

Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages **Community Partnership**

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 12 May 2022 at 6pm at Wrentham Village Hall

ESC Councillors – Councillor Norman Brooks (Chairman), Councillor David Beavan, Councillor Letitia Smith

SCC Councillors – Cllrs Michael Ladd, Cllr Melanie Vigo Di Gallidoro

Town and Parish Councils – Cllr Ian Bradbury (Southwold Town Council), Neil Coleby (Clerk Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Claire Gower (Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Julie McClean (Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Chris Thomas (Carlton Colville Town Council)

Partnership Organisations –

Others present (non-voting) – Gemma Fraser (Communities Officer), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Norman Brooks (NB) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman informed the meeting that Gemma Fraser had started as the new Communities Officer for the area and welcomed her to the first meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Jenny Ceresa, Ian Castro, Phil Love and Alison Ayres.</p>
2.	<p>Action notes</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on the 16 February 2022 were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>A written update had been shared with the group, Nicole Rickard (NR) highlighted the following points:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work being carried out with Suffolk MIND on mental health and wellbeing in communities, as part of a package of work across Suffolk.• Board would receive details of a programme of activities concerning the cost of living crisis and inequality.• Two new financial Inclusion Officers have been employed to provide support on the cost of living and debt. <p>The Community Partnership raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a general issue with volunteer availability for projects across this CP and the district.• Cllr David Beavan (DB) asked that transport projects be evaluated to ensure that they are truly environmentally friendly, flexible and on demand. The current electric busses had a short battery life and took a long time to charge and were a 'sticking plaster' for the issues not a true solution. NB and Cllr Letitia Smith (LS) agreed to raise this issue with the Board and other transport groups.
4.	<p>Update on the CP Projects</p> <p>Carlton Colville community cuppa To provide a meeting area for a tea and chat style event. Will be using a venue in the wider area and partnering with BSEVC to fund for the next twelve months, starting in July. Will initially target over 65s, looking to expand to different age groups based on experience gathered over the next twelve months. Will be held on one Friday a month, with a similar event for carers being held at another venue on another Friday by BSEVC. Every third event will be a 'Chinwag' with more entertainment. ACTION: Cllr Chris Thomas to speak with Gemma Fraser about funding for advertising banners.</p> <p>Southwold Skate Park Community engagement day held in April with over 100 people attending. Feedback gathered on what the skate park should look like.</p> <p>Carlton Colville Virtual Walks Two walks, the longer one is ready to go and will be uploaded in a few weeks. The second walk is being prepared to focus on the Second World War history in the area.</p> <p>Kessingland Men's Shed Membership increasing and projects ongoing for other groups in the village, the men's shed have also made the beacon for the Jubilee which will be put near the beach.</p>

	<p>Kessingland Community Kitchen and Wildlife garden Men's shed have made some seed swap boxes for the garden so people can swap unwanted seeds and plants. School children helping to making plant markers for the garden.</p> <p>Bramfield School Still fundraising for remaining funds for outdoor barn, NB has contributed from locality project, they may approach the partnership again.</p> <p>Sports Equality Project GF is meeting with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and National Trust about an outdoors project to compliment more formal sports projects.</p> <p>£5060 allocated in February Small Grants to four projects. One to a Jubilee Tea Party in Mutford, Kessingland Men's shed to replace windows, Mutford Church for repairs, Pakefield Singers for extra staging for the choir.</p>
5.	<p>Community Partnership Data Pack 2022</p> <p>NR gave a presentation on the updated data pack for the Community Partnership.</p> <p>There is some data missing from this pack as Census data has not been released, but there will be a dashboard created on the East Suffolk website when the full data is available.</p> <p>NR highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No huge overall change compared to two years ago. • There had been a significant increased in prevalence of depression in the area. • Increase from 6.7 to 13.1 of adults in receipt of universal credit. Although some of this will be due to the roll out of universal credit and it was not clear whether more people are claiming benefits or if more people have been moved to Universal Credit. In general, there has been an increase in claimants of benefits in East Suffolk <p>NR asked the group to consider the following questions</p> <p>What caught your eye or surprised you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of social isolation across the area, less isolation in the middle of the district but higher at either end.



	<p>What gaps are there, is there anything you would like to know more about or that is missing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correlation between lack of exercise and age of population• Understanding of how life expectancy is calculated• Understanding of whether increase in Universal Credit uptake is due to increase in benefits or changes to universal credit• Whether age and social isolation could be compared, to see which age group this affects more• Percentage of single parents, and how social isolation affects this group• Details on protected characteristic groups• More details on how each section is defined, and what is happening over time <p>What other issues are important based on local knowledge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue for provision for young people who left school at the end of the pandemic, who are particularly socially isolated• Expectation that social isolation would affect men more than women• Homelessness and substance abuse• Children born during covid compared to other generations• Average age at practises where depression/dementia is measured to understand the age group this affects.
6.	<p>Community Partnership Actions 2022/23</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting when some questions around the data pack had been answered, and an action plan drawn up.</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on:</p> <p>Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at</p>

The meeting concluded at 19.55pm.