



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



Monday 21 October 2019

Present:	Caroline Laing (CL) Cathy Roberts (CR) Carl Leckey (CLe) Dan Davies (DD) Hedley Rees (HR) Rev Heather Atkinson (RevA) Rose Leckey (RL) Sue Mace (SM) Tom Smith (TS) Olivia Valerio (OV)	WMBC Constituency Manager Literally A Bookshop (Acting Chair) Momentary Art Project (MAP) Rockpoint Leisure Wallasey Yacht Club St James with Emmanuel Church Momentary Art Project (MAP) The Black Pearl WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team WMBC Graduate Trainee (Notes)
Apologies:	Doug Darroch (DD) Michelle Gray (MG) Nick Ashfield (NA) Nick Clarke (NC) Pat Hackett (PH) Rusty Keane (RK) Shirley Ashton (SA) Tony Hurst (TH) Tony Jones (TJ)	Fort Perch Rock WMBC Wallasey Constituency Team Championship Adventure Golf Fort Perch Rock New Brighton Community Centre Friends of Vale Park New Brighton Community Partnership Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group RNLI (Chair)
Invited:	Albert Ellis (AE) Carla Beardmore (CB) Carole Bowie (CB) Jane Packham (JP) Joanne Kettle (JK) Julie Rowlands (JR) Lindsey Devlin (LD) Manisha Pandya (MP) Marie Kenny (MK) Tricia Myers (TM) Natalie Cooper (NC) Neil Mitchell (NM) Vicky Rice (VR)	Seabank Road Residents' & Tenants' Association Collective Wirral Model Shop Aprose/Marine Point Victoria Pharmacy The Light Floral Pavilion Theatre The New Brighteners Floral Pavilion Theatre Riverside Bowl & Laser Quest The Master Mariner WMBC Regeneration The Queens Royal

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies: Apologies were noted. The notes from the last meeting were agreed and will be published at: www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton .	
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<p>2.</p>	<p>Actions & matters arising from the last meeting:</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to obtain a formal response from the Council regarding the ongoing issue with the reported defective street lighting on Marine Promenade.</i></p> <p>The issue of street lighting was discussed and it was agreed that further discussion was needed regarding this and issues with pavements.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to request a relevant Council Officer attends the next meeting.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to seek the addition of signage at either end of the lake pathway, noting that it may not be suitable for users with mobility aids and prams due to windblown sand.</i></p> <p>Completed; signs will be installed.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to arrange for an officer from the Culture & Visitor Economy Team to meet with the Momentary Art Project to discuss support.</i></p> <p>Completed; Jane Morgan (Senior Manager – Culture Strategy) has made initial contact with MAP.</p> <p>ACTION: Cathy Roberts & Shirley Ashton to discuss www.visitnewbrighton.com with Tony Hurst.</p> <p>An initial conversation has taken place. Tony Hurst is currently paying for the maintenance of the website but welcomes a discussion.</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Caroline Laing noted that further to Shirley Ashton’s request to the Council’s Chief Executive regarding officer support for the team, Olivia Valerio (WMBC Graduate Trainee) will in the short-term be supporting with the administration of the team (notes, etc.). Caroline noted that she had been seconded internally to work as part of a new team 3 days a week, however it had been agreed that the remaining two days a week would be dedicated to working on visitor economy projects in New Brighton, including providing strategic support to NBCCT. These arrangements were welcomed by the team.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CR/SA/TH</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Event: River of Light</p> <p>Tom Smith (WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team) outlined plans for the upcoming firework display, River of Light. There was a discussion around the road closure that had been arranged (Marine Promenade at the junctions of Rowson Street & Virginia Road from 8am). Though it was understood the reason why the road closure was needed, concerns around consultation with businesses was raised due to the extended period of the closure. Tom explained how businesses had been informed of such closure, but acknowledged that further considerations in relation to consultation will be discussed in the de-brief.</p> <p>Tom also confirmed that any events hosted by local businesses in the area will be advertised.</p>	

	<p>ACTION: ALL to notify Tom Smith of any local business events to be included on the River of Light webpage/comms.</p> <p>It was suggested by Dan Davies that Rockpoint Leisure's lighting of the mural tour once the event is finished will be a good way of staggering public departure from the event. It was agreed that this could be a good strategy to keep people zig-zagging around the area, helping local businesses and reducing the overall volume of people leaving the area at once. Tom will continue to liaise with Ian Richards regarding this.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Proposal: A Model Resort</p> <p>Cathy Roberts outlined a proposed bid for funding for a model village attraction to Heritage Lottery. It is planned that the model village would be of a larger 1 in 10 scale, around ¾ of a foot high, with around 35 items proposed so far. The model village would build upon from the hugely popular Giant Spectacular, with large scale model boots and clothing included in the village to allow visitors to image they themselves are giants. The land needed would be around 3 acres. The subject of the location was discussed and Cathy suggested in her view there were three suitable sites; options would need to be explored further with the Council in due course.</p> <p>The costs quoted by an architect gave an estimate of £1million-£1.4million to fully build. The need for 24-hour security was also noted. It was acknowledged that the proposal would be expensive but ultimately worth it.</p> <p>It was agreed that the exciting proposal had a strong justification.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Dates for meetings in 2020</p> <p>The day and time of future meetings was discussed. After debate it became evident that there is no 'perfect' day that suited all, so the day (Monday) and time (2pm) will remain the same.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to circulate dates for agreement at the next meeting.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Caroline Laing updated that the respective applications for planning consent for the proposed Watersports & Adventure Park (ADV.) and Event Platform (WMBC) were progressing. A Habitats Regulations Assessment, for consideration by Natural England, was required both separately and for the cumulative activity and therefore the Event Platform could not progress sooner as hoped. Caroline will keep the team updated as each progress through the planning process.</p> <p>Sue Mace outlined the details of upcoming Christmas events. The main event being the light up of Vale Park. A large driftwood Christmas tree has been</p>	

	<p>sourced. It will be held during the late afternoon so children can attend after school. Sue informed that due to the weather disruptions last year, there would be no Christmas grotto this year. Instead, families will be encouraged to bring glowsticks and join in on a walk from the park to The Black Pearl along with Santa and his elves to switch on the lights there. Funding for these events came From the Wirral Together Fund (electrical connection) and a very generous £4,000 donation from Tesco.</p> <p>Reverend Heather Atkinson informed of a 2-week prisoner art exhibition in St James' Church. Dan enquired about the possibility of doing an art exhibition together in the future.</p> <p>Cathy Roberts outlined the plans to progress a dog-themed Christmas event in Victoria Road; provisional dates are 14/15 or 21/22 December, to be confirmed.</p> <p>Rose Leckey updated the progress of the recycled benches installed by Wirral Older People's Parliament. 14 benches were to be completed before the end of October with 3 more in the pipeline for November. Carl Leckey noted the success of the 'happy to chat' benches. The successful Family Beach Sand Sculpture this year will not be hosted again next year due to competing demands. Finally, proceeds of Carl's latest book will go towards helping support the children of Chernobyl.</p> <p>The ongoing issue with the lack of dedicated camper van site/s was raised.</p> <p>Cathy raised the issue with the decline in attendance at NBCCT meetings. A recruitment drive was agreed as necessary to broaden membership and attendees agreed to nominate 1 or 2 new members (or representatives) to attend the next meeting. It was noted that there needed to be a balanced membership between community groups and businesses and that meetings were not 'open' and by invitation only.</p> <p>ACTION: ALL to notify Caroline Laing of any New Brighton-based businesses, groups or organisations interested in becoming members of NBCCT.</p> <p>Caroline will liaise with those nominated directly before the next meeting.</p>	ALL
	<p>Date of next meetings (2019):</p> <p>Monday 18 November</p> <p>Monday 9 December</p>	