**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**17/7/17 at Newington Community Centre**

**Attending:**

Richard Nicholson - Vice Chairperson

Marie Thomas – Secretary/Resident

Carl Adams - Big Local Rep

Cara Thorpe - N.B.L Community Development Worker

Charlie Fox - L.T.O/Red Zebra

Liam Clark - N.B.L Apprentice

Tammy Sains – Events/Resident/Volunteer

Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener

Sarah Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Kirsty Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Lauren Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Pat Moore - Newington Community Centre

Kani Kundu - Citizens Advice

Lisa Evans - Resident/Volunteer

**Apologies:** Sam Voak - Chairperson

**Minutes of last Meeting** ran through and agreed.

**Chairperson Update:** A group from the Partnership attended the Serves Tennis Training session on 11/7/17, with a view to promoting Tennis skills in Newington. Equipment for this is due to be delivered to us.

**Credit Union - Universal Credit:** Preparation is underway for Universal Credit info to be part of Bestfest17.

**Community Development Worker Update:** Further to the above, the Marketplace info sessions regarding Universal Credit have had to be postponed until September. Cara is to arrange dates, etc, for these.

The “Bags of help” is now active in local Tesco stores, with one of the options being for our Bestfest Event, so when you shop in there please ask for the blue tokens at the checkout and help us to achieve a nice sized donation from this. Chill Club is continuing to be successful for local youth. The Outdoor Gym equipment planned for possible installation by the local authority, by the play area next to Newington Community Centre, has now been agreed, subject to planning permission and there may also be a low level roundabout installed inside the play area too.

**Events - Bestfest:** This takes place on Saturday. Set up will start from around 7am and any help will be appreciated with this. We have lots of stands confirmed for the day, Richard is to chaperone 2 representatives from Local Trust at the event, photography is to be done by students from People United, Liam is to go live on Facebook, plus use Twitter throughout the day at Bestfest to promote what’s happening. The ideas chalkboard that is due to be installed on the outside wall of Newington Community Centre is to be out on the green at Bestfest to introduce the idea.

**The Copse:** Further to the plan to get the Copse open more often, it is in need of a clean up, so Sam V is obtaining pricing for Skip hire. If the skip is to go on the road, a license must be obtained for this.

**Marketing - updates:** We were each given a Marketing pack including a bag, pens, etc. The other items ordered are due to be delivered ready for distribution to begin at Bestfest.

**Newington Community Primary School - Update:** The Newington Rocks event was attended by around 800 people, it was a good event, but feedback from locals has included it being quite costly for families for food and drink provision.

**Age UK Thanet Intergen Project:** This is coming to the end of the current 10 week programme and they are now asking if NBL would consider funding the project to continue, but for a year long project. After discussion including recommendation of match-funding, it was proposed and agreed by the Partnership that we fund a further 10 sessions, to the sum of £2,573**,** on the proviso that they also submit a funding application to Awards4all.

**Filming progress for review:** A number of the films have been completed and we are to get our first official viewing at our August Partnership Meeting.

**Team Building:** Our next team building trip is to be organised for September. A few ideas for what this could involve were discussed and if anyone has any further suggestions, please pass these on to Cara, Sam V or Richard a.s.a.p.

**Any other business:** our August Partnership Meeting will consist of any essential items that need discussion, the Film viewing and a Barbecue. Liam was asked to leave the room so the Apprentice role could be discussed by the Partnership, as he is soon to be leaving us.

**Next Meeting 21/8/17**

**6.30pm at Newington Community Centre**

**Agenda 21 August 2017**

**6:30pm Newington Community Centre**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Chair update
4. Aim4
5. Buckle Up Films
6. Team Building ideas

Some of the ideas already given:

* + Big Cat Sanctuary
  + Ten Pin Bowling
  + Cooking at a cooking school
  + Visit to the windfarm