



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



Monday 13 November 2017

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

1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Actions and matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting had been agreed by email and published at www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton.</p> <p>ACTION: Albert Ellis to liaise with Victoria Road Traders' Association to provide the lighting. Carrier over. Efforts had been made to contact Albert and these will continue.</p>	AE

	<p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to invite the Council's Heritage Officer to a future meeting to advise further regarding funding opportunities. Carried over for 2018.</p> <p>Carl Leckey reported that the World Urban Parks European Congress 2017 (www.wupec17.com) was very successful and the showcasing of local groups appreciated by delegates. Carl & Rose Leckey have been invited to join the Parks Partnership Performance Board and will be assessing parks and open spaces across the borough for accessibility for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Former Grand Hotel – a planning application is still anticipated to be submitted by the developer shortly.</p> <p>Wirral Growth Company – Pat Hackett and Tony Jones have met with representatives to discuss New Brighton. The publicity around the Company seems to have prompted interest in further regeneration opportunities in New Brighton. The importance of the role of NBCCT was highlighted.</p> <p>Marine Point - It was noted that the unit at Marine Point which the Momentary Art Project was asked to vacate remains empty.</p> <p>Visitor Information Point (VIP) – Shirley Ashton reported that there was still A4 sized promotional leaflet space available for local businesses and groups. Promotional cubes were also still available for local artists, crafters and photographers who produce New Brighton related merchandise, to promote their wares. Shirley and volunteers have allocated days for engagement and the next, 2nd December, will be focused on local businesses. They will spend some time over the winter speaking with hoteliers. A suggestion was made around a visual display item within the VIP which Carl and Rose kindly offered to donate.</p>	CL
3.	<p>River of Light 2017</p> <p>The event in New Brighton on 5 November 2017, organised by Wirral Council in partnership with Culture Liverpool, was discussed. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Specific feedback, including lessons learnt, was collated from each member in attendance and will be fed back at the Council's internal de-brief meeting next week by Caroline Laing.</p>	
4.	<p>Love My Beach</p> <p>Dave Peddie reported on an initiative by Keep Britain Tidy called 'Love My Beach' (www.lovemylbeach.org). There are packs available for businesses containing information and ideas about how they can operate in a beach and environmentally friendly way (e.g. disposing of kitchen fats in the bin rather than pouring into the sink). There is a simple checklist and a 'compliant' business will receive a poster and window sticker. Dave distributed packs at the meeting which can be returned to the North-West 'Love My Beach' representative. Return address: Stephanie Wyatt, LOVEmyBEACH, Keep Britain Tidy, Elizabeth House, The Pier, Wigan, WN3 4EX.</p>	
5.	<p>Christmas 2017</p> <p>Victoria Road Traders' Association is hosting The Old Town Christmas Fayre on 2 December 2017. There will be an arts, crafts and gifts market with traders and crafters displaying goods on their own stalls. Face painting and entertainment</p>	

	<p>has been arranged and a 'best dressed dog' competition. The event will be opened by The Black Pearl Pirates and a Christmas Tree will be lit. [Further to the meeting, this event has been cancelled by Victoria Road Traders' Association].</p> <p>Marine Point was giving thought to a Christmas event but this will be developed for 2018. The site will still be lit with Christmas lighting and tree.</p> <p>Rope lighting on lamp columns on Marine Promenade, Victoria Road and Seabank Road is being installed, funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Proposal: 'Wish You Were Here' Day</p> <p>Cathy Roberts outlined a proposal for an arts based event in New Brighton which could link into a travel offer she had been discussing with Merseyrail. The proposal would also link well to an approach to the Council to host an exhibition linked to the work of Martin Parr (The Last Resort) and other high profile photographers.</p> <p>The proposal was fully supported by NBCCT and Cathy Roberts will progress in liaison with the other element outlined above.</p> <p>The Heritage Centre (St James Centre) has a copy of both Martin Parr's 'The Last Resort' and Mike Jackson's 'No Longer The Last Resort' available for viewing.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>New Brighton Tourist Information Map – draft symbols for the key for the map prepared by Anita Cunningham (Fat Cat Illustration) were discussed. Caroline Laing will feed back the tweaks agreed.</p> <p>Pat Hackett reported that the new micro-brewery (sited in the former dancewear shop) is hoping to open for the first time on 2nd December.</p> <p>Carl Leckey gave an update on the Momentary Art Project's (MAP) artwork project on the United Utilities' 'rotunda' at the end of Victoria Parade. Funding is still being explored to pay for the cost of printing the artwork panels. He noted that the shelter on Harrison Drive had been refurbished by the Council and now gives a pleasant welcome to New Brighton. The Black Pearl was recently lit at night and hundreds of people attended. A memorial for the fallen soldiers in Vale Park was beautiful and many attended after the Memorial Service. Carl also reported on issues with access to the disabled toilet at Marine Point due to problems with the door and similarly at Vale Park which were reported to be closed due to misuse. Caroline Laing agreed to seek further information.</p> <p>Rose Leckey reported that there are fifteen 'recycled' benches (Wirral Older People's Parliament) awaiting installation along New Brighton's promenade. Following a recent double-page feature in the Liverpool Echo demand has increased further.</p> <p>Heather Atkinson highlighted a number of events. St James' 'Light Up A Life' on 5th December at 7pm and on 17th December at 6.30pm will be 'Carols by Candlelight'. Midnight Mass will be held at St James and Christmas Day at Emmanuel Church. On 28th December at 3pm the Pilot Boat will be hosting a</p>	

	<p>memorial to the thirty-nine who lost their lives in the Mersey.</p> <p>Frank Lund noted that there will be a Santa's Grotto in Vale Park with four hundred children and parents attending on 16th December.</p> <p>Vicky Rice highlighted that The Queens' Grotto will be open from 2nd December, located in the foreground, which has been being built over the last couple of weeks. It was launched at the River of Light event.</p> <p>Tony Hurst highlighted recent issues with anti-social behaviour and emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to the police on 101 (or 999 if an emergency). CCTV cameras and the fault on the street lighting on Marine Promenade were discussed.</p> <p>'The Old Town' Victoria Road/Parade was discussed, including the proposed Pirate Trail, together with the need for updated wayfinding signage.</p> <p>A proposal was made for a new member (trader) to join NBCCT. The Chair, whilst noting that the member would add value, suggested that it was an opportune moment, particularly with the development of Wirral Growth Company, to review the terms of reference for the group to ensure it is fit for purpose and does not miss opportunities. It was agreed that membership needed to be both diverse and balanced and the importance of attendance was also discussed. It was noted that if there were members who routinely did not attend meetings it may be appropriate to replace them with representatives who were able to attend and participate.</p> <p>ACTION: Tony Jones and Caroline Laing to review the terms of reference and agenda for a future meeting for further discussion.</p>	TJ / CL
8.	<p>Date of next meetings (closed)</p> <p>2017: Monday 11 December</p> <p>2018: Monday 22 January Monday 19 February Monday 19 March Monday 23 April Monday 21 May Monday 18 June Monday 16 July Monday 10 September Monday 15 October Monday 12 November Monday 10 December</p>	