**Minutes of Newington Big Local Partnership Meeting**

**19/6/17 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

Liam Clark - N.B.L Apprentice

Keith Berry - Diocese of Canterbury

Tammy Sains - Resident/Volunteer

Keven Gabriel - N.B.L Gardener

Sarah Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Lauren Nicholson - Resident/Volunteer

Simone Crouchman - Volunteer

Samantha Horn - Volunteer/Resident

Pat Moore - Newington Community Centre

**Apologies:** Chris Egelnick – Resident/Volunteer, Mike Harrison - Newington Community Centre, Debbie Day - Academy FM, Steph Todd - Resident, Hannah Todd - Resident, Millie Kydd - Resident, Kani Kundu - Citizens Advice, Shola Aoko - St Christophers Church, Becky Vincer - People United.

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

**Chairperson’s Update:** The NBL Marketing group have met and decided on items to be purchased. Cara, Sam V & Tammy have attended a “How do we know we are making a difference” Training Course. Our year 3 plan has been recommended for approval following the Meeting regarding this.

**Credit Union:** 2 dates have now been set for Universal Credit Marketplace events, 4pm - 6pm on 7th July at Newington Community Centre and 10am - 12pm on 15th July at St Christophers Church, to provide information on the process.

Keith is to sign off the leaflet ready for distribution to the local shops by Tammy & Sam V, Newington School & Community Centre by Marie and Dame Janet via Tammy. - Cara to co-ordinate and get the leaflets shared for distribution.

**Events - Best Fest:** Planning is going well, with a number of stands booked in, stage, bands, etc, have also been booked. Best Fest 2018 has been shortlisted for the Tesco “Bags of Help” in the St Lawrence and Hereson stores, so please look out for that, remember to ask for the blue tokens at the checkout every time you shop in Tesco and put them in the relevant box when the time comes.

**DDN:** Cara & Liam have had to break away from these Meetings due to busy workloads.

**Copse:** This is used often by P.A.L.S & Newington School for an outdoor classroom space.

It was proposed by Cara that The Copse be open, unsupervised, at weekends, to allow the public to access and enjoy the space more often. All relevant signage to ensure safety for all will be in place. Keven has been working on getting the pond cleared of Pondweed & getting the Copse tidied in preparation of this.

**Marketing:** The latest information regarding the items chosen has now been circulated to us all. Suggestions of were made about the possible addition of Trolley coins, magnets and key rings. The idea of a reverse graffiti stencil is expensive, so further research is to be done on this. Lantern will to be at Bestfest this year.

**Newington Community Primary School:** The Proposal submitted by them, for funding for their Newington Rocks Event & Firework Event was discussed. Richard moved that as it was felt that the criteria had not been fulfilled, we are sorry but are unable to help this time. Carl suggested we could assist them with finding alternative funding if required.

**Chair/Vice Chair:** As Sam Voak has chaired several Meetings now, that maybe it’s time for her to take on the role officially. This was proposed by Richard, seconded by Tammy and agreed by the Partnership. Sam V proposed Richard as Vice-Chair, this was seconded by Tammy and agreed by the Partnership.- Thank you to Richard for his guidance and support.

**A.O.B:** Attendees of the Cafe & coffee Mornings raised £500 through their “dodgy bingo” Fridays, which is to subsidise a trip to Chessington for them and their families on 18/8/17. Ideas for other trips for Newington Residents are also being looked at, including for those such as older generations. Suggestions for these are welcome.

**Next Meeting 17th July 2017**

**6.30pm @ Newington Community Centre**

**Agenda 17 July 2017**

**6:30pm Newington Community Centre**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Chair update
4. Credit Union – Universal Credit
5. Events - Best Fest
6. Copse
7. Marketing – updates
8. Newington Community Primary School - Update
9. Age UK Thanet Intergen Project
10. Filming progress for review
11. Team Building
12. A.O.B