

Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2022, 2pm via the Zoom video conferencing system

Core Membership present:

ESC Councillors – Stuart Bird, Mike Deacon, Steve Gallant

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u> – John Fothergill (Kirton and Falkenham Parish Council), Sharon Harkin (Felixstowe Town Council & Vice-Chair), Brain Hunt (Nacton Parish Council), Rhea Gardner (Bucklesham Parish Council)

<u>Partnership Organisations</u> – Shez Hopkins (Level 2 Youth Project), Hayley Stearn (Integrated Neighbourhood Team), Sarah Wilson (Community Representative)

Others present – Chloe Lee (Communities Officer), Matt Makin (Democratic Services Officer), Asha Plavny (Brackenbury Sports Centre), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Jordan Street (Felixstowe Leisure Centre)

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies
	Apologies for absence were received from:
	Lynn Beal (Trimley St Mary Parish Council)
	Mark Jepson (East Suffolk Council)
	Graham Newman (Suffolk County Council)
	Yvonne Smart (Trimley St Martin Parish Council)
	Andy Smith (Felixstowe Town Council)
	Sharon Harkin (SHa) chaired the meeting in Mark Jepson's absence.
2.	Notes of the previous meeting
	The action notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.
3.	Community Partnership Board Update
	Nicole Rickard (NR) referred to the paper providing an update on the Community Partnership Board's meeting of 6 December 2021 that had been circulated with the agenda, noting that this had been overtaken by the meeting of the Board that had taken place on 7 March 2022. NR highlighted that the December 2021



meeting had received a presentation from the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership.

NR outlined the Board's meeting of 7 March 2022, which had been the first face-to-face meeting of the Board since the COVID-19 pandemic began. NR provided an overview of the following points discussed at that meeting:

- Presentations from Community Partnerships:
 - o Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages
 - o Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula
- An update from the Mental Health Task and Finish Group
- Tackling Inequalities focus on financial inequality
- An update from the Transport and Travel Task and Finish Group
- A presentation from the Greenprint Forum
- An update on the upcoming Community Partnership Forum on 25 March 2022

NR noted that over 200 people had registered to attend the Community Partnership Forum and that a waiting list was now in place.

Sarah Wilson (SW) expressed interest on the initiative to contact small businesses such as barbers, tattooists and taxi drivers and asked what this scheme might look like. NR said that the sessions would be pitched as twilight sessions to engage with these types of businesses at a convenient time of day for them.

ACTIONS - None

4. Budget Summary

Chloe Lee (CL) gave a short presentation on the Community Partnership's budget and confirmed that there had been a £100 carry over from 2020/21 and that £25,900 had been allocated in the current financial year, meaning there would be a carry over of £252.30 into the 2022/23 budget.

ACTIONS – None

5. Community Partnership LGA Peer Challenge 2021 – Feedback and Recommendations

NR gave a presentation on the recent LGA Peer Challenge Review of East Suffolk Council (ESC), explaining that ESC had selected Community Partnerships for its focused piece of work as part of this process.



NR referred to the paper circulated with the agenda which highlighted the feedback of the Peer Challenge Review and summarised the event held at Trinity Park in November 2021 to consider this feedback and the suggested actions and priorities identified at the session.

Members of the Community Partnership supported the comments from NR, highlighting that the Community Partnerships were not supposed to be just formal meetings and take action rather than just discuss issues.

CL highlighted the refreshed data pack for the Community Partnership area and suggested that the Community Partnership meet on 26 April 2022 in person to refresh its priorities against this new data. Members of the Community Partnership were in support of having this extra meeting; CL and Matt Makin (MM) agreed to circulate the date after the meeting and identify a venue.

ACTIONS

- MM to circulate the additional meeting date of 26 April 2022 to all members of the Community Partnership
- MM and CL to identify a suitable venue for the meeting on 26 April 2022

6. Update on Projects

Felixstowe Allotment Association

CL displayed pictures detailing the progression of the project; the Felixstowe Allotment Association were still looking to put more furniture at the front of the building and install external lighting. CL passed on the Association's thanks to the Community Partnership for supporting the project.

Walton Parish Nursing

CL displayed a message from Walton Parish Nursing that thank the Community Partnership for its support and what the funding had helped the project achieved.

Mike Deacon added his thanks for this funding, noting the real asset Walton Parish Nursing was in his ward.

Christmas Day 2021 (Salvation Army)

CL had not received any information from this project and was unable to provide an update.



Chat Benches

CL displayed pictures of the benches that had been installed.

7. Emerging Projects

Felixstowe Youth Community Café

Hayley Stearn (HS) made a presentation on the project which covered the following key points:

- Who is Access Community Trust (ACT)
- Access Community Trust's existing projects
- Current provisions in Felixstowe
 - Supported accommodation for young people 16-21
 - Connect for Health social prescribing
 - Community circles
 - o Skills Connect
 - Pink Orange
- Proposals for a youth community café in Felixstowe
 - Long-term vision
 - Creating a multi-agency hub aimed at older young people (16-25)
 - Opportunities to continually develop the offer for community through ACT, the Salvation Army and other key partners
 - Medium-term vision
 - Develop a committee of young people
 - Develop a range of groups and activities to meet needs
 - Short-term vision
 - Key work sessions
 - Morning session employability and confidence building
 - Membership
 - Café run by ACT and young people
- Next steps
 - A soft launch on 3 May 2022 for one day per week
 - Run by ACT youth workers and volunteers
 - Supported by Youth supported housing manager
 - Overseen by Dionne Walton (Head of YPS for ACT)
 - Funding



Steve Gallant (SG) said that this was an excellent project and suggested it would be very good if it could be used as an opportunity for the Community Partnership to engage with young people and involve them in identifying what needs to happen in the area. HS agreed and said the project would also look to collaborate with the Level Two Youth Project. Shez Hopkins (SHo) said that Level Two would be able to promote the project to its target age range and noted the geographical closeness of the two projects.

Level Two Youth Project

SHo provided an update on the restart of detached youth work and outreach sessions with young people living in accommodation at Maidstone Road and Langley Avenue in Felixstowe and at other locations such as the skate park. Outreach work on health was also going to take place alongside The Grove Medical Centre.

8. Any Other Business

CL noted that there had been a request for a new youth networking event; CL discussed the wider youth offer in the area and the aim to create cohesion between the existing providers through the Community Partnerships.

Mike Deacon noted his experiences during telephone contact with lonely people at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and hoped that the data gathered could be used to address social isolation and loneliness, highlighting that a high proportion seemed to be in rural areas.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 1pm venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 23 June 2022 at 2pm venue to be confirmed

The meeting concluded at 3.21pm