



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



**Monday 20 January 2020**

<b>Present:</b>	Alison Ord (AO) Caroline Laing (CL) Cathy Roberts (CR) Carl Leckey (CLe) Dan Davies (DD) Hazel Quinn (HQ) Hedley Rees (HR) Joanne Kettle (JK) Joyce Ashton (JA) Julie Rowlands (JR) Keith Keeley (KK) Neville Bradley (NB) Nicola Cubbin (NC) Rev Heather Atkinson (RevA) Rose Leckey (RL) Sally Shah (SS) Shirley Ashton (SA) Sue Mace (SM) Tony Hurst (TH) Tom Forth (TF) Olivia Valerio (OV)	The Black Pearl WMBC Constituency Manager Literally A Bookshop (Acting Chair) Momentary Art Project (MAP) Rockpoint Leisure Vale House Café Wallasey Yacht Club Victoria Pharmacy SS Peter, Paul & St Philomena Church Light Cinema WBC Business Change Gorse Millennium Trust Victoria Pharmacy/Post Office St James with Emmanuel Church Momentary Art Project (MAP) WMBC Regeneration & Inward Investment New Brighton Heritage Centre The Black Pearl Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group Floral Pavilion WMBC Graduate Trainee (Notes)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Albert Ellis (AE) Carla Beardmore (CB) David Hearn (DH) Doug Darroch (DD) Frank Lund (FL) Ian Richards (IR) Lindsey Devlin (LD) Marie Kenny (MK) Michelle Gray (MG) Nick Ashfield (NA) Nick Clarke (NC) Pat Hackett (PH) Richie Pitt (RP) Tony Jones (TJ)	Seabank Road Residents' & Tenants' Association Collective The Dusty Teapot Fort Perch Rock The Black Pearl Rockpoint Leisure Floral Pavilion Theatre Floral Pavilion Theatre WMBC Wallasey Constituency Team Championship Adventure Golf Fort Perch Rock New Brighton Community Centre Vale House Café RNLI (Chair)
<b>Invited:</b>	Carole Bowie (CB) Jane Packham (JP) Manisha Pandya (MP) Mike Chapman (MC) Natalie Cooper (NC)	Wirral Model Shop Aprirose/Marine Point The New Brighteners Friends of Vale Park The Master Mariner

	Neil Mitchell (NM) Tricia Myers (TM)	WMBC Major Growth & Housing Delivery Riverside Bowl & Laser Quest
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1.	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted. The notes from the last meeting have been published at: <a href="http://www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton">www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton</a>.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Actions &amp; matters arising from the last meeting:</b></p> <p><i>ACTION: Dan Davies discuss <a href="http://www.visitnewbrighton.com">www.visitnewbrighton.com</a> with Tony Hurst.</i> A meeting is being arranged. Carried over.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Tony Hurst &amp; Dan Davies to report back regarding <a href="http://www.visitnewbrighton.com">www.visitnewbrighton.com</a>.</b></p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to discuss lighting in Vale Park with Darran Marquiss (Parks &amp; Countryside Manager).</i> Whilst additional lighting would be supported in principle, there is no budget to fund this at the current time. Potential funding streams were noted. Hazel Quinn will pursue the keeping of an 'Accident Register'.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that Alison Bailey Smith (WMBC Culture &amp; Visitor Economy Team) had been in contact with some suggested funding streams for MAP's projects, which is helpful.</p>	TH/ DD
3.	<p><b>New Brighton Master Plan</b></p> <p>Sally Shah (WMBC Assistant Director - Regeneration &amp; Inward Investment) and Keith Keeley (WMBC Project Officer) outlined proposals to develop a Master Plan for New Brighton; noting that the resort is highlighted in Wirral's Strategic Regeneration Framework as having opportunities for further development. The Master Plan would include a detailed planning framework to guide further regeneration in the area. It will cover a wide range of issues such as transport, housing, tourism (including place making) and infrastructure. The intention is to commission this in or around March 2020 with early outputs in June-July 2020 and a final Plan produced in 6-8 months. The Master Plan will build upon the current Economic Plan for the resort [<i>Building on New Brighton's Successes</i>] creating a long-term vision for the resort with an associated Action Plan for delivery. The linkages with the Local Plan were also noted, which will be consulted upon in the summer and published in November 2020.</p> <p>It was emphasised that their consultation with NBCCT was amongst the very first steps of the project and the knowledge and expertise of NBCCT members will help determine what is important, what needs factoring in and who further needs engaging with.</p> <p>The views of members were sought to help populate the brief for the Master</p>	

Plan. Topics discussed included:

- need for greater and high-end overnight accommodation.
- free and unique events.
- innovative and exciting activities to increase dwell time;
- conference opportunities.
- better integration between Marine Point, the promenade (Marine Promenade) and Victoria Road/Parade.
- housing.
- better infrastructure (toilets, lighting, etc.).
- strategy/policy for events in the resort and associated road closures.
- greater connectivity between Seacombe and New Brighton.
- ambition for the resort including the desire to see a pier and a ferry returned.
- transportation and parking.
- community safety.
- accessibility.
- place making and marketing, particularly in relation to specific key sites; as well as exploring options around guided (bus) tours and visiting cruise liners.

The importance of culture and ‘performance’ to New Brighton, rooted in its history, was also highlighted as a possible driver for regeneration. In addition, the discussion included Wirral Growth Company’s role in New Brighton and also links with the Liverpool City Region. Dan Davies noted the House of Lords 2017 Select Committee report, *‘Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities: The future of seaside towns’* and referenced successful regeneration in other areas internationally.

The importance of local engagement was noted. Sally stated that it is her intention to create a Steering Group to oversee the development of the Master Plan and would welcome a representative of NBCCT to participate in the group. Sally welcomed suggestions from members as to organisations they knew of who had the expertise to undertake the master planning process; they will be included in the subsequent commissioning process.

Sally & Keith were thanked and will return to a further meeting shortly with a draft brief. Caroline will circulate contact details for Sally and Keith so any further thoughts, or input from members not in attendance, can be sent directly to them.

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Carl Leckey highlighted his most recent book that had been published to raise funding to facilitate the visiting of children affected by the Chernobyl disaster. These are being sold for £5 each. Dan Davies purchased 100 and Joyce Ashton offered to stock them in the Church.</p> <p>Carl Leckey also outlined a proposed project involving a wind turbine/weather station. Carl sought assistance in completing the Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund application.</p> <p>Rev Heather Atkinson offered the idea of hosting a joint tour of St James' Church and the 'Dome of Home'. Both churches have many unknown but interesting facts and architectural significance which could benefit from a partnership.</p> <p>Nicola Cubbin discussed ongoing difficulties to have a pathway installed to access a network of caves under her home. Schools and parties could be potentially interested in tours if accessible. Caroline will contact her to discuss further. It was noted how caves such as these reinforce the pirate and smuggling heritage of New Brighton.</p> <p>Shirley Ashton noted the display of Tommy Mann's miniature railway at the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Joyce Ashton distributed 'Dome of Home' calendars to the group. The pictures selected were chosen from submissions to an exhibition.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meetings (2020):</b></p> <p>Monday 24 February  Monday 23 March  Monday 20 April  Monday 25 May  Monday 22 June  Monday 20 July  August - nil  Monday 21 September  Monday 19 October  Monday 16 November  Monday 14 December</p>	