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Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership

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Councillor David Beavan
Councillor Norman Brooks
Councillor Jenny Ceresa
Councillor Craig Rivett
Councillor Letitia Smith

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Local Town and Parish Councils
Suffolk Constabulary
Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical
Commissioning Group
Community Action Suffolk
Business Community
Youth Community
Environment

Members of the **Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership** are invited to a meeting to be held via Zoom,
on **Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 6.00pm**

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Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 November at 6pm remotely via Zoom

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Jenny Ceresa (Chairman), Councillor David Beavan, Councillor Craig Rivett, Councillor Letitia Smith

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

Town and Parish Councils – Cllr Sam Auger-Forbes (Kessingland Parish Council), Alison Ayers (Carlton Colville Town Council), Neil Coleby (Clerk Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Pam Cyprien (Reydon Parish council), Cllr Julie McClean (Kessingland Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations –

Others present (non-voting) –Helen Bateman (Community Action Suffolk), Louise Carter (Communities Support Officer), Jo McCallum (Communities Officer), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Phil Love (Connected Communities)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jenny Ceresa, welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from Cllr Norman Brooks, Lynne Fulcher (Community Action Suffolk) and Cllr Chris Thomas (Carlton Colville Parish Council).</p>
2.	<p>Action notes</p> <p>The notes of the meetings held of the 12 May 2021 and the 14 July 2021 were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>Nicole Rickard (NR) referred to the written update on the most recent meeting of the Community Partnership Board, which had been circulated with the agenda, and highlighted the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £180,000 had been allocated to transport projects • Update from Community Partnership Chairmen



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of £22,500 had been allocated to a project on Self Neglect and Hoarding • An update on the Community Forum which would be held in March 2022. <p>It was noted that the Board would focus on Mental Health and the Community Partnerships Forum.</p>
4.	<p>Small Grants Panel Update</p> <p>Jo McCallum (JM) confirmed the following projects had been funded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1145 to Kessingland Men's Shed • £1420 to Carlton Colville PreSchool for an outdoor shelter • £1230 to Kessingland Meet Up Mondays • £1500 to Carlton Colville Greener Growth <p>The next funding round would run from the 10 January 2022.</p>
5.	<p>Project Updates</p> <p>JM updated the meeting on the Partnership's projects.</p> <p>Talking Benches All benches had been allocated and were in situ. Benches in Kessingland had been vandalised, JM would speak with other areas to see if similar problems had arisen and whether there were any solutions to prevent this.</p> <p>Virtual Walks Southwold route had been planned and was ready to go. Carlton Colville route was slightly more challenging as the area was more spread out. There were two options, either a general walk with a few heritage sites highlighted or a heritage walk which did not necessarily go to all heritage sites. Louise Carter would email the CP to see which was the preferred option.</p> <p>JM and Cllr David Beavan had been meeting to discuss a skate park in Southwold, the project would come to the CP shortly.</p>
6.	<p>Social Isolation Task and Finish Group</p> <p>Phil Love (PL) updated the meeting on the work of the Social Isolation Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>The group was looking to set up a social group in Carlton Colville, hopefully before Christmas, at the former Methodist Chapel. The aim was to run the group for a few months before passing it over to volunteers.</p>

7.	<p>Youth Survey Feedback</p> <p>An update on the youth survey would be shared with the group when the information had been drawn together.</p> <p>Helen Bateman (Community Action Suffolk) had attended a meeting on youth provision across Suffolk. Transport for young people had been identified as a barrier to provision of services, as well as a lack of meeting venues (both availability and costs). All in attendance were keen to work together to improve youth provisions.</p>
8.	<p>2022 Community Partnership Priorities and Funding</p> <p>A workshop would be held in the New Year to look at the partnerships priorities, more details would be confirmed when the date had been finalised.</p>
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on:</p> <p>Wednesday, 16 February at 6pm.</p>

The meeting concluded at 6.37pm.



Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 6 December 2021

1 Introduction

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs.

The meeting agendas and papers can be viewed [HERE](#)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed [HERE](#)

2. Community Partnership Board Priority 3: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Jon Neil (CEO, Suffolk MIND) delivered a presentation on “How has Covid19 and lockdown affected the mental health of local people?” (viewed [HERE](#)) in which he outlined the Mental Health Continuum Model and presented data on how lock down affected us.

The Board agreed that a Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group be convened to develop outcome proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Focus on Community Partnerships

The Board received its regular update on the impact of the eight Community Partnerships. The report can be viewed [HERE](#). In addition, the Board received a short presentation from Felixstowe Peninsular ([HERE](#)) and Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnerships ([HERE](#))

4. Community Partnership Board Priorities

The Board received a report ([HERE](#)) and presentation from Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, East Suffolk Council & NHS Norfolk & Waveney / Ipswich & East Suffolk CCGs) based on the outcomes of:

- The Covid Recovery Task and Finish Group
- Revised East Suffolk Data Pack ([HERE](#))
- Data Pack feedback from the Community Partnership Board Visioning Event, held at Trinity Park on 5 November ([HERE](#))
- Outcomes from a discussion in the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership on their emergent priorities around the cost of living and living standards ([HERE](#))

The Board agreed:

- That the Board maintain its focus on i) **Social Isolation and Loneliness** ii) **Sustainable Transport and Travel** and iii) **Mental Health and Wellbeing**
- That a new Task and Finish Group be convened to consider various ‘hidden Needs’ and inequalities, absorbing the outstanding work of the Covid Recovery Task and Finish Group and previous focus on Hidden Needs, and taking a wider perspective on **vulnerability**
- That Board partners work through the new Integrated Care System structures to emphasise importance of work around health inequalities

- That specific focus be placed on healthy weight in the places with the highest levels of children and adults who are overweight and obese – namely Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP, Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham CP and Felixstowe Peninsula CP.

5. Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships and Draft Action Plan

The Board received a report ([HERE](#)) from Steve Gallant, Chair of the Community Partnership Board based on i) a summary of the findings of the Local Government Association Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships held 12-14 October 2021 and ii) the outcomes of the Community Partnership Visioning Day held 5 November 2021

The Board then considered a draft plan of action ([HERE](#)) to agree what actions should be taken to address the issues raised by the Peer Challenge Team.

It was agreed that the Community Partnership Steering Group be given responsibility to oversee implementation of the action plan on behalf of the Board and report back regularly on progress.

6. Update: Community Partnership Annual Forum

At the September 2021 Board meeting it was agreed that, as Covid-19 still had a significant presence in the district, region and nationally, holding an event for 150-200 people at Trinity Park would not be wise on the date scheduled in November. Therefore, it was agreed to postpone until March 2022.

The Board received an update ([HERE](#)) from Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council).

The current situation is that Trinity Park is booked for an event for 200 delegates on **25 March 2022**.

Uncertainty over Government imposing restrictions on events / social contact due to Covid-19 in the future remains a significant risk associated with organising a face-to-face event of this size. Therefore, any plans will need to ensure adequate social distancing, be flexible to potentially reducing the number of delegates if the situation changes and carry the disclaimer that it may be cancelled at late notice.

The theme will be 'East Suffolk: Bringing Ideas to Life' and will highlight and support delivery of the Community Partnerships/Board priorities by addressing a range of challenges and opportunities thrown up by the Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships.

Members of the Community Partnerships are asked to make every effort to attend the event and consider what you could each contribute to the proposed programme.

Luke Bennett, Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council 14.12.21

Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold CP Workshop notes

Social Isolation Groups 1 & 2 Discussion Points:

Acknowledged social isolation impacts across all age groups.

Young people becoming isolated – lack of confidence in going out

Increase in severe mental health issues in young people, noticed behaviour changes and have got used to not socialising. Withdrawn in own homes on computers/electronic devices etc.

Mental health support services stretched to provide support – firefighting

Lots of activities and clubs shut down due to Covid – Volunteers given up (due to isolating or general restrictions).

No natural community in some areas (Carlton Colville)

Consider various initiatives – Music sessions, Meet up Mondays/Chin Wags

Intergenerational work to share experiences and build confidence

Lots of people suffered in silence – how do we identify those

Anxiety both in those who need support and those who provide it

Provide a venue for people to chat and come together – accessibility, different people feel lonely and isolated at different times, ie weekends

Lack of volunteers – how can this be addressed many older people who may have traditionally volunteered no longer do so

Need for younger volunteers but acknowledge that this is difficult due to family commitments/ work etc.

Consider volunteering scheme through employers – release employees to support various projects, ie lunch clubs/food banks etc

Youth Groups 1 & 2 Discussion Points:

Youth groups hosted Waterlane leisure centre, could be a good place for promoting things.

Kessingland youth club went from 7 children to 51. Want to replicate it in the northern part of Lowestoft. Corton and Gunton parish councils are also keen to start youth groups and get involved. Trying to get the community engaged and receive feedback in April.

Issues with children being bored, important to keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

The Seagull and the Lowestoft Football Club are doing events still for young people despite Covid.

Carlton Colville Brownies haven't got space to store equipment, large store spaces needed. Issues with Covid, no regular people attending means they are struggling with funding.

Children need to be encouraged to take part in clubs and activities from a young age.

Carlton Marsh are keen to get involved with young people more. It's about getting the parents aware, better publicity.

Parish councils are quite keen to get things up and running for young people again but are unsure where to start. Covid has disrupted a lot of things.

Important to help children who have had difficult backgrounds and those who suffer from bullying. Support needs to come from other places besides schools.

How can we better promote existing clubs like Cubs and Brownies?

The reason why some groups have grown so large is because they have well trained staff and the positive news spread among parents. Promoting the groups on social media helped reach more parents. Advertised it through CAS and managed to get additional volunteers through that channel.

People have gotten used to not volunteering because of Covid and are now out of the loop. Difficult to get back into the swing of things with so little recent experience.

Idea for a printed youth directory. It could list everything that is going on in an area, or even the whole CP. It could then be put online and updated regularly if there is high enough demand for it.

Volunteer Suffolk was suggested as being a helpful tool to recruit new volunteers for groups and clubs.

"Time credits" schemes. Those who volunteer build up credits which they can then spend on a swim course or a class at the leisure centre. A good incentive to encourage people to volunteer.

Some of the activities that appeal to youngsters are expensive and are out of reach for a lot of families. Some parents just can't afford it. We could set up a scheme to help subsidise these activities and get more people attending.

Taking dogs into care homes, get kids involved as well. This could be a cross generational project as it benefits both young and old people and gets them connected.

Suggestion to "transport-proof" any new projects coming through the partnership to ensure everyone can access it.

More facilities to make existing services more accessible to more people.