NBL Partnership Meeting

Newington Community Centre

21st October 2015

Attendees

Liam Clark (NBL Apprentice)

Cara Thorpe (NBL Community Development Officer)

Marie Thomas (Newington Community centre manager)

Charlie Fox (LTO)

Carl Adams (NBL Rep)

Tammy Sains (Resident)

Hannah Todd (Resident NBL Ambassador)

Richard Nicholson (NBL Chair)

Mike Harrison (NCA board)

Sam Voak (Resident)

Sandrra Sudds (Resident)

Sandra Herring (Resident)

Bob Mower (Academy FM)

Becky Vincer (People United)

Sarah Fox (People United)

Hannah Rhodes (Forrest School)

Keven Gabrial (NBL Gardener & Resident)

Carl was chairing the NBL Partnership meeting welcomed everyone to the Newington Community Centre where the meeting was held.

Apologies

Carl read the names from the list which were Stephanie Todd, Tess Luetchford, Simon Crouchman and Sarah Nicholson.

Chair update

The next part on the agenda was the chair update. Stephanie Todd the former NBL chair stepped down from her position for 6 months due to personal issues. Richard Nicholson was suggested to be the Standing Chair until Stephanie was ready to return, the group had a discussion about this subject and there were positives and negatives about Richard taking this position. Here are some examples.

Positives

* Experienced
* Respectful
* Very well resected
* Easy to get along with

Negatives

* Former councillor
* Not a Resident in Newington

After the discussion about these positives and negatives the group voted and it was decided that Richard would become Chair.

New Apprentice

The new Apprentice Liam Clark was introduced by Sam Voak. Sam explained who Liam is and what he does as an Apprentice for NBL.

New Gardener

Carl introduced Keven the NBL Gardener. Keven explained how he works with Simon in the Copse and also explained what he does for NBL, he explained how he is working on the Secret Garden project with Hannah Todd, Sandrra Sudds and Sandra Herring. Keven then went on to explain his Background and what he has done in his life, he mentioned that he was in child care for 20 years and how he changed careers a few times going from child care to a maintenance man to now being a gardener for NBL.

Forrest school

Hannah Rhodes from the Forrest school came into the meeting and introduced herself and told the group what she does. Hannah explained that she worked at the Chilton free school, at the school she does a project which is the Forrest school which gives children from the age’s 11-15 experience on how to live and survive in a Forrest. Hannah mentioned how she is trained and qualified to do the Forrest school and wants to give up her job at Chilton and become a full time Forrest school teacher because at the moment she is only doing 2 days a week Forrest school. Hannah went on to say that she would like to have the children that are said to not be able to handle being in a class rooms. Richard asked what she would like NBL to do to help her and she said she would like to use the Copse area for the Forrest school but there was a downside Hannah wanted to charge people to use the Forrest school, but NBL use the Copse as a free space for the schools to use for fun and educational reasons. The group was worried that If Hannah used the Copse for her Forrest school that it may push Simon out of the Copse which can’t happen because Simon has built the copse up to what it is now and is where Simon works. Another issue that was raised with Hannah was insurance which Hannah said she would insure herself. At the end of the discussion it was decided that the group needed to talk to Simon as he was absent at the meeting to get his views on the Hannah and the Forrest school.

Academy FM

Bob Mower from Academy FM was invited to the meeting to discuss the issues and what was happening on the radio station Academy FM. Bob mentioned that they have recently gained a new apprentice for the radio station which could help bring new skills and new people to Academy FM, he also mentioned that if NBL decided that they need to do a broadcast of some sort that there is a spare studio in the radio station that we could use if necessary this shows that Academy FM are committed and supportive of NBL. NBL have worked with the radio station before and done a broadcast at the opening of the Green Roof Shelter, which is the community hub for Newington. Emma, Hannah Todd and Ben have the option to go into Academy FM and use their facilities in needed. Bob also raised an issue of money problems because the radio station is no longer being financially supported by Roger De Han who was the chairman of the Marlowe Academy before it was merged with the Ellington & Hereson School to become the Royal Harbour Academy. Bob requested if NBL could support them financially due to a Donation NBL made to the Radio station last year.