



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



**Monday 18 February 2019**

<b>Present:</b>	Alison Ord (AO) Caroline Laing (CL) Cathy Roberts (CR) Carl Leckey (CLe) Christine Downes (CD) Hedley Rees (HR) Pat Hackett (PH) Rev Heather Atkinson (RevA) Rose Leckey (RL) Shirley Ashton (SA) Tony Hurst (TH) Dan Davies (DDa) Ian Richards (IR) Ruth Embleton (RE)	Black Pearl Team WMBC Constituency Manager Literally A Bookshop Momentary Art Project (MAP) Cabovino Wine Bar & Tapas Wallasey Yacht Club New Brighton Community Centre (Acting Chair) St James with Emmanuel Church Momentary Art Project (MAP) New Brighton Community Partnership Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group Rockpoint Leisure Rockpoint Leisure WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team
<b>Apologies:</b>	Albert Ellis (AE) Carla Beardmore (CB) Dave Peddie (DP) David MacKenzie (DM) Doug Darroch (DD) Joanne Kettle (JK) Major Mace (MM) Michelle Gray (MG) Nick Ashfield (NA) Nick Clark (NC) Rusty Keane (RK) Tom Smith (TS) Tony Jones (TJ)	Seabank Road Residents' & Tenants' Association Kollektive The New Brighteners Floral Pavilion Theatre Fort Perch Rock Victoria Pharmacy Black Pearl Team WMBC Wallasey Constituency Team Championship Adventure Golf Fort Perch Rock Friends of Vale Park WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team RNLI (Chair)
<b>Invited:</b>	Carole Bowie (CB) Jane Packham (JP) Julie Rowlands (JR) Tricia Myers (TM) Natalie Cooper (NC) Neil Mitchell (NM) Vicky Rice (VR)	Wirral Model Shop Aprirose/Marine Point The Light Riverside Bowl & Laser Quest The Master Mariner WMBC Regeneration The Queens Royal

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</b>  Apologies were noted.	
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<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Actions &amp; matters arising from the last meeting:</b></p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting had been published at <a href="http://www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton">www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton</a>.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Albert Ellis to liaise with Pat Hackett regarding space in New Brighton Community Centre area and to feedback to NBCCT on future plans/developments.</i></p> <p>Closed. Albert has determined that the location for the new community café will be at the former off-licence on Seabank Road.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to raise NBCCT's views regarding the experimental parking restrictions on Kings Parade/Coastal Drive to deal with complaints about the parking of camper vans with relevant officer/s and Tony Jones as Chair to raise directly with officers upon completion of the notes.</i></p> <p>Completed. Pat Hackett also noted that interested parties have been invited to attend the next meeting of the Business Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee. He will forward this invitation.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>It was noted that the funding for the replacement of the 'Paxtonea' mermaid (New Brighton Mermaid Trail) in Vale Park will be sought through an Arts Council bid, rather than crowdfunding. Cathy Roberts is leading this.</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that a bid to the Arts Council was also being made in relation to the Rotunda art project (bottom of Victoria Parade), rather than the Lottery Fund.</p> <p>In relation to the Pirate Trail, Dan Davies suggested using the end gables of the shops for related artwork. Cathy Roberts will forward suggested imagery. Carl Leckey made suggestions around engaging the businesses in a treasure map.</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that the work around the Suffragettes was progressing and there would be a display in the Heritage Centre (St James' Church) on the first Sunday in March. The Council had invited the display to Wallasey Town Hall.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Rockpoint Leisure</b></p> <p>Dan Davies and Ian Richards provided a detailed update on the progress made by Rockpoint Leisure in the regeneration of the Victoria Road area, emphasising the focus upon complementing, amplifying and supporting existing businesses. In summary the plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rockpoint Apparel – now open. This has seen investment in small online and/or home-based businesses, providing their first store front;</li> <li>- Securing a lease for the old Railway pub, to be reopened in April as</li> </ul>	

	<p>The James Atherton. Details were provided of its refit, with a focus on local history and encouraging both a local and transient audience, as well as identifying new markets;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The purchase of the former Blackberry Grove site. This is to reopen as 'Habibi', serving food and drink and is planned to include an outdoor area;</li> <li>- Purchased the former Tallulah's pub. This is to be a vinyl record store and bar, including a ticket office for concerts and theatres;</li> <li>- The former solicitors. This is the current home to Rockpoint Leisure who will move to upper floors in due course and the ground floor will become 'Oakland', a Californian bar.</li> </ul> <p>Dan and Ian outlined other buildings they were exploring.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the area's potential and other opportunities and engagement with the local community. A discussion took place around labelling the area as the creative hub of New Brighton, given activity in Seabank Road in particular. A brief discussion took place regarding the 'Victoria Quarter' branding.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding accessibility and Dan noted the intention to make all buildings accessible within the limits of their current design and in some cases their historical listing. Arrangements were made for Carl Leckey to take an active role in assessing requirements for each building.</p> <p>Tony Hurst highlighted the need to still focus upon the promenade, raising challenges caused by certain events, parking and an ongoing issue with street lighting.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Cathy Roberts and Shirley Ashton began a discussion about the future direction of the Coastal Community Team; the need to be more self-sufficient, actively seeking funding, reviewing membership, agenda setting and taking a more active role in the national network of CCTs. The reliance on the Council through its Constituency Team for support was noted and discussed. Caroline Laing outlined the changes in the Council's approach to community engagement and therefore the role of the Constituency Team which was likely to have implications for NBCCT. It was agreed that this would be included as an agenda item at March's (AGM) meeting.</p> <p>Caroline Laing confirmed that the seeking of formal permissions for the Momentary Art Project's spin off project to New Brighton Mermaid Trail was about to commence.</p> <p>Reverend Atkinson noted a new Choral Evening Song on the second Sunday of every month. She also noted continued work on the 'Fun, Food &amp; Friendship' project, reporting a 30% increase in food bank use last year. Rev Atkinson also noted the forthcoming performances of Godspell on 16 &amp; 17 March 2019; tickets available.</p>	

	<p>Carl Leckey noted that he had supported a number of events as a Town Crier. Carl also noted that the Momentary Art Project, Wirral Older People's Parliament and other groups had worked together to create a 'pop up shop' in The Pyramids, Birkenhead, to record people's memories.</p> <p>Rose Leckey noted five more benches being installed by Wirral Older People's Parliament on the promenade. The increase in price seems not to have dissuaded orders.</p> <p>Alison Ord noted multiple enquiries from schools regarding visits to The Black Pearl.</p> <p>Shirley Ashton highlighted the forthcoming History &amp; Heritage Fair at Birkenhead Town Hall on Saturday 9 March 2019.</p> <p>In response to a query, Ruth Embleton outlined the role of the Council's Culture &amp; Visitor Economy Team in supporting local activity focused upon culture and delivering the events programme for Wirral's Borough of Culture Year in 2019. Ruth noted the observations made regarding the reported impact upon promenade located businesses during road closures for events. Ruth confirmed that proposals for activity in New Brighton by local groups, businesses, etc. to support the Mersey River Festival on Saturday 1 &amp; Sunday 2 June 2019 are to be emailed with a costing to Ruth Embleton <a href="mailto:ruthembleton@wirral.gov.uk">ruthembleton@wirral.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Pat Hackett noted progress made by Wirral Waters.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Pat Hackett to provide an update on Wirral Waters at the next meeting.</b></p> <p>Caroline Laing noted forthcoming engagement and consultation events by the Marine Management Organisation; the posters will be circulated by email.</p> <p>Cathy Roberts reported on the suspension of the Council's contract with Kingdom regarding trade waste. The potential impact on tourism by Kingdom's activities was raised by some members.</p> <p>A query was raised about ongoing road works on Seabank Road.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Pat Hackett will forward details.</b></p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meetings (2019):</b></p> <p><b>Monday 18 March (AGM)</b></p> <p><b>Monday 29 April</b></p> <p><b>Monday 20 May</b></p> <p><b>Monday 17 June</b></p> <p><b>Monday 22 July</b></p>	

<b>Monday 23 September</b> <b>Monday 21 October</b> <b>Monday 18 November</b> <b>Monday 9 December</b>	
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