

Councillor Representation Reporting Form

<p>Councillor: Sonia Barker</p> <p>Body: First Light Festival CIC</p> <p>Report Date: 7.9.23.</p>	
<p>Meetings attended and dates</p>	<p>First Light Steering Group held on 24.8.23. at The Junction, Access Community Trust, 119 Bevan St. East, Lowestoft NR31 2AG www.firstlightlowestoft.com for more details</p>
<p>Key issues discussed at the meeting(s) (relevant to LTC and its constituents)</p>	<p>Key issues discussed/noted were:</p> <p>The meeting was sparsely attended and there were a number of apologies given. Chaired by Genevieve Christie of First Light Festival CIC (GM) . Amongst those in attendance were: Jo Leverett (FLF CIC) (JL), Via Josh Freemantle Access Community Trust (JF); via Microsoft Teams – rep from CEFAS. Cllr Sonia Barker LTC representative (SVB).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival Debrief: GM reported that there were c40,000 people who attended over the weekend of 17/18 June 2023 (this was an increase on 2022). Initial findings:- • Increase in the number of traders • Increase in people from outside seeking accommodation. • Double the number of people parking vehicles in Lowestoft car parks. SVB suggested looking at FL volunteers and how they had travelled into Lowestoft as many had walked/cycled. • 40% number of passengers on trains after extra trains provided from Ipswich/Norwich. • 40% increase in electricity costs. • Very good feedback from performers/participants/audiences following changes to timings. • The FL Parade was very well received from The Marina Theatre to Claremont Pier. A large number of young people were involved. • FL Volunteer feedback was positive. • GM reported that the official First Light report of the event will be completed by early September. SVB asked that the report be sent to LTC by 18/19 September 2023 in time to go out with the LTC full council Agenda on the 19.9.23. for the meeting on the 26.9.23. • Environmental Responsibility :- First Light is working towards a benchmark stipulated by the Arts Council, re improvements to

	<p>rubbish collection; increased use of solar power in Kensington Gardens; Environmental Responsibility Task Force festival wardens from the 17th/18th June 2023, and their findings will be in the upcoming report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowestoft Town Council will be contacted re a representative to join the Environmental Task Force. • An Environmental Task Force Action Plan is to be draw up before next year's 2024 First Light Festival. • There is an increasing link between First Light and CEFAS. • A representative from the First Light Steering Group will report to the First Light Directors' Board to increase communication. • Next Year's Theme for the 22nd/23rd June 2024 is still in the planning stage and will be announced soon.
<p>Any actions required by LTC?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVB to email LTC Lauren Elliott to 'flag up' the possibility of the First Light report being sent out as an attachment to the 26.9.23 LTC September, Full Council Agenda on the 19.9.23. The report should arrive on either the 18.9.23/19.9.23.
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