

Councillor Representation Reporting Form

Councillor: Sonia Barker

Body: First Light Festival CIC

Report Date: 13.4.23.

**Meetings
attended and
dates**

First Light Steering Group held at The Seagull Theatre on Thursday 30.3.23. See www.firstlightlowestoft.com for more details

Re: the **First Light Festival to be held as follows:-**

17.6.23: Saturday 12 noon to 21.30 on the beach. Then from 21.30-0200 the Beach closes but the party moves into venues in Lowestoft. Book tickets for Sundown Events on the website above mentioned.

18.6.23: Sunday 0330 – 0500 – Gather at Dawn on the Shoreline for an unforgettable experience. Then 10.00 – 1600 Free festivities continue.

**Key issues
discussed at
the
meeting(s)
(relevant to
LTC and its
constituents)**

Key issues discussed/noted were:

The meeting was well attended. Cllr Sonia Barker requested that a correction to the minutes be made which was accepted. The meeting was Chaired by Genevieve Christie of First Light Festival CIC . amongst those in attendance were: Phil Aves Lowestoft Rising, Karen Read (Theatre Manager at The Seagull Theatre), D. Lawrence Kirkley Peoples Forum, K. Boundy - Kensington Gardens, East Suffolk DC, The Marina Theatre, Jo Leverett (FLF CIC), C. Simons- Suffolk Police, S.Dye – Cefas, Via Microsoft Teams – rep Norwich University of the Arts. Apologies from LTC Cllr Elise Youngman.

- Festival to be held on 17/18 June 2023 – details above.
- Details were given of the Timings for the First Light Parade which will start at 10.49 am on the 18.6.23 from The Marina Theatre led by a Fox. Various organisations (including children) join the parade en route to Claremont Road. At the same time as the parade leaves The Marina Theatre the Host & Sea Spirits assemble at Claremont Road and await the parade coming towards them. Details available on the First Light website.
- Improvements to accessibility to the prom south end and the beach were continuing following an earlier meeting with D. Lawrence and Jo Leverett (on going).
- Brochure to come out on 30.3.23 (same day as the meeting).
- Diversity in programming to be improved – on going.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of Child Exploitation/Vulnerable young people and adults – to continue. • UEA/Science Museum/CEFA 1953 Floods/Climate Emergency/Planets/Tides/Time • High Tide Halesworth - Herring Girls – drama piece
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental responsibility task force to drive new FLF CIC action plan as part of the Arts Council Funding. A representative would be sought from LTC following the elections after the 4.5.23. FLF to contact Lowestoft Town Council. • Cllr Barker as LTC Rep said she would report back to the LTC Climate & Ecological Emergency Committee on the 17.4.23 as the issue had been discussed by members at the previous meeting. • Cllr Barker to ensure that the Chair Paul Page is made aware. • The next meeting of the First Light Steering Group would be on the 1st June 2023. Cllr Barker gave her advanced apologies for the meeting.
	<p>Date: 13.4.23.</p>