

**Councillor Representation Reporting Form**

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| **Councillor: Sonia Barker**  **Body: First Light Festival CIC**  **Report Date: 30.1.23** | | |
| **Meetings attended and dates** | **First Light Steering Group held at The Marina Theatre on Thursday 19.1.23. See** [www.firstlightlowestoft.com](http://www.firstlightlowestoft.com) for more details | |
| **Key issues discussed at the meeting(s)**  **(relevant to LTC and its constituents)** | **Key issues discussed/noted were:**  The meeting was well attended. Chaired by Genevieve Christie of First Light Festival CIC . amongst those in attendance were: Robbie Maloney (First Light Festival CIC), Karen Read (Theatre Manager at The Seagull Theatre), reps from: Kirkley Forum, East Coast College (Lowestoft Campus), East Suffolk DC, Danny Steel (Lowestoft Vision), Jo Leverett (FLF CIC), Honnor Dawn (True Colours), Emma Butler-Smith (Marina Theatre). Via Microsoft Teams – rep Norwich University of the Arts.   * Festival to be held on 17/18 June 2023 – Press Release on 26/1/23 * Arts Council England Funding for three years * Part of the England wide Emergency Exit Arts Project – Giant puppets – re a Lowestoft interactive Host puppet: details to follow * Shape of Festival to alter – all venues to stop at 9.30pm on Sat 17/6/23 and extension to Sun timings – 10.00 am – 4pm * Improvements to accessibility to the prom south end and beach to be undertaken. * Brochure to come out on 30.3.23 * Diversity in programming to be improved. * Awareness of Child Exploitation/Vulnerable young people and adults * UEA/Science Museum/CEFA 1953 Floods/Climate Emergency/Planets/Tides/Time * Fish Fayre – link in? * High Tide Halesworth - Herring Girls – drama piece * Big Development re schools/East Coast College/Community groups | |
| **Any actions required by LTC?** | * Awareness of possible Exploitation of young people/adults during the festival. * I flagged up’ re need to seek permission well in advance if FLF CIC wishing to use LTC owned land for events in the north/south of Lowestoft * **Environmental responsibility task force** to drive new FLF CIC action plan, researching best practice, with quarterly progress reviews. Involvement from Board and Steering Group reps, staff & volunteers. From April 2023 Steering Group members access local networks of under-represented communities to join the group – using external mentors guidance if needed to identify who is missing around the table. Steering Group rep attends Board meetings to put into wider governance practice – 2 meetings per annum. * Suggest the above mentioned item needs to go on the next **LTC Climate & Ecological Emergency Committee Agenda.** * Cllr Barker to ensure that the Chair Paul Page is made aware. | |
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