**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**19/9/16 at Newington Community Centre**

**Attending:**

Marie Thomas – Secretary/Resident

Cara Thorpe – N.B.L Community Development Officer

Liam Clark - NBL Apprentice

Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer

Charlie Fox - Red Zebra/L.T.O

Carl Adams – Local Trust

Sam Voak - Resident/Volunteer

Tammy Sains – Resident/Volunteer

Debbie Day - Academy Fm

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Simon Crouchman

Betty Birch - Ignite

Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener

Sarah Fox - People United

Tess Luetchford - Marsh Monitors

Max Bell - Resident

Colin Thompson - NHS

Andrew Moss - Resident/Volunteer

Sam Horn - Resident/Volunteer

1. **Apologies** were received by: Richard Nicholson (Interim Chairperson), Mike Harrison (Newington Community Centre) Lisa Evans (St Christophers Church) & Shola Aoko (St Christophers Church).
2. **Minutes of last Meeting:** The last Meeting was un-minuted as it was a group get-together.
3. **Chair Update:** Our Interim Chair was unable to attend this Meeting due to health reasons.

- We would like to wish Richard well and also Mike with his current Health concerns.

1. **Academy Fm:** Spoke about wanting to offer us a “What’s on” spot, in addition to what we already receive from them. The Partnership agreed this as a good idea. Cara & Debbie are to agree some Tag lines for this.

A few of the Partnership are soon to be going in to be interviewed about NBL.

Debbie can be contacted by e-mail at: [debbie.day@academyfmthanet.com](mailto:debbie.day@academyfmthanet.com).

5. **Marketing:** The 3 Marketing proposals were discussed. Cara & Keith are to draft questions raised by the

Partnership, which will be put to the Companies.

6. **Community Development Update:** Cara thanked everyone who attended the London Trip - a great time

was had by all. Cara & Marie have attended an Age UK Intergenerational Event to find out more about them.

We would like to get Intergenerational ideas/work into our plan for year 3.

Further research into wants & needs regarding this is to be done, also involving Colin for evidence through

Health Statistics.

It was suggested NBL Partners Monthly Updates are circulated sooner before Meetings, to allow more time

for a few larger items on the Agenda.

Contact is to be made to try and get Newington Doctors Surgery back on board with us.

The need to Review what we have achieved & what still needs to be actioned was discussed.

The Sailing Trip Kit List was handed out and a reminder was given of the Briefing Meeting on Monday at 6.30pm.

7. **Tammy:** As Tammy is our Events organiser, an opportunity has been found to potentially help support her

to achieve a Qualification in Event Planning. Info was passed to us about this for discussion and the

Partnership agreed with a unanimous vote to help with this. The Course cost is £895.

Sarah offered support as part of the People United plan is to Mentor people for Event Planning.

Keith offered for Tammy to also spend a day with their Events organiser too.

8. **BestFest:** Everyone thanked for their help and support. Lots of great Feedback is being gathered. People United

will now start to take a step back and are to be supporting local people to continue what PU have started.

They would like to set up a Steering group to include training & support for those interested in continuing

things leading to BestFest 2017. Nova received her funding, so will continue with us for another year.

Sing Your Heart Out Community Choir is going well, PU are looking at how that can continue after March.

A local lady who would love to attend the Choir is facing difficulty as her Carer can bring her, but she has no way

to get home after, so we have been asked if we can help. It was agreed that we could pay for a taxi until a

long term plan is put in place. There are others in the area facing the same issue, It was agreed to invite

Kerry from Thanet Volunteer Bureau to our next Meeting to talk about TVB and Thanet Community Transport,

with the plan being to utilise this service.

Hug Bag has been asked to go to Canterbury, also Southbank, plus possibly tour across the UK.

9. Carl reminded us that we need to re-new the Partnership by December. He is to send info out by e-mail and also

explained how it’s an opportunity to get more Resident’s on board.

The positions of Chair & Vice Chair are to be discussed at our next Meeting.

10. **Christmas Event:** Plans for this are on-going and it is to be in the form of a Christmas dinner.

11. **Copse Halloween:** A request for help is to be put out on Facebook, Academy Fm, etc, for volunteers to

help so that this can go ahead. Help has already been offered by a few local Residents, but more are needed.

12. **Green spaces:** Keven has been continuing to work on the land currently known to us as “Bob” and now has

the new fencing, gate and arch in place. If anyone else would like to help with work required at the site,

please get in touch. Charlie suggested Keven & Cara go over to Whitstable in October to go over what has been

done so far.

13. **Credit Union:** Lisa is not here to talk about this, but they are to work with Keith to get it out to local schools, etc.

14. **Community Cooking:** A hand wash basin is needed to be purchased to go with outdoor equipment.

Chris is to work alongside the Community Chef project to learn more what is required from him for the

Community. If anyone aged 18 - 60 would like to be a part of the Community Chefs project, they need to

Speak to their Job Coach at DWP as they are who it is funded/organised by.

15. **Newington Community Centre:** A Meeting is to be organised with Cara, Marie, Mike, Richard and whoever else

may have an interest, to meet with Jenny from Rural Kent, as she experience helping to support trustees in

other Community Centres.

16. **A.O.B:** Brief discussion was had about Monthly financial reports and it was suggested funding/finance reports

Should be on the Agenda.

**Next Meeting is on Monday 17th October 2016**

**at Newington Community Centre**