Dave Peddie (DP) Frank Lund (FL) Nick Clark (NC) Pat Hackett (PH) Rose Leckey (RL) Tony Hurst (TH) Tony Jones (TJ) Gill Brookshaw (GB) Dan Davies (DD) Kerry Winstanley (KW) Lesley Malone (LMA) Liza Millington (LMi) Tom Smith (TS) Vicky Phillips-Jones (VPH)</p>	<p>Seabank Road Residents' & Tenants' Association Momentary Art Project (MAP) Kollective WMBC Constituency Manager (Notes) Literally A Bookshop The New Brighteners The Black Pearl Team Fort Perch Rock New Brighton Community Centre Momentary Art Project (MAP) Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group RNLI (Chair) Cabovino Wine Bar & Tapas CPL Training Group/Rock Point Leisure Athena Healthcare Athena Healthcare Athena Healthcare WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team New Brighton in Bloom</p>
Apologies:	<p>Carole Bowie (CB) Christine Downes (CD) David MacKenzie (DM) Doug Darroch (DD) Hedley Rees (HR) Jane Packham (JP) Michelle Gray (MG) Nick Ashfield (NA) Rusty Keane (RK) Rev Heather Atkinson (RevA) Shirley Ashton (SA)</p>	<p>Victoria Road Traders' Association Cabovino Wine Bar & Tapas Floral Pavilion Theatre Fort Perch Rock Wallasey Yacht Club Aprirose/Marine Point WMBC Constituency Engagement Officer Championship Adventure Golf Friends of Vale Park St James with Emmanuel Church New Brighton Community Partnership</p>
Invited:	<p>Joanne Kettle (JK) Julie Rowlands (JR) Natalie Cooper (NC) Neil Mitchell (NM) Vicky Rice (VR)</p>	<p>Victoria Pharmacy The Light The Master Mariner WMBC Regeneration The Queens Royal</p>

1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Caroline Laing reported that the Seabank Road Traders' Association had now dissolved and Paul Jackson, the representative, had withdrawn from NBCCT. Given the importance of having an input at the meeting from traders on Seabank Road, Carla Beardsmore was welcomed to join NBCCT. It was noted that whilst</p>	
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	<p>Carla was not a formal representative of the traders, it was very important to have a voice and view from a business in Seabank Road.</p> <p>It was reported that Justin Dooley (Caffe Cream) had advised that he would be withdrawing from the Coastal Community Team as he had been unable to participate due to ongoing commitments. He noted that it had been a pleasure being part of the team which is an essential part of New Brighton's future and wished the team continued success. He will continue to support the team with information and ideas as and when. The Chair and team noted their thanks for Justin's contribution, in particular his early work on New Brighton Mermaid Trail.</p>	
2.	<p>Actions and matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting were agreed and will be published at www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to enquire about the possibility of the installation of a CCTV camera in Vale Park.</i> Completed – Carried over as response awaited.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to query whether the former Lacy's bar can be screened with hoardings or similar for the event.</i> Completed – raised with the Council's Culture & Visitor Economy Team.</p>	
3.	<p>Dan Davies – CPL Training/Rock Point Leisure</p> <p>Dan attended the meeting to update on his proposals for Victoria Road/Victoria Parade. He outlined his successful business background and desire to see the Victoria Road area regenerated. He has bought the former solicitors building which he will be using as a base to engage with local stakeholders and develop the proposals further. His intended focus is very much around supporting and developing small and starter businesses and training young people. He outlined his business contacts that would bring additional value and his affiliation to a Government Select Committee. NBCCT expressed support for activity to improve the Victoria Road area in line with its early work to develop 'The Old Town' as a visitor destination.</p> <p>It was agreed that Dan would keep NBCCT updated with plans and activity and attend meetings every six months to provide a more formal update.</p>	
4.	<p>Vicky Phillips-Jones - New Brighton in Bloom</p> <p>Vicky provided details of the newly formed New Brighton in Bloom, whose aim is to spread 'floral joy' across New Brighton. Vicky and Sue, founding members and volunteers themselves, had recruited further volunteers to support the not-for-profit group's work. They had spoken with Caroline Laing and also spent time with Wallasey Village in Bloom whilst setting up. They had obtained some early business sponsorship and had, had discussions with Arena Healthcare and Dan Davies. They had started their planting in partnership with the Floral Pavilion and are highly visible when working in turquoise tabards. It was confirmed that £200 funding had been transferred to the group by NBCCT, as per the agreement previously noted with Victoria Road Traders' Association, to undertake some initial work in the Road/Parade. Dan Davies has also committed £2,500 to support the group's activities in the location.</p>	

	The work of the group in New Brighton was very much welcomed by NBCCT.	
5.	<p>Athena Healthcare</p> <p>Lesley provided an update on progress with the building of the dementia lodges on Alexandra Road and Kerry Winstanley was introduced as the newly appointed manager of 'Lighthouse Lodge'. The Open Day for the first lodge is on 17 October 2018 (NBCCT members invited) and the first residents will be admitted at the end of October 2018. Recruitment is going well with about 250 jobs created. Pat Hackett noted that he had visited another Athena facility in Southport and noted how both staff and residents had praised it highly.</p> <p>Wider linkages into the local area by Athena Healthcare were also discussed.</p>	
6.	<p>Giant Spectacular: Liverpool's Dream – Liverpool & Wirral</p> <p>Tom Smith attended to provide an update on the event which was discussed in detail. Relevant information and any further changes to timings, routes, etc. can be found at www.giantspectacular.com.</p> <p>Tom also noted that the River of Light 2018 would take place on Sunday 4 November 2018. https://www.imaginewirral.com/events/river-of-light</p> <p>The events programme for 2019 is currently being worked on.</p>	
7.	<p>Pavement art</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted an idea around pavement art along the promenade working with local artists and schools. He is developing a plan around this and gauging interest for next year.</p> <p>Cathy noted that there had been interest in a Cartoon Festival that she had run twenty years ago, so was exploring this too.</p>	
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Great disappointment was noted at the recent damage to the 'Paxtonea' statue in Vale Park, part of New Brighton Mermaid Trail. This has resulted from a stolen motorcycle being set alight against the statue which had damaged it beyond repair. The community spirit was noted as was the strong desire to rebuild the statue. Estimates are being gathered and it is intended that Cathy Roberts, the Momentary Art Project, The New Brighteners and The Black Pearl team work together to seek crowdfunding for the costs to reinstate the mermaid.</p> <p>Rose Leckey noted that there are now 140 'recycled' benches installed by Wirral Older People's Parliament along the promenade, with three more on order. Rose noted that the installation of benches was being brought back under the responsibility of the Council following the ending of its contract with BAM Nuttall. A bench has been installed to commemorate one hundred years since the suffragettes won the right for women to vote and Carl Leckey noted that a further project was being explored around the suffragettes. The tying of the stalls at the Continental Market to the benches was noted and Caroline reported that the organiser had apologised; he was not on site at the time and has taken steps to ensure this does not happen again.</p>	

	<p>Work is still ongoing to progress the 'spin off' project to the Mermaid Trail.</p> <p>Cathy Roberts reported that a small trust is being formed with the Kingham family to maintain and look after Perch Rock Lighthouse. Culture Liverpool had made a donation of £500 and initial work is focusing upon some minor repairs and cleaning inside.</p> <p>Dave Peddie reported that the Family Beach Sand Sculpture Competition event went well in August.</p> <p>Albert Ellis reported that thirteen picnic tables had been varnished at and around the Championship Adventure Golf and he was due to work on the benches outside Morrisons shortly; all through 'Community Payback' (Probation). Three hundred daffodils are due to be planted on Seabank Road shortly.</p> <p>Carla Beardsmore updated on efforts to develop Seabank Road, which now has a great mix of unique shops and restaurants, focused upon a 'craft' theme linking it with the train station.</p> <p>It was noted that the 'pirate footsteps' had been laid between the train station and The Black Pearl, organised by the Constituency Team, creating the start of the Pirate Trail in Victoria Road/Parade. It was now for the businesses to build upon this.</p> <p>Caroline Laing reported that the contract for the new wayfinding signage in New Brighton (new 'fingerposts' and additional map frames) had been awarded following a tender exercise. Nick Ashfield and Hedley Rees had kindly participated in the assessment panel. The fingerposts are on track for installation prior to the Giant Spectacular.</p> <p>Caroline noted that there was no news yet on Wirral Council's bid to the Coastal Communities Fund or NBCCT's bid to the Coastal Revival Fund (the latter expected in the autumn). Caroline also noted that spare Visitor Information Maps could be obtained from either her/Michelle Gray.</p> <p>Pat Hackett noted the positive activity by Athena Healthcare and Dan Davies and how this links with and adds value to NBCCT's Economic Plan for the resort. Tony Jones reiterated that there was much positive activity planned for New Brighton which was very encouraging.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meetings (closed)</p> <p>Monday 15 October Monday 12 November Monday 10 December</p>	