



Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 30 January 2023, 10.30am in the Hadwen Room, Felixstowe Library, Crescent Road, Felixstowe

Core Membership present:

ESC Councillors – Stuart Bird, Tracey Green, Mark Jepson (Chair)

Town and Parish Councils – Nick Barber (Felixstowe Town Council), Lynn Beal (Trimley St Mary Parish Council), Ann Colvill (Kirkton and Falkenham Parish Council), Rhea Gardner (Bucklesham Parish Council), Yvonne Smart (Trimley St Martin Parish Council), Andy Smith (Felixstowe Town Council)

Partnership Organisations – Paul Borroughs (Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce), Shez Hopkins (Level Two Youth Project) (Vice-Chair), Hayley Stearn (Felixstowe Integrated Neighbourhood Team), Sarah Wilson (Community Representative)

Others present – Sharon Harkin (ESC Communities Officer), Alex Heys (ESC Digital Marketing, Safeguarding and Community Projects Manager), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies for absence received – Cathy Couchman (Waldringfield Parish Council), Mike Deacon (East Suffolk Council), Brian Hunt (Nacton Parish Council), Ash Tadjirishi (Felixstowe Town Council Clerk)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Action Notes</p> <p>Mark Jepson (MJ) opened the meeting and announced, with great sadness, that Graham Newman, Felixstowe Town and Suffolk County councillor and member of the Community Partnership, had passed away on Wednesday 28 December 2022 after a short illness. MJ invited all present to stand for a moment's reflection in memory of Graham.</p> <p>The action notes were agreed by consensus and the Community Partnership received updates on the actions agreed.</p>



2.	<p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>Alex Heys (AH) provided an update from the most recent Community Partnership Board meeting, held on 8 December 2022, including the Winter 22 CP Newsletter and the Social Isolation and Loneliness Task Group’s proposal to support communities to explore ideas that expand the use of their community building as a community hub, which was funded by the Board.</p>
3.	<p>Current Projects Update</p> <p>Sharon Harkin (SH) provided updates related to pantry projects and a new “cuppa and chat” fund that had been launched. SH summarised the cost of living bulletin which was being distributed to all homes in the Felixstowe and Trimleys areas.</p> <p>SH provided an update on the warm rooms network in the Community Partnership area; the warm rooms in the network were either self-funded or funded until the end of March 2023. SH confirmed that warm rooms would be reviewed after then end of March 2023.</p> <p>There was general discussion about the learning points from warm rooms that could be applied when planning for winter 2023.</p>
4.	<p>Community issues, including Youth Voice themes</p> <p>SH provided an update on Youth Voice, noting the recent escalation of exploited young people moving from Ipswich to Felixstowe and the work of the County Council’s Child Exploitation team in the town. SH highlighted known vandalism incidents in Felixstowe but said there was no evidence of young people carrying weapons in Felixstowe.</p> <p>SH confirmed that she had visited Felixstowe School alongside the Child Exploitation team and Suffolk Police to speak to young people, who had said that although being nervous about gangs/county lines, they felt safe in Felixstowe. Most of the concerns raised to professionals during the visit related to vaping and how accessible it was to young people. SH noted that the young people spoken to had been selected by the school and were not necessarily from the cross-section professionals had wanted to talk to.</p> <p>SH said that a new Youth Voice survey relating to gangs/violence was being distributed to schools for response and noted that Level Two’s outreach work would be resuming soon, and this would provide an opportunity to further engage with young people about the issues affecting them.</p>



	<p>There was some discussion around lobbying at the national level on vaping; MJ suggested this be discussed outside of the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>Monday 27 February 2023, 1pm in the Hadwen Room, Felixstowe Library, Crescent Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7BY</p> <p>ACTION – SH to provide a breakdown of the Community Partnership’s spend 2019-2023 inclusive at the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Cost of living and fuel crisis – Ease the Squeeze projects</p> <p>SH summarised that a large portion of the £15,000 allocated to support the Ease the Squeeze projects remained unspent; some of the funding specifically allocated for warm packs was not required so had been returned to the allocated pot. SH outlined the possible projects circulated via email prior to the meeting and what had already been allocated.</p> <p>The following points were raised during discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value for money • Extension of school uniform support to include primary school uniforms • Providing new items for the school uniform support scheme • Putting systems in place to support for future events <p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION – to allocate a maximum of £10,000 to the the Happy Pop Up Shed for school uniform support (proposed MJ, seconded TG, approved unanimously) • ACTION – to allocate a maximum of £1,000 to the Pushchair Pitstop project (proposed MJ, seconded NB, approved unanimously) • ACTION – SH to write to school Parent/Teacher Associations (PTAs) to get a better idea of the needs for school uniform support • ACTION – rural partners to signpost SH to rural school contacts • ACTION – SH to establish a Task and Finish Group relating to school uniform support

7.	<p>Improving the physical health and wellbeing of primary school children, and increasing physical and social activity in adults</p> <p>SH highlighted the unallocated budget for 2022/23 and confirmed that the Community Partnership could allocate to projects addressing specific needs in the area that were not directly linked to its priorities. SH summarised the possible projects that had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The following points were raised during discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking community health issues to the volunteering fair • Linking a volunteering campaign to “The Big Help Out” campaign linked to the coronation of HM King Charles III in May 2023. • The importance of volunteering to the Community Partnership meeting its priorities • General positivity towards funding youth provision activities such as Beach Bonkers and activities at Landguard Fort <p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION – to allocate a maximum of £2,500 for a community health and volunteering fair (proposed NB, seconded MJ, approved unanimously) • ACTION – to allocate a maximum of £1,500 for another term of Felixstowe Movers (proposed MJ, seconded SB, approved unanimously) • ACTION – to allocate a maximum of £5,000 to support the Youth Forum and youth provision activities (proposed YS, seconded PB, approved unanimously) • ACTION – MJ to raise linking community health issues to a volunteering fair at the PPG meeting he is attending on 7 February 2023 • ACTION – SH to establish Task and Finish Groups relating to delivering a community health and volunteering fair and supporting youth provision
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The meeting concluded at 12.19pm.