



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



**Monday 18 June 2018**

<b>Present:</b>	<p>Albert Ellis (AE)          Carl Leckey (CLe)          Caroline Laing (CL)          Cathy Roberts (CR)          Christine Downes (CD)          Dave Peddie (DP)          David MacKenzie (DM)          Frank Lund (FL)          Hedley Rees (HR)          Rose Leckey (RL)          Shirley Ashton (SA)          Tony Hurst (TH)          Tony Jones (TJ)          Pat Hackett (PH)          Charles Lea</p>	<p>Seabank Road Residents' &amp; Tenants' Association          Momentary Art Project (MAP)          WMBC Constituency Manager (Notes)          Literally A Bookshop          Cabovino Wine Bar &amp; Tapas          The New Brighteners          Floral Pavilion Theatre          The Black Pearl Team          Wallasey Yacht Club          Momentary Art Project (MAP)          New Brighton Community Partnership          Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group          RNLI (Chair)          New Brighton Community Centre          Read Now Write Now</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Carole Bowie (CB)          Doug Darroch (DD)          Jane Packham (JP)          Michelle Gray (MG)          Nick Clark (NC)          Nick Ashfield (NA)          Rusty Keane (RK)          Rev Heather Atkinson (RevA)</p>	<p>Victoria Road Traders' Association          Fort Perch Rock          Aprirose/Marine Point          WMBC Constituency Engagement Officer          Fort Perch Rock          Championship Adventure Golf          Friends of Vale Park          St James with Emmanuel Church</p>
<b>Invited:</b>	<p>Joanne Kettle (JK)          Julie Rowlands (JR)          Justin Dooley (JD)          Natalie Cooper (NC)          Paul Jackson (PJ)          Neil Mitchell (NM)          Vicky Rice (VR)</p>	<p>Victoria Pharmacy          The Light          Caffè Cream          The Master Mariner          Seabank Road Traders' Association          WMBC Regeneration          The Queens Royal</p>

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	
	Apologies were noted.	

<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Actions and matters arising from the last meeting</b></p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting had been agreed by email and published at <a href="http://www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton">www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton</a>.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to discuss with Doug Darroch the need for updated information about Fort Perch Rock online.</i> Completed. Doug will update the web site and Caroline will notify any other online sites that the Fort is closed temporarily.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to raise the request for bulk bins to be returned to ‘The Dips’ with the Council’s Waste &amp; Recycling team.</i> Completed. The bins were removed due to unauthorised use primarily the depositing of commercial waste. There is no intention at this time to replace the bins.</p> <p><i>Caroline Laing to seek a view from the Council’s Environmental Health team on the pollution caused by idling food and drink vans.</i> Caroline fed back detailed information from the Council’s Environmental Health team. It was noted that vehicles, such as ice cream vans, required their engines to run in order to operate machinery such as fridges and would therefore fall outside of the requirements of the anti-idling regulations. It was agreed that Carl Leckey would liaise with Dave Peddie regarding taking a proposal to the Council’s Attractive Local Environment Steering Group on how to reduce such pollution.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>Caroline Laing reported that Wirral Anti-Social Behaviour Team had advised that they would not be seeking a further Public Spaces Protection Order for Marine Lake and the Model Boating Lake once the current Order expires on 17 July 2018. The concerns of the group were noted.</p> <p>Shirley Ashton reported that she had met with Culture Liverpool and provided New Brighton Visitor Information Maps for display at the Liverpool International Business Festival (12-28 June 2018).</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Proposal: Sound Received – Memories &amp; Erosion</b></p> <p>Charles Lea (Read Now Write Now) attended to discuss a proposal he has developed in conjunction with Dr James Kent and Wirral Archives. The project is focused upon six locations across the Wirral coastline with listening workshops and walks to capture people’s memories of the locations (including New Brighton &amp; Wallasey). This will result in an online ‘sound map’ where people can listen to the memories and sounds at specific locations. An application will be made for Heritage Lottery funding and Charles was seeking NBCCT support for the project.</p> <p>The project was discussed. There is a keenness to work with local historians and volunteers. Suggestions were made to include Hidden Wirral, North-West Lodestar and Wallasey Historical Society.</p> <p>Charles left the meeting and the NBCCT’s views about the project and its</p>	

	<p>execution discussed. It was agreed that NBCCT will support the project in principle, as the project is consistent with the Economic Plan for New Brighton, and a letter confirming this will be provided to Charles Lea.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Family Beach Sculpture Competition 12 August 2018</b></p> <p>Dave Peddie made a request for the donation of prizes to this forthcoming event in New Brighton. Michelle Gray is coordinating the list.</p> <p><b>ACTION: ALL to notify Michelle Gray of any donation for the competition.</b></p>	ALL
5.	<p><b>Tall Ships Weekend</b></p> <p>Caroline Laing noted that a survey would be issued shortly seeking business and organisations' feedback about the event, which drew thousands of people to New Brighton's shores (25-28 May 2018).</p> <p>Pointers for the next event were noted and will be fed back by Caroline Laing. Members of NBCCT were encouraged to complete the forthcoming survey with their individual feedback.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Coastal Revival Fund</b></p> <p>The first draft of the application form was discussed. This outlined the proposal to create a small 'event platform' in Marine Lake which would be used both independently and to support large scale events with animations and installations. Cathy Roberts had been seeking advice on construction and obtaining quotes for the bid. Additions and amendments to the application form were noted. Thanks were noted to those undertaking the work on the submission.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to circulate the final draft prior to submission.</b></p>	CL
7.	<p><b>Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund</b></p> <p>The latest round of the Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund was discussed. Suggestions for bids included access for people with disabilities to the area surrounding The Black Pearl (quotes awaited) and work to support 'The Old Town' (Victoria Road/Victoria Parade). Pat Hackett will circulate a previous bid for (Mary) Portas Pilot funding in respect of the Victoria Road area. No final decision was made at this time regarding the submission of a bid.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Proposed Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order</b></p> <p>The proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was discussed.  <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/environmental-problems/dog-control-orders">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/environmental-problems/dog-control-orders</a></p> <p>It was noted with concern that there was an amount of misinformation circulating regarding the proposal, particularly in relation to the proposed 'dog free' areas on some beaches which amounted to a very small proportion of total beach area which would still be available to exercise dogs. The need to 'myth bust' by the Council was noted.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that whilst there may be some minor tweaks required to boundaries (e.g. a border of the proposed 'dog free' beach in New Brighton), NBCCT recorded its support for the proposed PSPO.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Victoria Road Traders' Association (VRTA) was discussed. It was noted that the Association had unfortunately been unable to execute the spend on the Pirate Trail etc., funded through former Town Team money. The Association's intention to close its bank account and return the money to the Council was noted. It was agreed that NBCCT would now manage the execution of this spend in accordance with the wishes of VRTA. The remaining balance of £1,765.71 would be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- develop the proposed Pirate Trail;</li> <li>- provide a small donation for flowers to the local residents who were taking responsibility for the planting;</li> <li>- contribute to Christmas lighting in December 2018.</li> </ul> <p>This approach had been agreed with the Council's Major Growth &amp; Housing Delivery team who oversaw the funding originally.</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that there are now 120 'recycled' benches installed by Wirral Older People's Parliament along the promenade, with more on order. The recent installation of an 'unauthorised' bench was discussed and the Council thanked for their sensitive handling of the issue.</p> <p>Carl reported that there will be an event in early July to celebrate further artwork on the Momentary Art Project's 'rotunda' project (end of Victoria Parade). The group was unfortunately unsuccessful in its bid for Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund for this project; the latest panel has been funded by Carl and Rose personally.</p> <p>Carl also highlighted Clean Air Day 2018 (21 June) and noted his and Rose's support; they will be attending the event organised by the Council on this day.</p> <p>A short film, 'Brighter', featuring The New Brighteners was noted.  <a href="https://vimeo.com/274593317">https://vimeo.com/274593317</a></p> <p>The group was also featured on a travel programme over the weekend.</p> <p>David MacKenzie highlighted the Floral Pavilion's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (post-redevelopment) this year; a programme of celebratory events will follow.</p> <p>Tony Hurst raised the need for an official crossing point on Marine Promenade. The informal points (dropped kerbs) are often blocked by cars or bin collections. Issues with cars accelerating at speed once clearing the roundabout and heading along Marine Promenade was also highlighted. Parking close to Rowson Street roundabout was also noted, as was the regular parking of an articulated lorry (weekends and holidays) on Rowson Street and periodically Victoria Road.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Tony Jones to progress and feed back.</b></p> <p>Dave Peddie raised the lack of visibility of the Visitor Information Point. It was noted that there is signage on each of the entrances to Marine Park and the</p>	<p>TJ</p>

	<p>plan is to include further signage on directional ‘fingerposts’ should funding be identified. Shirley will discuss with Shopmobility the location of a sign by the entrance to the Park opposite Morrisons (as already proposed for Shopmobility).</p> <p>The proposed parking charges on Kings Parade were discussed and concern noted. The anticipated impact on neighbouring residential roads was highlighted. Members will feed into the consultation individually.  <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/proposed-new-parking-charges">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/proposed-new-parking-charges</a></p> <p>It was noted that unfortunately Blackberry Grove and the Solicitors is closing in Victoria Road. It was also noted that Community SOUL may no longer be opening on Atherton Street. Pat Hackett is progressing an issue with the visual impact of a vacant property on Atherton Street.</p> <p>The timing and oversight of the calendar of events in New Brighton was highlighted by a member. It was suggested that the Food Market would have greater impact on weekends that were not Bank Holidays (when footfall was ordinarily lower) and the impact of the rally on the last weekend of summer was also highlighted.  <b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to raise with the Council’s Culture Team.</b></p> <p>Frank Lund reported damage to the Fairy Village (Vale Park) over the weekend with bottles smashed.  <b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to enquire about the possibility of the installation of a CCTV camera.</b></p> <p>The successful opening and operation of the Pier Master’s Rest was noted positively.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meetings (closed)</b></p> <p>Monday 16 July  Monday 10 September  Monday 15 October  Monday 12 November  Monday 10 December</p>	