

Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2 December 2021 via the Zoom video conferencing system

Core Membership present:

ESC Councillors - Mark Jepson (Chair), Mike Deacon, Steve Gallant

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u> – Lynn Beal (Trimley St Mary Parish Council), Jo Doyle (Waldringfield Parish Council), John Fothergill (Kirton and Falkenham Parish Council), Sharon Harkin (Felixstowe Town Council & Vice-Chair), Brian Hunt (Nacton Parish Council), Yvonne Smart (Trimley St Martin Parish Council)

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

Others present – Alex Heys (Communities Manager), Jasmin Machen (Planner (Policy and Delivery)), Matt Makin (Democratic Services Officer), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Madison Rodwell (Trainee Planner), Anthony Taylor (Senior Planner (Policy and Delivery))

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies
	Apologies for absence were received from:
	Stuart Bird (East Suffolk Council)
	Rhea Gardner (Bucklesham Parish Council)
	Graham Newman (Suffolk County Council)
2.	Notes of the previous meeting
	The action notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.
3.	Draft Cycling and Walking Strategy Consultation
	The Community Partnership received a presentation from Anthony Taylor (AT) and Jasmin Machen (JM), of East Suffolk Council's Planning Policy and Delivery team, on the draft Cycling and Walking Strategy that was currently open for consultation.
	The presentation covered:



- The reason for the proposed strategy and the ongoing consultation;
- How to access the consultation document;
- The different routes being proposed
 - Key corridors
 - Leisure
 - Local Plan site allocation
 - o Community
- The response to the initial consultation held in 2020;
- The process to score the responses to the initial consultation, used to formulate the community recommendations;
- Detail of the recommendations and priorities for the Felixstowe Peninsula area; and
- The priority system in Felixstowe.

The Community Partnership provided on feedback on suggested routes and priorities in the Trimleys, Walton and Kirton, and the proposed use of the old Felixstowe Road for Sizewell C freight traffic. The Community Partnership was invited to respond to the consultation formally.

Mark Jepson (MJ) thanked AT and JM for the presentation.

ACTIONS – None.

4. Budget Summary

MJ gave an overview of the budget summary information that had been published with the agenda and sought any feedback; there were no comments from any of the Community Partnership members present.

ACTIONS - None.

5. Update on Projects

Waldringfield Play Area

Jo Doyle (JD) advised that the funding to proceed with the project was in place and that installation was pending the outcome of a planning application, as planning permission was needed for the climbing frame. JD said that the planning application should be determined in early 2022.



Chat Benches

Sharon Harkin (SH) highlighted that Realise Futures was liaising with the 11 parishes individually regarding the installation of chat benches; Trimley St Martin's bench was pending planning permission as it was proposed to be sited on land owned by East Suffolk Council.

Nacton Trim Trail

Brian Hunt (BH) confirmed that the seating and the trim trail equipment had been ordered; the seating would be installed by January/February 2022 and the trim trail equipment would be installed by March 2022. New hedging was being worked on and the project was estimated to be completed in full by May 2022.

Steve Gallant (SG) asked if the funded projects would include signage to advertise the support received from the Community Partnership; MJ agreed to follow this up with Chloe Lee.

ACTIONS

 MJ to discuss signage to advertise the support received from the Community Partnership with Chloe Lee.

6. Consideration of Funding

MJ advised that in addition to the Felixstowe Allotment Association proposal listed on the agenda, two other proposals would be considered under this agenda item.

Felixstowe Allotment Association

MJ summarised that Felixstowe Allotment Association was seeking £3,000 to put towards their project to replace their current, redundant HQ with a new building that would assist in reducing social isolation through the community activities provided by the Association. The project had already been funded by Felixstowe Town Council with £10,000 of CIL money and the Association had raised £2,500.

On the proposition of MJ, seconded by Mike Deacon (MD) it was by a majority vote agreed in principle to provide £3,000 toward the Felixstowe Allotment Association project.



Walton Parish Nursing

SH summarised that Walton Parish Nursing was seeking £5,200 to support its project for ten months from January to October 2022. The project provided mental health wellbeing and reduced social isolation through its work in the Walton community and currently had a shortfall of £8,000.

MD and Hayley Stearn (HS) spoke in support of the project and its benefits. SG asked how the remaining funding gap would be resolved; it was suggested by Nicole Rickard (NR) that the project could seek support from Community Action Suffolk who had resources to support business and project planning.

On the proposition of SH, seconded by MD it was by a unanimous vote agreed in principle to provide £5,200 toward the Walton Parish Nursing project.

Salvation Army (Christmas Day)

MD summarised that the Felixstowe Salvation Army was seeking £1,200 to support its annual Christmas Day dinner service, which helped to reduce social isolation. MD and SG spoke very positively about the project, having seen its benefits first-hand in their roles as Felixstowe Town Councillors.

It was confirmed that the service was well-advertised in the Felixstowe area and that anyone was able to self-refer to the service. HS said that the service was promoted through social prescribing.

On the proposition of MD, seconded by SG it was by a unanimous vote agreed in principle to provide £1,200 toward the Salvation Army's Christmas Day dinner service.

ACTIONS

- To agree in principle the following funding:
 - o £3,000 towards the Felixstowe Allotment Association
 - £5,200 towards Walton Parish Nursing
 - o £1,200 towards the Salvation Army
- To provide information to Walton Parish Nursing on business/project planning support provided by Community Action Suffolk

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.



8. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 17 March 2022, 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

MJ advised that this meeting was likely to take place in person, but this would be confirmed in the New Year.

The meeting concluded at 3.11pm