**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**16/1/17 at Newington Community Centre**

**Attending:**

Richard Nicholson - Interim Chairperson

Sam Voak - Vice Chairperson

Marie Thomas – Secretary/Resident

Carl Adams - Local Trust

Mike Harrison - Newington Community Centre

Charlie Fox - L.T.O/Red Zebra

Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer

Debbie Day - Academy Fm Thanet

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Tammy Sains – Resident/Volunteer

Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener.

Pat Moore - Newington Community Centre

Andrew Saunders - Resident/Volunteer

Sam Horn - Resident/Volunteer

Sarah Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Hannah Wendholt - Resident

**Apologies** received by: Cara Thorpe – N.B.L Community Development Officer, Liam Clark - NBL Apprentice,

Betty Birch - Ignite, Sarah Fox - People United, Richard Barnard - Porchlight

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

* Minutes of last Meeting ran through and agreed
* **Chairperson Update** - also incorporating Community Development Update:

- NWN (Newington Wellbeing Network) is still continuing & we have an update report from them.

- Citizens Advice recruitment/embedded advice - work to encourage local people to train to be advisers is on-going.

There will be further advertising for this, plus Clive will attend Coffee Mornings & drop-in sessions for recruitment.

- The Copse: Keven continues to look after this, also Newington Community Primary School now use it weekly.

- N.B.L Gardener: Training is to be provided for Keven, to enable that such as Chainsaw use.

- Health reports continue to be looked at to see how can be improved.

- The need for NBL case studies to be carried out was mentioned.

- Plans are being discussed for the setting up of a Dyslexia Peer Support Group in Newington.

- Academy Fm Thanet: regular slots for interviews on air have been offered to promote what’s happening in Newington and the importance of this offer being taken up regularly was stressed.

- 2017 Diary Dates were discussed an agreed by the Partnership. Suggestions are needed for what we would like to do for our Partnership Christmas this year.

* **NBL Plan re-newal:** ideas are needed for what we would like included. It was suggested Cara sends an e-mail out to the Partnership asking for suggestions. Keith is keen to take the Credit Union further & is to provide further info on this.

Meetings regarding the future of Newington Community Centre are on-going. The importance of finding out what Residents want was discussed.

Richard suggested that the plan previously discussed regarding cooking with children in the Summer be put into action this year.

* **Gathering Data/ideas:** Sam V put forward the idea of installing a large chalk board “listening wall” on the outside wall of Newington Community Centre, where people can be encouraged to write their ideas and suggestions for what they would like to see in Newington, also a post-box for those who may not want to put ideas out in public.
* **The proposal** submitted to us by Newington Community Primary School for assistance with funding two events was discussed and suggestions including the possibility of NBL cooking & selling the food there were made; it was agreed further discussions are needed, that they be asked to submit a full proposal and attend a Partnership Meeting to discuss further.

Keith asked whether we have application forms and a criteria list for proposals - Richard is to check this.

- Anyone receiving funding from NBL must advertise the fact, otherwise from now on a percentage of funds will be held back until

They do so.

* **Wind farm:** the possibility of a trip out to see and learn about this was discussed. - Mike to bring further info to our next meeting.
* **Trips:** Cara needs suggestions for these for this year. A suggestion was put forward by the Coffee Morning group that they fundraise to subsidise trips.

Keith put forward the suggestion that he could help arrange a trip to Canterbury Cathedral, to go to the top of the tower.

* **Easter Event:** Anyone who wants to help with this will be most welcome. It was agreed that we try an Easter disco for the event this year.
* **Any other Business:**

- The loan Shark Campaign was discussed. They will be at Newington Community Centre on Tuesday 24th January from 1.30pm -for anyone who would like to find out more. - Liam has the information regarding the advertising of this &Keith is to send the info through to Academy Fm Thanet to promote the Event too.

It was suggested that the Credit Union should be promoted alongside this Campaign too.

- The Credit Union Christmas Savings Account information was shared with us by Keith.

**Date of next Partnership Meeting: Monday 20/2/17**

**6.30pm at Newington Community Centre**

**Agenda 20th February 2017**

**6:30pm Newington Community Centre**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Chair update
4. Code Of Conduct
5. Marketing
6. Youth Provision
7. Easter Event
8. Loan Shark Event – review
9. Windfarm Update
10. Credit Union Update
11. Trips – Any Ideas
12. Community Development Officer Role
13. Apprentice Role
14. A.O.B