

Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held at Shadingfield Village Hall, 10 October 2022 at 6pm

Core Membership:

<u>ESC Councillors</u> – Cllr Judy Cloke (Chairman), Cllr Caroline Topping (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Alison Cackett, Cllr Tony Goldson, Cllr David Ritchie

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u> –Cllr Tony Dawes (Bungay Town Council), Cllr Joyce Moseley (Halesworth Town Council), Cllr Caroline Ellis (Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Parish Council), Cllr Linday Kersey (Worlingham Parish Council)

<u>Partnership Organisations</u> –Phil Love (Access Community Trust), Eric Sewell (Apollo Youth Centre)

<u>Others present</u> – Sam Kenward (Communities Officer), Poppy Lovell (CAS), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Kelsey Sayer (Youth Parliament)

Apologies: Cllr John Adams (Bungay Town Council), Fran Bedding (CAS), Sue Collins (Bungay Community Support), Lee Drewery (Everyone Active), Edward Elphick (Youth representative), Cllr Beryl Matthews (Worlingham Parish Council)

Item	Discussion
1.	Notes of the Previous Meeting
	The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.
2.	Community Partnership Board Update
	A written update had been shared with the agenda, there were no additional questions.
3.	Community Partnership Projects Update
	A written update had been shared with the agenda, there were no additional questions.
4.	Community Issues



Move On Up Project

Poppy Lovell and Sam Kenward summarised the Move On Up project

- Event took place on 13th August.
- Aimed at children moving from primary to high schools to help them build friendships before going to high school
- Also took the opportunity to get feedback on what they would like to see in the area.
- Seventeen responses from young people, nineteen responses from parents
- Surveys asked what activities people took part in, why they took part and what else they would like to see in the area.
- Feedback from children emphasised the desire to make new friends and take part in activities. Parents responded that they enjoyed the networking and information shared.
- Three parents also volunteered for the Apollo Centre to enable it to open to additional year groups.
- Schools did provide support to help children transition academically but more needed to be done to help children build friendships in their next schools, especially for the small rural schools.

The Community Partnership members raised the following points:

- What support was available for students moving up to secondary schools
- Support for children moving to schools in different towns and what help can be made available, either externally or from young ambassadors within schools.
- How the project could be repeated shared with a wider group for the next group of children to move to secondary school.
- What actions will come out of the informal surveys and how this connected to other work being done in the area.

Halesworth Youth Research

Cllr Joyce Mosely (JM) updated on the Halesworth Youth Research.

- Project aimed to find out what young people wanted to see in the area, with the aim of using this to inform future decisions.
- The research was completed by Access Community Trust and reached 357 children in the Halesworth area, around a third of the people aged 11 to 18 in this area.
- Research included surveys, interviews, events in schools and during the summer holidays in parks and at youth groups.
- Results showed that they were looking for a shared space for meeting friends with some organised activities. Currently they used the skatepark in Halesworth but this was quite tired and younger children didn't like going in that area when there were older children there.



- Halesworth Town Council would be looking into how this area and the park can be improved.
- Kelsey Sayer stated that youth parliament were looking at how they could open a space for young people to provide a shared space with access to youth workers, but this would be a Suffolk wide project.

A full report on the outcomes of this project would be shared with this group and Youth Action Halesworth-Rural group to develop into more concrete proposals.

Ease the Squeeze

SK updated the meeting on the Ease the Squeeze project being run by East Suffolk Council.

The Community Partnership raised the following points:

- Ensuring trusted local foodbanks/pantries/larders are maintained and nothing is put in place which competes with them.
- Information on the costs of running appliances to be provided with the appliance packs.
- The requirements for additionality with warm rooms meaning some good venues would not be applicable for this warm rooms funding as they aren't extending their offering enough, or because they have already set up these programmes before the funding stream was ready to provide funding. The group agreed that they could provide funding from their own budget to extend the offer in this area for those venues.

5. CP Objectives and Projects for 2022/23

SK summarised the objectives which had been proposed by task and finish groups following discussion in the last meeting.

It was agreed that objectives and projects would be agreed over email, and projects against these objectives agreed at the meeting in December.

6. Dates of Next Meetings

Mondays at 6pm 19 December 2022 and 27 February 2023.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.