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Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at Friston Village Hall

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Tony Cooper (Chairman), Councillor Tom Daly, Councillor John Fisher, Councillor Russ Rainger,

SCC Councillors –

Town and Parish Councils – Councillor Julian Cusak (Middleton Parish Council), Councillor Marianne Fellowes (Aldeburgh Town Council), Councillor Lesley Hill (Leiston Town Council), Councillor Paul Richards (Snape Parish Council), Caroline Rinder (Clerk Leiston Town Council), Councillor Mary Schedrin (Friston Parish Council),

Partnership Organisations – Mel Geater (Avocet Academy), Sharon Cuthbert (Leiston GNS), Di Eastman (IP17 GNS)

Others present – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager), Zoe Botten (Communities Officer), Helen Greengrass (Leiston Change Manager), Mark Taylor (Places for People Leisure), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer)

| Item | Discussion |
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| 1. | Welcome and Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T-J Haworth Culf (Suffolk County Council), Stuart Watson (Cyds Project). |
| 2. | Notes of the Meetings of the Community Partnership The action notes of the meetings held on 9 March 2022 were agreed. |

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| | <p>LB confirmed that a piece of work was underway at Board level concerning cost of living, involving the District Council and other service providers. The work was considering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on money, food, energy and housing • Will be mapping existing activities/support services in the area • Working day will be taking place on the 30 May to discuss cost of living with partners. Representatives from the CPs will be invited. <p>Zoe Botten (ZB) shared a leaflet which had been created to be distributed locally to signpost people to the help available and to provide an initial outline for a budget. The Committee expressed support for this leaflet and agreed to distribute it within their areas either electronically or on paper. It was already in use by Citizens Advice and other groups in the area.</p> <p>Chiara Saunders (CS) from the Citizens Advice Bureau in Leiston updated the meeting on support they were offering, and the need to provide advice to people early on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget sheet was to provide a starting point to get people to think about their budget and to enable them to have a more informed conversation with the organisations which can provide help. • Many of the solutions which could be provide by a variety of groups were only going to be a temporary solution. • The long-term solution was to get people to follow through and create their own action plans. <p>Cllr Marianne Fellowes (MF) asked if East Suffolk could provide some detail from the Anglian Revenues Partnership on Council Tax payment rates.</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>Update on the Community Partnerships Projects</p> <p>ZB updated the meeting on projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ActivLives application had been withdrawn. • Talking Benches would be delivered that week. ZB would provide some information about this scheme to advertise it to communities. • The Healthy Movers project was ongoing. Settings had received information and ZB was meeting with the Youth Sports Trust and settings in the next few weeks. • ZB and Mel Geater had met with another school on the Early Minds Project and were approaching others individually for the project. • Saxmundham schools were keen to join the dental project, Aldeburgh schools were being approached. |

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Task Group Update

Task and Finish Group on older people

MF updated the meeting on the recent meeting of the task and finish group around older people.

She highlighted the following points:

- Slow return to support/volunteer groups following Covid.
- Patchy coverage in the area for support groups, and people not willing to travel as they would be seen as 'outsiders'.
- Online databases not up to date with details of events.
- Need for paper copies of things for those older people who are not able to access the internet.
- Need support for schemes/projects to leave Community Partnership funding and become self-sustaining.
- Would be useful to have a support network for the managers of these groups to share best practise.

The task and finish group had identified the following actions:

- To map/refresh details of service provision in the area, including comparison to other rural areas.
- To create a standard for the minimum number of services and projects provided in an area.
- To create a forum for those running the projects within this CP area and neighbouring CP areas to provide support and share best projects.
- To determine the best online forum to share details of projects (is Infolink still the best place?), and to create information packs to be distributed to community locations to help signpost people to services.
- A Suffolk wide adult version of the Duke of Edinburgh award to help people develop new social and physical skills.

ZB stated that CAS were working to produce a database of existing provisions and support groups in the area which still existed following Covid.

ACTION: ZB would contact CAS to confirm timeline for this project in this area.

ACTION: Task and finish group to meet to determine minimum standards and guidelines.

Education, opportunities and aspirations task and finish group

- Met to discuss gaps in provision, concerns over provision for neurodivergent children/young people; speech and language therapy; and preparing nursery age children for school.
- No provision of any services in this area, or in the wider area to Lowestoft and Ipswich. Homestart are commissioning work in West Suffolk and ZB is in contact with them for this area.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZB is meeting with Communities Officers in the area and other health providers to discussion provisions for neurodivergent children in the district and what projects can be put into place. |
| 5. | <p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Cooper referred recent cooking demonstration that had taken place in other areas and asked if they could repeated in this area. MG stated that someone was being employed at the school to focus on nutrition, details would be shared with ZB.</p> <p>The community partnership agreed that the slow cooker project should be revived in the autumn alongside cooking and budgeting, and details on how to freeze and store food.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting would be held on the 6 July 2022 in Saxmundham.</p> |

The meeting concluded at 4.39 pm