

Councillor Representation Reporting Form

<p>Councillor: Sonia Barker</p> <p>Body: First Light Festival CIC</p> <p>Report Date: 25.11.24.</p>	
<p>Meetings attended and dates</p>	<p>First Light Steering Group held at East Point Pavilion on Thursday 21.11.24.</p>
<p>Key issues discussed at the meeting(s) (relevant to LTC and its constituents)</p>	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>The meeting was well attended by 14 representatives. Apologies were received and accepted including Cllr D Ray LTC representative. The meeting was Chaired by Genevieve Christie of First Light Festival CIC . Genevieve introduced two new members of the FL staff including Jamie who is covering Lizzie Hall’s Maternity Leave. Amongst those in attendance were: Des Reynolds from The Seagull, David Lawrence & Matt Grafton: Kirkley People’s Forum, Kim Boundy: Friends Kensington Gardens, Josh Freemantle: Access Community Trust, Connor Blowers: Kirkley Youth Forum, Angela Grey: Lowestoft Vision, Sue Medley: ESDC, Jo Leverett: FL, Stephen Dye: CEFAS.</p> <p>Key Issues Covered as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FL Annual Report to be forward to Cllr Barker (SVB) by Genevieve Christie (GC) to be forwarded to all LTC Cllrs. SVB via GC checked that the report is OK to be made public. 2. Theme of the FL Festival for 2025 is ‘Seabed to the Sky’ 3. Alex Costello at 303 Gallery on London Rd South will be calling out to local artists re a focus at Kensington Gardens. 4. FL Festival Signage to be reviewed and upgraded. 5. Accessibility for disabled attendees to FL Festival to be reviewed. 6. Charity Catwalk/Recycling to be repeated with greater viewing opportunities re preparation of the outfits. 7. DJ in the Dunes – more opportunities for young people. 8. More sculpture on the beach. 9. Planet Positive/Art Link/Dance/Cosmic Pirates to all return. 10. Local traders and musicians – especially young ones to be expanded. 11. EC College – Work Experience to be expanded.

	<p>12. LTC Youth Forum Working Group was mentioned re importance of young people in Lowestoft being involved in FL.</p> <p>LTC/FL Steering Committee Updates:</p> <p>LTC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall Project Committee progress to date. • Marina Theatre Project Committee progress to date and starting of the Link building project that week. • Appointment of new Town Hall Heritage Officer – John Chamberlain <p>FL Steering Group members' updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Britten as a Boy` statue fund raiser on 22.11.24. at Kirkley Centre. • Singing Bench concept in a local park – SVB suggested contacting LTC Office Manager. • Lowestoft Film Festival update in May 2025 - John Freemantle at Access Community Trust. • CEFAS representative mentioned logistics issues for FL Festival next year and funding constraints. • Battery of Ideas re artists an announcement to be made in the New Year.
	<p>Date of the next meeting 6.2.25. – venue Kirkley Centre – tbc.</p>
<p>25.11.24.</p>	<p>Cllr Sonia Barker</p>