**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**12/12/16 at Newington Community Centre**

**Attending:**

Richard Nicholson - Interim Chairperson

Sam Voak - Vice Chairperson

Marie Thomas – Secretary/Resident

Cara Thorpe – N.B.L Community Development Officer

Carl Adams - Local Trust

Liam Clark - NBL Apprentice

Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Lisa Evans - St Christopher’s Church

Tammy Sains – Resident/Volunteer

Pat Moore - Newington Community Centre

Sarah Fox - People United

Colin Thompson KCC Public Health

**Apologies**: Shola Aoko - St Christopher’s, Charlie Fox - Red Zebra/L.T.O, Mike Harrison - Newington Community Centre, Betty Birch - Ignite and Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener.

* Minutes of last Meeting were checked through and agreed.
* Our Chairperson discussed how hard we have all been working with recent events and thanked everyone involved.
* NBL Van - this has proven to be a valuable asset, but some issues with the van have occurred recently, which have now been resolved.
* Community Development Officer Update - Cara gave us an update on Citizens Advice plans. Sam V, Tammy, Lisa and Chris have volunteered to help a young lady with basic cookery skills.
* Academy FM Thanet - Liam has been in to do a live interview and Marie is due to do this on Monday to advertise NBL, Sam V will also be going for an interview in the New Year.
* Christmas Event Review - Sam V thanked everyone who helped make this another success and is going to send out Christmas Thank You cards, our Chairperson repeated his thanks to all involved.
* Chris raised a few concerns with Newington Community Centre, following the event, such as the kitchen hot water boiler not being able to supply constant hot water and the outdoor waste bin collections needing to be increased, particularly when big events are taking place. It was pointed out that the current kitchen is a domestic, not a commercial kitchen, as that is what’s required at the time that it was installed for lower level general use.

Meetings are on-going regarding the future of Newington Community Centre.

* Marketing update – No queries were raised and this is proceeding.
* People United Proposal – a few concerns were raised, the Partnership have offered them £3,200 with evidence of match finding for the other half and the Commitment from Dame Janet Academy to continue this for another year (2018).
* Nova –The KCC Youth Club is based in the Sure Start Centre. The future of this Club is currently unknown. Nova informed us of a plan she has to set up a monthly Brilliant Makers group in Newington in the New Year. But needs to do a consultation with the youth to find out what they want this is ongoing. Porchlight also want to do more with local young people.

**Date of next NBL Partnership Meeting:**

**6.30pm on 16/1/17 at Newington Community Centre.**