**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**20/3/17 at Newington Community Centre**

**Attending:**

Richard Nicholson - Interim Chairperson

Sam Voak - Vice Chairperson

Marie Thomas – Secretary/Resident

Carl Adams - Local Trust

Cara Thorpe - N.B.L Community Development Worker

Charlie Fox - L.T.O/Red Zebra

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Tammy Sains – Resident/Volunteer

Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener

Sarah Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Lauren Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Nova Marshall - People United

Debbie Day - Academy Fm Thanet

Sarah Fox - People United

Rachel Jackson - Age UK

Mats Kokvik - Bloomvid

Hannah Ava Dahl - Bloomvid

**Apologies:** Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer, Tess Luetchford - Marsh Monitors, Mike Harrison - Newington Community Centre,

Liam Clark - NBL Apprentice, Shola Aoko - St Christophers Church.

***- Meeting Chaired by Sam Voak***

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

- Keven passed on his thanks for the Chainsaw Training and is now qualified.

- People United: The Arts & Kindness week at Dame Janet Primary Academy was a success.

- Marketing: Our new Website has been built and our Social Media changes are to follow this week.

- Mike is not here to give an update on the fishing trip. Please keep other ideas coming in too.

- The future of the Apprentice position is still in discussions.

* **Chairpersons Update:**

- Local Trust review is coming up soon.

- We have been approached to request assistance with the planned extension to the Skate Park at Warre recreation Ground.

- The People United away day at Botany Bay was enjoyed by all who attended, a lot was learned from this and it was agreed that

these kind of away days could be beneficial for our Partnership.

**Code of Conduct:** Following the agreed changes being made, these were officially signed by all at this Meeting.

**Age UK:** Rachel Jackson took questions regarding their proposal, then was asked to leave to enable us to discuss further.

After discussion it was then agreed by the Partnership to support their Proposal.

**Bloomvid:** Mats & Hannah have now started working with our Youth at Chill Club. We then discussed using Bloomvid for our 2 year review, as this would be a good way to document what we have achieved so far. People United suggested footage that they already have could also be used. The Partnership formally asked Bloomvid to put together a proposal and send it to us.

**St Christophers Church:** Discussion was had over the proposal received regarding the upgrade of the toilets at St Christophers Church, a number of questions were raised and so it was agreed that the proposal be sent back for these to be answered.

**Events:**

- Easter Event: Tickets for this are now available. The event is to be a disco, which will also include a raffle and refreshments for sale. A request was made for Volunteers to help on the day. Keven & Nova have offered raffle prize donations.

- BestFest is going to be on Saturday 22/7/17, we have set up a Steering group to organise this, Volunteers are needed on the day to help set up and run the event. Newington Community Centre will have a display included at the event as part of their celebrations of 2017 being the 10 year Anniversary of Newington Community Association Ltd holding the Lease on the building.

**Cooking:**

- Chris has been researching better ovens for Newington Community Centre.

- The next Community Cooking Event is on Friday 7th April at 2pm and is an opportunity for Parents to come along with their children

and have fun Cooking together, plus they can then take home the ingredients to share with their family.

**Credit Union:** Discussion was had over the financial issues being faced by those affected by the changeover to Universal Credit.

It was agreed that it would be useful to hold some advice sessions, etc, after Easter, in Newington Community Centre, to help support those who need it. It was also suggested that we could possibly provide meals, maybe out in the Marquee, for families who will be struggling through the 6 week changeover period.

**Youth Provision:** Chill Club has had a good start and is popular. The plan is for the Club to be led by the youth and it was suggested a Youth Committee could be set up, with the young people assisted to help raise funds, etc.

**A.O.B:**

- Citizens Advice: re: current funding for this, it was suggested going back to Local Trust with an explanation of why this has been a slow process so far, but that we want to continue with the process.

- As the Funding agreement between People United and Newington Big Local is about to end, Sarah wanted to extend a big thank you to everyone who has been involved. Their next Project may also be within the Thanet area.

- Richard informed us that his e-mail address is changing, here is his new one: [nicholson3369@gmail.com](mailto:nicholson3369@gmail.com)

**Next Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting:**

Monday 10th April 2017 6.30pm at Newington Community Centre