



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



Monday 5 September 2016

Present:	<p>Caroline Laing (CL) Michelle Gray (MG) Shirley Ashton (SA) Tony Jones (TJ) Carl Leckey (CLe) Amy Richie (AR) Pippa Lea (PL) Hedley Rees (HR) Tony Hurst (TH) Albert Ellis (AE) David Wilkie (DW) Frank Lund (FL) Chyanne Hooks (CH)</p>	<p>WMBC Constituency Manager (Notes) WMBC Constituency Engagement Officer New Brighton Community Partnership RNLI (Chair) Momentary Art Project (MAP) Promenade Estates Floral Pavilion Theatre Wallasey Yacht Club Arcadia Amusements/Resort Group Seabank Road Residents' & Tenants' Association Wilkie Leisure Group Ltd The Black Pearl Team LIPA Intern (Floral Pavilion)</p>
Apologies:	<p>Christine Downes (CD) David MacKenzie (DM) Pat Hackett (PH) Rusty Keane (RK) Leanne Wells (LW)</p>	<p>Cabovino Floral Pavilion Theatre New Brighton Community Centre Friends of Vale Park The Olive Tree</p>
Invited:	<p>Nick Ashfield (NA) Natalie Cooper (NC) Neil Mitchell (NM) Justin Dooley (JD) Doug Darroch (DD) Paul Jackson (PJ) Vicky Rice (VR)</p>	<p>Championship Adventure Golf The Master Mariner WMBC Regeneration Caffe Cream Fort Perch Rock Seabank Road Traders' Association The Queens Royal</p>

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
2.	<p>Actions and matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>The scheduled meeting on 8 August 2016 was cancelled due to holidays/unavailability.</p> <p>ACTION: Amy Richie to discuss direct membership with individual businesses at Marine Point. Ongoing. Response awaited from businesses.</p> <p>Dave Stevenson (Wirral Council Parks & Countryside Service) was due to attend to discuss Vale Park but this will be rescheduled. Frank Lund attended to provide an update.</p>	AR
3.	The Black Pearl Team	
	<p>Frank Lund outlined the highlights from a busy summer season at The Black Pearl. Many local schools and schools from across the region had visited the boat and the pirates hosted a visit of children from Chernobyl; next year's visit has already been scheduled. A group of poets also launched their book from the boat</p>	

	<p>and an episode of CBeebies was filmed at the site. The pirates have participated in a number of local events including litterpicks with The New Brighteners. Beach cleaning and the accumulation of windblown sand was discussed which will be fed into the Marine Point Problem Solving Meeting co-ordinated by the Constituency Team.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to liaise with the Parks & Countryside service regarding the timing of beach cleaning.</p>	CL
4.	<p>New Brighton's Mermaid Trail (Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund)</p> <p>Caroline Laing provided an update on the tender opportunity seeking a designer for the trail; the closing date for bids is noon on 14 September. The project plan will be updated in due course. Volunteers were sought to participate in the evaluation panel; Pippa Lea volunteered. The bids will be evaluated on 19 September.</p> <p>Further discussion took place around the trail itself and ideas noted. Hedley Rees and Michelle Gray fed back about their independent visits to Llandudno's Alice in Wonderland Trail. Sponsorship opportunities will be promoted once a designer has been appointed.</p> <p>The option of a local organisation procuring and siting an additional Mermaid statue was discussed. Until a designer is appointed the likely unit cost of this is not known but it is possible 'in principle' subject to further discussion with the Council/NBCCT.</p> <p>Carl Leckey updated on a proposal connected to the Mermaid Trail. This will be explored further.</p>	
5.	<p>River of Light (Saturday 5 November 2016)</p> <p>The joint event between Liverpool City Council and Wirral Council was discussed. There are opportunities for local community groups and businesses to have an involvement and provide additional activity in New Brighton.</p> <p>ACTION: ALL to contact Caroline Laing outlining any proposals.</p> <p>ACTION: David Wilkie to undertake further work on his lighting proposal.</p>	ALL DW
6.	<p>Visitor Information Point</p> <p>The rear of the bowling pavilion in Marine Park has been refurbished for use as a Visitor Information Point. This will be operated by volunteers from the Heritage & Information Centre and further volunteers are to be recruited. The support and advice provided by colleagues in Culture Liverpool was acknowledged. An 'information day' will be organised for volunteers to help familiarise them with all that New Brighton has to offer; this will include a tour and visits to traders.</p> <p>ACTION: ALL to consider how they may contribute to the volunteer 'information day' and feed back to Caroline Laing.</p>	ALL

7.	<p>Review: Work Programme</p> <p>A brief update was provided.</p> <p>An update was provided by the Tourism & Marketing Task & Finish Group. The group's immediate focus is on hosting a Christmas market in New Brighton. This will be small initially but will be built upon. A visit is also scheduled to a local individual with a proposal for a tourist attraction; this will be to fact-find and begin a discussion.</p> <p>An update was provided on work with Victoria Road Traders' Association focusing upon 'The Old Town' (Victoria Road and Victoria Parade).</p> <p>The 'Brighten New Brighton' Floating Lantern Festival will be rearranged and weather patterns are being monitored. It is likely that only 5 days' notice will be possible due to the heavy reliance on weather forecasting.</p>	
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Tony Jones fed back on a positive visit on 1 September from Liz Byron (Department for Communities & Local Government, Coastal Regeneration Team). Tony is also hoping to attend the National Coastal Tourism Academy's (NCTA) Annual Coastal Tourism Forum on 17 October as a representative of NBCCT.</p> <p>Albert Ellis fed back on great progress he is making to renovate Quarry Park including the clock face.</p> <p>A number of recent events were discussed.</p> <p>ACTION: Tony Jones to feedback to the organisers of the Love New Brighton Parade/Astral Coast.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to feedback internally on another matter.</p> <p>A number of further copies of the New Brighton Guide are being sought.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to liaise with Colin Harrison.</p> <p>Carl Leckey suggested a further Town Crier event next year.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to enquire about any official status.</p>	<p>TJ</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
<p>Date of next meetings (closed)</p> <p>October, Monday 10th (2.00pm) November, Monday 7th (2.00pm) December, Monday 5th (2.00pm)</p>		