



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



**Monday 17 June 2019**

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</b>  The meeting in May had been cancelled.  Apologies were noted.	
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	The notes from the last meeting had been published at: <a href="http://www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton">www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton</a> .	
2.	<p><b>Actions &amp; matters arising from the last meeting:</b></p> <p><i>ACTION: Pat Hackett to forward details of the gas works on Seabank Road.</i> Closed – the works are now completed.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to contact the four main non-attendees.</i> Completed. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to contact representatives from Victoria Pharmacy and Wirral Model Shop regarding their participation in the group, to see if they wish to continue.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to obtain a formal response from the Council regarding the ongoing issue with the reported defective street lighting on Marine Promenade.</b> Carried over. This has been chased and an update will be provided in due course.</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Carl Leckey reported that the seal model “Betty” was now established in Vale Park and had been received well by visitors.</p> <p>Tony Jones noted that he was due to arrange a meeting with Deborah Aydon regarding the Lido Project in the near future.</p> <p>Carl Leckey reported that with regards to the prohibitive fees required for the spin off project to the Mermaid Trail, he had met with MP Angela Eagle to raise the issue.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
3.	<p><b>Feedback: River Festival Wirral</b></p> <p>Ruth Embleton (Wirral Council Culture &amp; Visitor Economy Team) took feedback on the event on 1 &amp; 2 June. Overall it was felt that it was an enjoyable event although visitor numbers appeared to be lower than anticipated. Reasons for this were discussed.</p> <p>A subsequent discussion took place with regards to the Continental Food Market that had taken place over the Spring Bank Holiday 25th-27th May and again 1st-2nd June. Whilst the presence of the market is supported, Cathy Roberts stated that some local traders had reported loss of business due to the timing coinciding with the bank holiday weekends. This was discussed further. Caroline Laing suggested that the timing of the market is discussed as part of the broader conversations regarding the ambition for the resort.</p>	



	<p>Parliament) assesses as physical disability friendly, which was launched at Wallasey Town Hall last week. To attract attention to the campaign Carl has a Captain Cook model in a wheelchair. Carl will forward photographs to Cathy for the Wirral Globe. Members of NBCCT supported the principles of the campaign.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Tony Jones suggested a tourist idea that would capitalise upon the Liverpool City skyline. This was noted as a good idea. This has recently been raised with Lucy Barrow (Assistant Director for Culture &amp; Visitor Economy) and Caroline Laing for further exploration.</p> <p>An update was provided on behalf of Heather Atkinson. There is a Strawberry Fayre at St. James' Church on 20th July 1-4pm. Heather is also undertaking a sponsored velocity zip wire in Wales on 26th June 2019 to raise money towards the £300,000 cost for the chancel phase (restoring and conserving rare Hemming murals, the lighting of the chancel and pointing). All sponsorship is welcome and can be made by emailing Heather or signing at form at the rear of the Church. It was also noted that Mount Primary School's display of work is currently in the Church.</p> <p>Rose Leckey noted that the Clog Dancers were performing on 22nd June 2019 and the children from Chernobyl visiting on 24th &amp; 25th June 2019.</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted his attendance as the Town Crier at a number of functions since the last meeting.</p> <p>Rose Leckey highlighted the build up of sand on the rear walkway of the lake and by Fort Perch Rock and the difficulties for wheelchair users. Caroline Laing noted that this is periodically cleared by the Council's Parks &amp; Countryside service but will raise further.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to contact Darran Marquiss regarding the windblown sand by Marine Lake.</b></p> <p>Caroline Laing reported that the tender opportunity to build and install the Event Platform had now closed and the evaluation of bids by her, Cathy Roberts and Hedley Rees, as the assessment panel, was ongoing. It is hoped that the contract will be awarded by the end of next week.</p> <p>Caroline Laing also reported that negotiations for the lease of Marine Lake and the associated unit at Marine Point had concluded and been signed off by a Chief Officer within the Council. The respective Cabinet members were to be consulted this week and then an announcement made in due course as to the plans for the site. The lease will commence from 1 January 2020.</p> <p>Caroline Laing outlined a proposal from a member of the public that had been submitted for a compass installation embedded into the walkway at Ian Fraser Walk, signposting to various key cities. Tony Jones noted that</p>	<p>CL</p>

	<p>prior to the Marine Point build a compass had been sited using paving slabs to delineate the cardinal marks but had sadly been removed; this had been useful to sailors launching from the slipways. The proposal was discussed with interest. Thanks were noted for the suggestion from 'Ray'.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Tony Jones to explore options for a compass installation further.</b></p> <p>Further to the recent Task &amp; Finish Group, Shirley Ashton updated that a second letter had been sent to the Council's Chief Executive regarding the need for ongoing officer support for NBCCT. Unfortunately no response had been received and Shirley had been advised that Lucy Barrow (Assistant Director for Culture &amp; Visitor Economy) would contact her further that day.</p> <p>The recent closure of The Queens Royal was noted with regret.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cathy Roberts to contact the owners on behalf of NBCCT.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meetings (2019):</b></p> <p><b>Monday 22 July</b></p> <p><b>Monday 23 September</b></p> <p><b>Monday 21 October</b></p> <p><b>Monday 18 November</b></p> <p><b>Monday 9 December</b></p>	