

Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at 6pm at the Stella Peskett Memorial Hall, Southwold

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

SCC Councillors – Cllrs Michael Ladd, Cllr Judy Cloke

Town and Parish Councils – Neil Coleby (Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Debbie Hughes (Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council), Cllr Chris Thomas (Carlton Colville Town Council)

Partnership Organisations – Ian Castro (Impact Detached)

Others present (non-voting) – Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Gemma Fraser (Communities Officer), Poppy Lovell (CAS), 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.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Rivett, Cllr Vigo Di Gallidoro and Julie McClean (Kessingland Parish Council)</p>
2.	<p>Action notes</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on the 20 July were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>Nicole Rickard (NR) summarised the programmes which had been discussed at the last Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ease the Squeeze programme • Transport programme • Loneliness and isolation presentation and discussion on priority groups



	<p>NR introduced the Ease the Squeeze programme which had been launched this month to help address the cost of living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A website has been launched with details of projects and referral programmes. Thirty referrals have been received to date, asking for help with a variety of things from food, appliances, and housing. • Twelve projects have been identified and each Community Officer is leading on projects covering the areas of money, food, energy, and fuel. • £360,000 funding available, the team is looking into grants from other areas to boost this. • Three financial inclusion officers have also been employed to help people manage simpler debt, budgets, and benefits. More complicated issues are being referred to the Citizens Advice Bureau. • Information on the programme was being shared through Town and Parish Councils. <p>The Community Partnership raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How uniform banks would work with what was already in place • Liability insurance and food hygiene certificates and ratings for village groups wanting to run lunch clubs • How local businesses could both help provide meals, and get support while they were struggling with costs <p>Cllr Beavan suggested providing a pot of money which parish councils could bid into. Cllr Smith suggested providing £5k for the food and energy streams and asking parish councils to match funding and promote this pot to their community groups.</p> <p>ACTION: £5k to each food and energy priorities (£10,000 total) to be promoted to Parish Councils in the CP area, with the aim for them to match funding and share with their community groups</p>
4.	<p>Update on the CP Projects</p> <p>Virtual walks – three walks have been done and uploaded to website, communications around this are now being planned.</p> <p>Southwold Skate Park - £47,000 raised, around half of the budget required. They are working with the funding team to find additional money. They are currently running engagement events to help raise money and provide skateboarding coaching.</p>
5.	<p>Community Issues</p> <p>NB has been approached by a group affiliated with Suffolk County Council which provides support to children being cared for by grandparents or extended family</p>

	<p>members. They are currently meeting outside and would like to provide a shelter for the winter months. Cllr Brooks asked if the CP would be willing to resource the group either through money or officer time.</p> <p>The CP asked why the County Council was not funding the group, and why funding was not being explored through this avenue first.</p> <p>The CP agreed that this was a good project, but had concerns that not enough information was available and why the team was not being supported in other ways.</p> <p>ACTION: The CP asked that Gemma Fraser and the funding provide support to enable the project to get the arrangements in place to receive and access funding.</p> <p>Cllr Beavan asked if following on from this, the CP could look into carer provisions in the area, and whether there was provision for carer respite in the area and what could be done to extend this, particularly for people caring for their own family members.</p>
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on:</p> <p>Wednesday, 3 November 2022, the time and location would be confirmed.</p>
7.	<p>Focus on social isolation priority</p> <p>The Partnership discussed actions for their social isolation priority to be discussed by the task and finish group.</p>

The meeting concluded at 20.08pm.