



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



Monday 22 July 2019

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

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies:	
	Apologies were noted. Marie Kenny was welcomed at the new	

	<p>Programming Manager for the Floral Pavilion.</p> <p>The notes from the last meeting had been published at: www.wirral.gov.uk/newbrighton.</p>	
2.	<p>Actions & matters arising from the last meeting:</p> <p><i>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.</i> Completed. A response was now being awaited from five members of NBCCT regarding their continued membership.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to obtain a formal response from the Council regarding the ongoing issue with the reported defective street lighting on Marine Promenade. Carried over. This has been chased again and an update will be provided in due course.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Ruth Embleton to make enquiries regarding any 'rights' relating to reference to the bottle structure.</i> Closed; the bottle will no longer be referenced in the Pirate Fest event.</p> <p><i>ACTION: Caroline Laing to explore options and costs for Pirate Trail stencilling.</i> Completed. Cathy Roberts had agreed the draft design. It was agreed at the meeting by NBCCT that the cost of the stencil (£170) would be spent from NBCCT's budget. It was further agreed that the cost of marking the stencils from the train station to The Black Pearl (£635.96) would be spent from the former Town Team funding which was ringfenced by the former Victoria Road Traders' Association for the Pirate Trail and transferred to NBCCT. The former VRTA budget was reported to now be fully spent. NBCCT's budget balance is now £6,364.29.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to progress the sale of merchandise with Carla Beardmore & Cathy Roberts. Carried over.</p> <p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to contact Darran Marquiss regarding the windblown sand by Marine Lake. Carried over.</p> <p>ACTION: Cathy Roberts to contact the owners of the recently closed The Queens Royal on behalf of NBCCT. Initial contact has been made - carried over.</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>A query was raised regarding the paving that was being dug up on Marine Promenade by where the new map frame is being installed. It was</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL/CR/ CB</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CR</p>

	confirmed after the meeting that this was due to works on the street lighting.	
3.	<p>Potential Event</p> <p>Tony Hope (WMBC Culture & Visitor Economy Team) attended to outline a potential Pride Event in New Brighton. The organisers were looking to host the event in September, acknowledging that it was a short lead in time but keen to create something to build upon next year. The organisers were also committed to ensuring community and business engagement and involvement in the event. This was supported by NBCCT.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about infrastructure across the resort and the associated challenges (e.g. parking).</p> <p>Following the meeting it was reported that the event would not take place this year due to the very short timescales, however, would continue to be developed for 2020.</p>	
4.	<p>Marine Lake – Presentation</p> <p>Caroline Laing introduced representatives from ADV (Liverpool) Limited who following an open market exercise were to be granted by the Council a 25-year lease for Marine Lake & Unit 7 Marine Point (former sailing school). Caroline noted the difference this offer would make to the resort, the details of which would be announced through press release shortly.</p> <p>Malcolm Gillies, Callum Mark and Laura Mumford, from ADV. outlined the successful trading history of the directors at sites in Scotland and Liverpool and experience of providing alternative water sports. They outlined their plans, subject to planning consent, to create a wake park and ‘ropes over water’ course on the lake, including continued provision for community and individual access; with a stretch of water retained for paddle boarding and other water sports and water-related activity. They also outlined their programmes in Scotland for work with children & young people, corporate activities and large events they have organised on site.</p> <p>Their plans were met with great enthusiasm by NBCCT and their membership of the group agreed. Dan Davies arranged for them to visit Rockpoint Leisure immediately after the meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Updates</p> <p><u>Camper vans</u></p> <p>It was noted that following the experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Kings Parade the vans had been displaced towards Marine Point. Carl Leckey reported that the resort had lost camper van visitors who had been frequenting the resort for many years. It was also reported that environmental issues had resulted on Pilot’s Way. Carl Leckey queried why the planned meeting of the Council’s relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee had not taken place.</p>	

	<p>ACTION: Caroline Laing to establish when further progress will be made with this issue by the Council.</p> <p><u>Land Train</u> Caroline Laing reported that work was ongoing with the Council's Legal Services to determine a sequence and timetable to progress the issue with the prohibitive byelaw on the promenade. ACTION: Caroline Laing to provide an update with progression on work towards a Land Train at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Black Rock Pirate Festival</u> Cathy Roberts gave an update on the plans for the event on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 August. Cathy outline the use of Fort Perch Rock car park for the event but noted the avoidance of any road closures. Attendance by public transport was being encouraged as with all events in the resort. Cathy outlined the planned activities and timetable. Sue Mace noted that The Black Pearl would be decorated for the event.</p> <p><u>Floral Pavilion lease</u> The opportunity for a new leaseholder for the Floral Pavilion was being managed by an agent of the Council and there was no further update at this time; the invitation period for interest had been extended until the end of July 2019. Staff were currently being consulted.</p> <p><u>NBCCT Officer support</u> Shirley Ashton noted her contact with the Council's Chief Executive Regarding the need for ongoing Council Officer support for NBCCT. Caroline Laing provided a brief update on progress. Shirley noted her expectation of a direct update from a Chief Officer. There was a discussion about NBCCT's independence from the Council, notwithstanding its need for ongoing officer support to help it with its business.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Carl Leckey noted that Wirral Older People's Parliament had installed its 200th bench on the promenade, which had been featured in a full page article in the Echo. The positive feedback had been overwhelming.</p> <p>Carl noted that the bid for funding to the National Lottery for the Rotunda artwork project had been unsuccessful. He also reported a small amount of damage to 'Betty the seal' in Vale Park. The Momentary Art Project is awaiting a date for the mounting of the pirate in the train station and an update from Ms Angela Eagle MP regarding the concerns they had raised regarding the charges from various government agencies for the 'spin off' to the Mermaid Trail.</p> <p>Carl also noted that the Black Pearl Pirates had given the visiting children from Chernobyl a great day.</p> <p>Cathy Roberts reported that she had contacted the Ministry for Housing,</p>	

	<p>Communities & Local Government regarding funding. They had advised that Coastal Communities Fund was closed for bids until April 2021 (round 6).</p> <p>Tony Hurst reported an issue with a promotional trailer blocking pavement access for people with disabilities at the weekend and parked directly outside businesses on Marine Promenade. Cathy Roberts noted that she had contacted Caroline Laing at the time and enquiries were made as to whether they had permission from the Council. Caroline is progressing this further with colleagues and will update Tony and Cathy directly.</p> <p>The closure and/or sale of accommodation units (e.g. The Queens Royal) was discussed. The reported competition from Airbnb noted as well as a reported increase in rates, plus increasing demand for parking.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meetings (2019):</p> <p>Monday 23 September Monday 21 October Monday 18 November Monday 9 December</p>	