**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**20/2/17 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

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

Lauren Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Nova Marshall – Aim 4

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Liam Clark - N.B.L Apprentice

Simone Crouchman - Volunteer

Steph Todd - Resident

Hannah Todd - Resident

**Apologies:** Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer, Debbie Day - Academy Fm Thanet, Sarah Fox - People United, Caroline Pinchbeck - Diocese of Canterbury/L.T.O

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

* Minutes of last Meeting ran through and agreed
* **Chairpersons Update:** Training in Chainsaw use booked for N.B.L Gardener.

FirstCommunity Cooking session with parents & children will be on 7/4/17 at Newington Community Centre.

Academy Fm - Sam V & Lisa have both recently been interviewed on air to promote N.B.L.

Lantern - a group from the Partnership visited Lantern, who are taking care of our new Marketing and our new Logo was agreed as part of this.

Update on People United proposal - the information requested from them has now been provided and the Partnership have agreed that the funds to the previously agreed sum of £3,200 should now be released to them.

* **Code of Conduct:** A draft copy of a Code of Conduct for the Partnership was passed around and discussed. Amendments to this were discussed and agreed on by the Partnership and an amended version may be given out at our next Meeting.
* **Marketing:** We were given a presentation on our new Marketing, which was then discussed further. Cara is to e-mail the presentation out to the Partnership and if any feedback from members needs to be sent through within the next week.

The new Marketing was agreed by the Partnership.

* **Youth Provision:** Nova explained the idea of the brand new Youth Club, which is now at Newington Community Centre fortnightly.
* **Easter Event:** This will be on 15th April 2017 and will be in the form of a disco. Liam was asked to design flyers for this.
* **Loan Shark Awareness Event Update:** Although nobody came inside for info, good engagement was achieved with conversations with people outside. Flyers, etc, have been left at Newington Community Centre to continue to share the information.
* **Windfarm:** Update at future Meeting as Mike was not in attendance.
* **Credit Union:** The issues expected involving the roll-out of Universal Credit were discussed and suggestions were made regarding various information sessions, such as drop-in’s, etc, that could be arranged to help people with this.
* **Age UK Proposal:** The proposal regarding their Intergenerational Project was discussed. The total cost for this, which will consist of 10 Age UK Thanet intergenerational sessions is £2,573.00. It was agreed that they should be invited along to an NBL Partnership Meeting to discuss the plan further.
* **Group Trips:** A number of possibilities for trips were discussed, including Archery, Windfarm, Foraging and a tour of Canterbury Cathedral. If anyone has any further ideas for possible trips, then please send them through by e-mail.
* **Community Development Officer Role:** - Cara left the room while this was discussed. The Contract for this role is due to end soon and so discussion was had over whether we agree that the current contract should be extended. It was agreed by the Partnership to keep the role of Community Development Officer (CDO). The Partnership then also agreed to keep Cara Thorpe as the C.D.O.

A letter received from Mike Spackman (Community Chef), thanking Cara & her team for the help & support given to him with his current training programme at Newington Community Centre, was shared with us.

* **N.B.L Apprentice Role:** This is due to end in September, so discussions were had over whether we want to offer the position out again to somebody else, or employ Liam permanently. Costings are to be looked into and this will be further discussed at our next Meeting.
* **A.O.B:** Steph passed an e-mail contact on regarding the Ramsgate Film Festival, which takes place in March this year.

**Next Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting:**

Monday 20th March 2017 6.30pm at Newington Community Centre