



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



**Monday 21 January 2019**

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</b>  Apologies were noted.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Actions &amp; matters arising from the last meeting:</b>  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><i>ACTION: Tony Jones/Pat Hackett to make enquiries regarding the price increase for the installation of Wirral Older People's Parliament benches, following the ending of the contract with BAM Nuttall.</i></p> <p>Completed. This has been discussed at length but the cost to install unfortunately cannot be reduced. Wirral Older People's Parliament will be increasing its price (to £550 per bench) which also includes a small amount for any future maintenance and/or remedial works.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Carried over; Pat confirmed he had not been approached.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Carl Leckey to forward contact details for a named representative from United Utilities involved in the Rotunda project to Tony Jones and Tony to make contact in relation to the proposed water fountains. Also Pat Hackett to discuss further with the project proposer.</i></p> <p>Completed and ongoing.</p> <p><i>ACTION: ALL to email Tom Smith with any specific observations in relation to public transport during the large scale events.</i></p> <p>Closed.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Cathy Roberts to liaise with the train station manager and feedback to Tom Smith.</i></p> <p>Completed.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that he is discussing his project related to the WWI and WWII soldiers connected to Wirral with Wirral Culture &amp; Visitor Economy Team.</p> <p>Carl also updated that he is trying to source a suitable sculpture for the new project to reproduce an old scene in Vale Park.</p> <p>The crowdfunding for the replacement of the 'Paxtonea' mermaid (New Brighton Mermaid Trail) in Vale Park will commence shortly.</p>	<b>AE</b>
3.	<p><b>Camper vans</b></p> <p>A detailed discussion took place, led by Carl Leckey, regarding the Council's proposal to implement experimental parking restrictions on Kings Parade/Coastal Drive to deal with complaints about the parking of camper vans at the location, following a meeting of its Business Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee on 4 July 2018. The nature of the complaints received from local residents were noted. Views were expressed about the potentially negative impact on tourism and resulting poor perception of the resort. The need to promptly develop a permanent custom site for visiting</p>	

	<p>camper vans, not least as an income generation opportunity, was emphasised. In summary, extreme disappointment was noted that New Brighton Coastal Community Team had not been formally consulted for its view by the Council.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Caroline Laing to raise NBCCT's views with relevant officer/s and Tony Jones as Chair to raise directly with officers upon completion of the notes.</b></p>	<b>CL/TJ</b>
4.	<p><b>The Beacon Arts Village, Hoylake</b></p> <p>It was noted that a request had been made for NBCCT to give its support to the above regeneration project (<a href="http://www.hoylakebeacon.org.uk">www.hoylakebeacon.org.uk</a>). A full application is being made to the Coastal Communities Fund for this project, following a successful Expression of Interest. A brochure relating the project had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, the majority decision was for the Chair to write a letter on behalf of NBCCT noting that whilst the group could not comment on a project outside of its area of focus and in an area it is unfamiliar with, it acknowledged the benefits that the project would bring to the borough and a fellow seaside resort and wished the project every success.</p> <p>Note: Subsequent to the meeting, contact was made with the Chair on behalf of a number of NBCCT members who had made further enquiries regarding the project and thought that more detailed information would be useful before any formal acknowledgment of support was given. The Chair agreed that the letter would be postponed and an invitation extended to a representative from the project to attend a future meeting of NBCCT.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that Lottery funding was being sought in respect of the Rotunda art project (bottom of Victoria Parade). United Utilities has consented to the application being made.</p> <p>Caroline Laing updated on the contact with a marine engineer regarding the Momentary Art Project's spin off project to New Brighton Mermaid Trail and next steps.</p> <p>The Pirate Trail was discussed and Carl Leckey is pursuing a point of interest at the train station. Carl is also progressing the proposed event related to King Canute.</p> <p>Dave Peddie noted that following the success of last year's event, there will be a further annual Family Sand Sculpture Competition.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place around the development of Victoria Road led by Rockpoint Leisure and a number of matters recorded for further discussion. It was noted that Dan Davies was attending February's meeting to provide an update.</p>	

Shirley Ashton noted that the future of the New Brighton Community Partnership was not known given the lead's absence from the group; however Shirley continued to represent it in the interim. The Chair noted that he would forward the regards of the group to the lead.

Shirley gave an update on the Visitor Information Point. There are 19 volunteers on the database of which 5 are active, plus two local residents. They have all worked over and above, supporting large scale events in the resort and Shopmobility. There are still difficulties with being kept up-to-date about activities in the locality and other matters. Shirley outlined some frustrations with signage too.

Cathy Roberts queried as to the reason that the bushes at the bottom of Atherton Street had been removed by the Council. Caroline Laing agreed to find out and update her further.

Cathy also reported business concerns about activity in the local area by Kingdom; acting on behalf of the Council is relation to the enforcement of trade waste. This was discussed. Cathy is awaiting a formal response from the Council.

The proposed sale of the freehold at the Marine Point site was queried and it was clarified that this was a Council budget proposal for further consideration (and decision) by full Council in March 2019.

David MacKenzie highlighted a successful Panto season with 29,000 attendees in three weeks and despite stiff competition from Liverpool the Floral is sustaining business. David noted that the Council is currently reviewing alternative delivery models for the theatre and will keep NBCCT updated as this progresses. Following a query raised, David outlined the rationale for charging for exhibition space and the investment that has been made by the theatre to support groups with this. David agreed to review the pricing scale in relation to this.

It was noted that businesses were still keen to support New Brighton in Bloom with an original proposal seeking sponsorship; Caroline Laing will make the group aware of this.

Caroline Laing noted that it was anticipated that the search for an operator for Marine Lake and the associated former sailing school building at Marine Point would be put to the market shortly.

Information was circulated about a Community Open Day at Athena Healthcare Group's Lighthouse Lodge on Friday 1 February 2019 (2pm-4pm) [www.lighthouselodge.co.uk](http://www.lighthouselodge.co.uk).

Attendance and membership was noted. This will be an agenda item at March's meeting to discuss this further (the Chair is unable to attend February's meeting).

	The date of the December meeting was changed from 16 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> to fit in with availability at the meeting venue.	
	<b>Date of next meetings (2019):</b>  <b>Monday 18 February</b> <b>Monday 18 March</b> <b>Monday 29 April</b> <b>Monday 20 May</b> <b>Monday 17 June</b> <b>Monday 22 July</b> <b>Monday 23 September</b> <b>Monday 21 October</b> <b>Monday 18 November</b> <b>Monday 9 December</b>	