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Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Partnership Board** held via Zoom
on Monday, 7 December 2020 at 6.00pm

Members of the Community Partnership Board present:

Steve Gallant (Chairman of the Community Partnership Board and Leader of East Suffolk Council),
Chris Abraham (Chief Executive of Community Action Suffolk (CAS)),
Paul Ashdown (Chairman of the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership),
Jenny Ceresa (Chairman of the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and Villages Community Partnership),
Judy Cloke (Chairman of the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages Community Partnership),
Tony Cooper (Chairman of the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages Community Partnership),
Kerry Cutler (Superintendent and Southern Area Commander for Suffolk Constabulary),
Louise Hardwick (NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group),
Mark Jepson (Chairman of the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership),
Michael Ladd (Suffolk County Councillor for the Kessingland and Southwold Division),
Tom McGarry (Head of Stakeholder Engagement for EDF Energy),
Lisa Perkins (Vice Chairman of the Community Partnership Board and Realisation Director for British Telecom),
Carol Poulter (Chairman of the Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership),
Russ Rainger (Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC))
Paul Sharp (Superintendent and East Suffolk Policing Commander),
Stephen Singleton (Chief Executive for the Suffolk Community Foundation),
Letitia Smith (East Suffolk Council Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism),
Paul West (Suffolk County Councillor for the Bixley Division), and
Roger Wright (Chief Executive, Britten Pears Arts).

Others present:

Sarah Carter (Democratic Services Officer, East Suffolk Council),
Andy Cuthbertson (Communities and VSC Lead for Suffolk County Council),
Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council),
Nick Khan (Strategic Director, East Suffolk Council),
Alexander Nicholl (Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport, Suffolk County Council)
Ben Porter (Funding Manager, East Suffolk Council),
Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, East Suffolk Council and NHS Norfolk & Waveney / Ipswich & East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups),
Andrew Summers (Strategic Director for Transport East)
Nicola Wotton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager, East Suffolk Council) and
Esme Yuill (Communications Lead for Transport East)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Blundell (Chairman of the Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership), Susan Harvey (Member of the Greenprint Forum) and Tim Passmore (Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk).

Judy Cloke later gave apologies, as she needed to leave at approximately 7.30 pm in order to attend another meeting.

Steve Gallant reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast live via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Steve Gallant presented the Minutes from the last meeting of the Board, which was held on 7 September 2020 and, by consensus, those present confirmed that the minutes were a true record.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on 7 September 2020 be approved as a true record.

3. Report from the Transport Task Group

Steve Gallant invited Nick Khan to introduce the Transport Task Group item.

Nick Khan reported that the Community Partnerships had reviewed their priorities in light of the Covid-19 response and transport issues remained a priority and/or a key element of the discussions in many partnerships, particularly given the links to other areas of activity eg isolation, health and wellbeing, employment and training opportunities and youth activities.

At the 7 September 2020 Community Partnership Board meeting had agreed to:

- Establish a Task Group to work up solutions
- Give the Transport priority substantive focus during the Community Partnership Annual Forum in November 2020
- Consider commissioning some expertise to work with the Board to identify potential 'quick win' transport projects and help local organisations and groups to develop these
- Be prepared to allocate funding from the 2020/21 Community Partnership Board budget to this priority, ringfenced to support local project development and delivery

The Transport Task Group had been created and it consisted of:

Carl Ashton Suffolk County Council, Transport Policy & Development Manager

Luke Bennett	East Suffolk Council, Partnerships Manager
Norman Brooks	East Suffolk Council, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport
Nick Khan	East Suffolk Council, Strategic Director
Tom McGarry	EDF, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Sizewell C Nuclear Development
Sarah Mortimer	Community Action Suffolk, Senior Manager Community Engagement
Alexander Nicoll	Suffolk County Council, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport & Chair of the Local Government Association Public Transport Consortium
Russ Rainger	SALC, Vice Chairman of the Joint East Suffolk Area Forum
Andrew Summers	Transport East, Strategic Director
Tracy Vobe	Suffolk County Council, Head of Passenger Transport

It was noted that the Transport Task Group had met once on 26 October 2020. The Task Group had concluded that a twin track approach to Transport was appropriate, and a suggested way forward was shown below:

Short Term:

- i) Identify, develop and seed/match fund pilots and trial projects to test 'proof of concept' and assess their viability to be scaled up across the area.
- ii) Develop a 3-year transport work programme to be overseen by the Task Group and backed up by:
 - A Programme Manager
 - A programme delivery budget, focused on short-term deliverables as they become identified

Medium – Long term:

- i) Undertake a study of Transport and travel issues & gaps in East Suffolk to provide rigorous data and intelligence on which to base future work.
- ii) Work with strategic partners to redesign parts of the system, and collectively lobby to influence for change.
- iii) Other long-term aspirations as they are identified through the programme.

Nick Khan then invited Andrew Summers, Strategic Director for Transport East, to say a few words. A brief summary of the contents of his presentation are shown below:

- Transport East was one of 7 Sub-national Transport Bodies (STBs),
- Transport East was created in 2018 and covered Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Thurrock and Southend,
- The role of Transport East was to:
 - Develop a transport strategy and priorities to secure investment
 - Speak with one voice for our sub-national area on transport
 - Champion our region
 - Accelerate and improve delivery
 - Work beyond boundaries, across the UK
 - Provide economies of scale for our partners

- Transport East was now developing an ambitious Transport Strategy which would last until 2050. A draft Transport Strategy would go out to public consultation in the summer of 2021.
- Transport East Key Themes were:
 - Global Gateways
 - Multi-Centred Connectivity
 - Energised Coastal and Rural Communities
 - Decarbonisation
- Transport East was already undertaking a wide range of public engagement, including a Public Survey, Thematic Workshops and Partnership Working.
- How could Transport East align with Government Objectives and Promote our Unique Place?

Steve Gallant thanked Andrew Summers for his interesting presentation. Steve Gallant asked Nicola Wotton to circulate the slides to all of the Community Partnership Board members outside of the meeting. He also encouraged all Board members to circulate the slides as they saw fit and encourage people to complete the online survey, as it was important to get a wide range of views and opinions.

Esme Yuill, Communications Lead for Transport East, stated that the East of England was a premier place and East Suffolk should make the most of the Energy Coast and, Sizewell, the Port of Felixstowe and Harwich Port, which was also nearby, the Fishing Industry at Lowestoft and the support to the offshore energy industry that would be provided via Lowestoft Port. There was a huge amount of work going on in this area and it was important that transport development was levelled up across the country.

Stephen Singleton reported that the latest Hidden Needs report covered a wide range of trends for Suffolk. He reported that East Suffolk was particularly affected by poor access to good Broadband. This meant that many residents were disadvantaged, as were unable to access the range of online services that were available. This led to increased isolation, affected businesses and reduced residents access to education and training opportunities.

Michael Ladd queried whether the public engagement would be at an appropriate level, rather than at a strategic level. Reassurance was provided that the presentation this evening had been written with its audience in mind. There would be a clear public communications strategy and also youth engagement, to ensure that all age groups were consulted and their views were taken on board.

Nick Khan thanked Andrew Summers and Esme Yuill for their contribution and it was noted that there was a lot of work ahead, regarding Transport. He then invited Paul West and Alexander Nicholl to give an update on Electric Vehicles.

N.B. Andrew Summers and Esme Yuill left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

Alexander Nicholl updated Board members on the one year pilot scheme, which would test the viability of a sustainable transport solution involving two 8-seater wheelchair accessible

electric passenger vehicles, operating as a shared taxi, for the residents of Campsea Ashe, Framlingham and Wickham Market. It was noted that the Initial Outcome Proposal was attached as an appendix to the report, which covered how the 'need' had been identified, when the taxis would be available, how to book and the costings etc.

The Board members were pleased by this exciting proposal. Steve Gallant queried how this pilot scheme would be publicised and how Covid-19 would impact upon it. It was reported that there would be a substantial media campaign, particularly focussing upon social media, and all the local Town and Parish Councils would be informed/invited. Local MPs, Dr Dan Poulter and Dr Therese Coffey, would take part in the launch event for the pilot scheme. Signage would be installed in Framlingham about how to access the service, costs etc and precautions would be put in place to ensure compliance with current legislation regarding Covid-19. Alexander Nicholl took the opportunity to thank Carol Poulter for all her support and assistance with developing this pilot scheme. It was noted that usage of the taxis would be closely monitored and having a regular timetable would provide reliability for local residents. Being sustainable was also extremely important and the pilot scheme would involve working with Greater Anglia, so that people could travel home from the station.

Carol Poulter then thanked Alexander Nicholl for his hard work in supporting this pilot scheme and bringing it to fruition. The pilot scheme would be meeting a demonstrable need, as local residents had raised many complaints about the lack of public transport in the area. She felt that this type of pilot scheme, involving a collaboration of organisations including Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and other groups, would work extremely well.

Nick Khan then invited Tom McGarry to say a few words about the East Suffolk Travel and Transport Improvement Plan. Tom McGarry explained that all 8 Community Partnerships had identified 2 clear priorities at their workshops in 2019. These were Social Isolation and Loneliness and Transport. Since those workshops, further work had been carried out with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council to identify what transport and access to services data was available for East Suffolk. It was noted that the Community Partnership Forum, which took place in November 2020, had been a rich source of local intelligence on what mattered to our communities, in terms of transport solutions, access to services and barriers to cycling and walking.

Improving transport would benefit all residents in East Suffolk. In particular, it would benefit young people, who would then be able to access training and employment more easily. Older people would benefit too, by being able to access activities and services that were important to them, more easily. Improvements to transport could also encourage more people to take up walking and cycling more often, improving their overall health.

Tom McGarry stated that a further Outcome Proposal form was attached as an appendix to the report, however the key outcomes being proposed were as follows:

- Within 3 months to have developed a 3-year transport and travel work programme that gives a clear focus on how the Community Partnership Board will have an impact;
- Within 6 months to have identified and commissioned short-term deliverables that solve transport and travel challenges in East Suffolk Communities;
- Within 6 months to have studied transport and travel issues and gaps in East Suffolk to provide rigorous data and intelligence on which to base future work.

Tom McGarry reported that EDF were willing to provide in-kind support for this project and would provide a Project Manager for 15 hours per week, from February to July 2021, to assist with this area of work. It was noted that an EDF Analyst, Jack Raven, would be providing this support, which was worth approximately £20,000. Tom McGarry clarified that Jack Raven would be answerable to the Transport Task Group when working on this project.

Board members thanked Tom McGarry, on behalf of EDF, for this generous offer, which was excellent news and would assist greatly with the delivery of the project.

Tom McGarry then updated the Board on EDF's aspiration to lead on developing a hydrogen platform in East Suffolk. This would be an exciting and innovative study into the use of hydrogen, to see if it could be used as a safe and sustainable source of energy. He suggested that the Council may wish to be involved in this study further, and even see if the Council's fleet of vehicles could be run on hydrogen in the future. This was a medium to long term objective for EDF and he stated that the issue could be considered in greater depth by the Transport Task Group in due course.

Steve Gallant commended this innovative approach and he confirmed that East Suffolk Council would be very interested in finding out more about the opportunities that the use of hydrogen could bring.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Task Group takes the role of the Transport Programme Steering Group to problem solve the transport priority on its behalf.
- (b) That the 2 outcome proposals and associated costs be approved:
 - KATCH EV Taxi bus trial - £40,000
 - East Suffolk Travel and Transport Improvement Programme - £80,000
- (c) That a letter of support for the Hydrogen Platform be sent to EDF by Steve Gallant, as Chairman, on behalf of the Community Partnership Board.

4. 2020 Annual Forum Feedback and Outcomes

Steve Gallant reminded the Board that the Community Partnership Annual Forum had taken place virtually, via Zoom, from 2 – 6 November 2020. The Forum had been attended by representatives from our communities, voluntary organisations, community groups, public

services and business, focussing upon the strategic priorities identified by the Board and the individual Community Partnerships.

The Forum had Hosted 10 separate sessions and an 11th additional Fringe Event. There had been 16.5 hours of presentations and discussions, with 208 delegates and 593 individual bookings over the 10 sessions, as the majority of people wanted to attend more than one session. The feedback received about the Forum had been excellent and it was noted that another Forum event was planned for November 2021, this time in person.

Michael Ladd congratulated those involved in arranging the Forum and he queried if some of the Forum sessions in 2021 could also be held virtually, to reduce travel? It was confirmed that this could be looked into.

Chris Abraham commented that the virtual sessions had been very positive and beneficial, but that there is still value in organising the forum as a physical conference again in the future as it has always proved useful to speak with a wide range of stakeholders and raise awareness of what was happening in the District. She felt that this sort of group participation and networking was very beneficial.

Letitia Smith reiterated the benefits of networking, sharing ideas and information, particularly during these unprecedented times.

RESOLVED

- That the update on the 2020 Annual Forum and the feedback from members of the Board be noted.
- A hybrid event, with a combination of physical conference and virtual sessions be explored for next years Forum.

5. Update on Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Priority

Steve Gallant invited Nicole Rickard to present this item.

Nicole Rickard stated that the Community Partnership Board had £150,000 to allocate in 2019/20 and a further £300,000 to allocate in 2020/21. To date, a total of £135,000 had been allocated to projects aimed at tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness. In addition, the Board had allocated £100,000 to the 'Bounce Back Fund' which had strong links to the Isolation and Loneliness theme, as it would be used to enable VCSE groups, including youth groups and community buildings, to recommence their activities safely and securely.

The Board had allocated a total of £90,000 for the Hidden Needs Grants Programme (this was £40,000 from the 2019/20 budget and £50,000 from the 2020/21 budget). This funding had been added to the £60,264 which had been left from the first Phase of the Hidden Needs Grants, which had been funded by the East Suffolk Partnership, and this provided a total funding pot of just over £150,000. Details on the application process and the criteria for funding could be found on the Council's website.

The following Grant Allocations had been made:

Round 1

Wednesday's Child - £9,950

Hour Community, Framlingham – (up to) £7,500
Halesworth Volunteer Centre - £10,000
Seagull Theatre, Pakefield - £9,320
Total for Round 1 = £36,770

Round 2

Rural Coffee Caravan - £3,750
Pathway Care Farm - £5,500
Gatehouse – (up to) £4,500
Greenlight Trust - £6,960
Swell Music - £7,400
Boost - £5,000
Halesworth Volunteer Centre - £10,000
Re-engage - £3,500
Total for Round 2 = £46,610

Nicole Rickard reported that the balance of funding remaining for Round 3, which closed on 15 January 2021, was therefore £66,620.

Nicole Rickard then updated the Board on the Grandpads pilot scheme. A grandpad was a simplified tablet designed for the older user, with larger buttons and speakers, pre-loaded content, easy to navigate operating system and a 24/7 personal help facility. The grandpads would help older people to contact friends and family, reducing isolation, and would also help them to access services. Thanks to sponsorship from the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and funding from the Community Partnership Board, there were now 100 grandpads in use in East Suffolk.

Nicole Rickard then updated the Board on the projects which had been supported by the VCSE Bounce Back Fund:

Organisation Name	Funding Awarded
Beccles Sea Cadets	£5,000
Re-Utilise	£1,000
Halesworth Rifle Hall	£3,178
Bungay Black Dog Judo	£4,870
New Cut Arts, Halesworth	£4,150
Seagull Theatre, Pakefield	£4,900
The Art Station, Saxmundham	£3,864
Parham Village Hall	£2,988
ActivLives	£4,521
Inspire Suffolk	£3,927
1st Acton & Waldringfield Scout group	£230
Riding for the Disabled (Woodbridge & District Group)	£2,065
Gunton Baptist Church	£300
Bentwaters Aviation Society	£1,694
Leiston, Saxmundham & District Citizens Advice	£2,857

Apollo Youth Centre	£897
Team Waveney Swimming club	£1,344
Being Well in Suffolk	£2,075
Blythburgh Village Hall	£607
Lowestoft Sea Cadets	£2,461
Saxmundham Town Market Hall Trust Committee	£2,500
Middleton Cum Fordley Parish Council	£500
Siren	£1,645
Westleton Village Hall	£3,000

It was noted that £39,427.53 of the original £100,000 remained in the Bounce Back Fund.

Chris Abraham commented that the funding had been very well received and appreciated and it had helped to build confidence in the smaller organisations to re-open. She thanked the Board for their ongoing support.

Steve Gallant thanked Chris Abraham and Community Action Suffolk for their hard work in supporting smaller voluntary organisations. Letitia Smith commented that she was pleased that funding had been awarded to deserving projects and she thanked the Community Partnership Board for supporting this important area of work.

RESOLVED

That the progress in relation to the three projects that support the delivery of the Social Isolation and Loneliness priority, namely Hidden Needs, Covid Community Funds and Grandpads, and spend to date from the Bounce Back Fund, which delivered against both the Covid Impacts and Isolation and Loneliness priorities, be noted.

N.B. Judy Cloke left the meeting during the discussion of this item, at approximately 7.30pm.

6. Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group Report

Nicole Rickard reported that the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group first met on 4 August 2020 and a report on the Group's recommendations had been presented to the Board at its meeting on 7 September 2020. A further meeting of the Group took place on 13 October 2020, to consider Priority 3 – Supporting the most vulnerable people and communities.

Nicole Rickard stated that mapping had been undertaken by the Suffolk Office of Data Analytics (SODA) to identify people with multiple vulnerabilities in East Suffolk, namely clinical, social and financial vulnerabilities. That data had showed that there were 66,556 people, or 47,560 households, who had been identified as having one or more vulnerability indicators.

It was noted that those people who had become newly vulnerable, mainly due to the impact of Covid-19, had not been overlooked and they included the following groups:

- on zero hours contracts (immediate loss of income)

- self-employed (many not eligible for Government help, likely to have committed outgoings higher than Universal Credit payment)
- impacted by furloughing (including those eventually made redundant)
- made redundant (particularly those made redundant in March/April who are likely to have exhausted any savings)
- newly unemployed, exhausted savings and unable to reduce outgoings
- claiming Universal Credit for the first time (may be delays in payments)
- those at risk of eviction
- those who were shielding to end of July but may have been unable to return to their role.

The Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) initiative in East Suffolk, had also been used to identify cohorts of individuals and families who were more likely to slip into crisis during the pandemic. Nicole Rickard reported that it was well known that those members of society who were already deprived were more likely to be impacted by Covid-19, in relation to social mobility, educational attainment and economic resilience.

It was noted that Covid-19 had seen a significant impact on mental health, due to isolation / loneliness, financial hardship, loss of employment and it was anticipated that an 8.1% decline in mental health would take place. Young people seemed to be adversely affected by the pandemic, as one third had stated, as part of a Healthwatch survey, that their mental health was worse following lockdown.

Nicole Rickard reported that there had been a huge increase in welfare support claims and Universal Credit claims had increased by 69.4% between March and April 2020 and many people were claiming benefits for the first time.

In terms of clinical vulnerability, it was noted that overall population health may decline further, if fewer people continue to seek help with their long term conditions. This would then have an impact upon life expectancy gaps between different parts of East Suffolk, which were already significant between some Wards.

The Task and Finish Group had also developed a number of ideas for consideration by the Board, in a table which indicated whether they were long or short term projects and also which age group would benefit from them. They were:

Project	Short Term	Longer Term	Young People	Work Age	Older People
Skills development a) A package of projects to support the upskilling and reskilling of specific groups of people: • 16-25-year olds (through the YES – see below) • Care Leavers • Older young people (late twenties) • Seasonal workers • Those whose furlough period is ending • Over 55's (link to the East Suffolk volunteering campaign and role of volunteering as a pathway back into work)		*	*	*	*

b) Develop a Kick-Start readiness programme for those young people who aren't quite ready for a 6-month work placement		*	*		
Reducing Frailty c) Explore how to specifically support over 70's to remain active thus reducing deconditioning and frailty – links to the EAST Box project below. This would also help with the management of long-term conditions. d) Build on the BT tech trial for older/vulnerable people to explore how we can support people to be safe at home e.g. checking that they are moving, drinking, accessing the fridge etc.		*			*
Food Poverty e) Use the results of the CAS survey of food banks to understand gaps in East Suffolk and consider additional funding or other support to sustain food banks and food projects e.g. community fridges/pantries/food schemes f) Ensure that those who are newly vulnerable and in need of food bank support have access to Christmas food and treats	*			*	*
EAST (Everyone Active, Supported, Together) Box g) Develop winter activity packs for older people – similar to the Summer in a Box packs for vulnerable young people - to be distributed in January 2021 to 2,000 older, lonely residents (see Outcome Proposal). h) Introduce a 'Buddy Up' system so that each box recipient has a 'buddy' to help and encourage them to use the contents of the box.	*				*
Vulnerability Gaps i) Consider data from the Suffolk Advice Support Service and the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme for East Suffolk to understand what needs are not being met e.g. heating oil and identify who is in most extreme need and what additional support they might need.		*		*	*

Letitia Smith commended the wide range of proposed projects and updated the Board on the proposed EAST Boxes project (Everyone Active, Supported Together). She then shared the proposal that up to £20,000 of funding be allocated to this project which would provide 2,000 boxes of items, to those people over the age of 65, to help encourage them to keep active, be active mentally and to eat well.

Steve Gallant queried whether 2,000 boxes was sufficient and it was confirmed that further discussions could take place if there was additional demand for the EAST boxes. It was noted that these boxes would be crucial to help support older people who were isolated

and/or lonely, to stay well at home over the long winter months, until the vaccine had been rolled out fully.

RESOLVED

- a) That the package of projects identified by the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group to respond to the Vulnerable People and Places priority identified by the Board at its June meeting be approved.
- b) That the Task and Finish Group and partner organisations develop these projects and report back to the March Board meeting.
- c) That up to £20,000 be allocated towards the EAST Box project (any unspent funding would be returned to the budget) as per the outcome proposal attached to this report as Appendix 2.

7. Community Partnerships Update – Issues and Impact

Steve Gallant invited Letitia Smith to speak on this item.

Letitia Smith reported that she was delighted with the progress made by the 8 Community Partnerships. She noted it had been a very difficult year, however the meetings had still taken place remotely and the CPs had been very proactive.

Letitia Smith provided a re-cap of the budget situation for the Community Partnerships and it was noted that:

- Each Community Partnership had been allocated £10,000 for 2019/20 and £25,000 for 2020/21 (rolled into one fund for 2020/21)
- £280,000 total funding for all Community Partnerships to date.
- £200,000 had been allocated or proposed for community projects and activities
- £79,311 remained to be allocated before 1 April 2021.

It was noted that the Community Partnerships had held workshops in October and November 2019, which had been data-led and the priorities for each partnership had been agreed. The Partnerships had then held one meeting prior to going into lockdown in March 2020, therefore the amount they had achieved, since then, had been remarkable.

Steve Gallant echoed Letitia's comments and he was pleased that there had been a successful roll out of the Community Partnerships across the district. He thanked the Chairmen, CP members, officers and partner organisations for their support and hard work in making the Partnerships a success.

The Community Partnership Chairmen were then invited to give an update on the work of their Partnerships:

Tony Cooper reported that a further £5,400 had been allocated by the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages CP at their recent meeting on 4 December 2020. He felt that the Partnership was doing well and making a difference.

Paul Ashdown reported that the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP had £6,656 yet to allocate. He queried if the CPs would be having further workshops in which to review the CP priorities? Steve Gallant reported that the CPs were to decide on their individual priorities. If their priority remained, they should continue their efforts until that issue was no longer a priority. Paul Ashdown commented that one of their priorities had been to reduce Childhood Obesity and it was acknowledged that this would be a long term priority as the results would take some time to take effect.

Jenny Ceresa reported that £800 had recently been allocated to the 'Sloppy Slippers' project for the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and Villages CP. This would raise awareness on the need for sensible footwear to try and reduce the amount of elderly people falling or tripping due to wearing loose slippers. It was noted that £5,000 had also been allocated towards 'Talking Benches' which would provide places for people to meet up and chat, in a socially distanced way (the benches were 2m long to facilitate this). £2,325 had also been allocated to the 'Voice of a Friend' project, which was delivered by Citizens Advice and was set up by the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP. Work was also continuing on developing a Small Grants Scheme.

Carol Poulter took the opportunity to thank Nicola Jenner, her Communities Officer, for all of her hard work and support. Her CP had been working on a wide range of worthwhile but challenging projects, which would make a real difference to local residents. The largest amount of funding had been allocated to the East Coast EV Taxi Bus Pilot, which had already been mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Mark Jepson reported that things were progressing well at the Felixstowe Peninsula CP. A number of projects had been agreed and £5,000 of funding remained to be allocated.

Nicole Rickard then provided an update on the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages CP, on behalf of Judy Cloke who had left the meeting slightly earlier. She reported that the CP had agreed to a number of small projects, including a Small Grants Scheme and the applications for that would close in January 2021. The CP was due to meet again on 1 February 2021 to consider another proposal which would allocate the majority of their remaining funding.

Letitia Smith commented that the CP Chairs were passionate, enthusiastic and had taken ownership of areas to get the very best results for their residents. She thanked them for their hard work and also thanked officers and Democratic Services for their support in facilitating the meetings.

Steve Gallant reported that he was proud of the excellent work that was taking place and he thanked all those involved in making the Community Partnerships such a success.

RESOLVED

That the Community Partnerships Update be received.

8. Future Work Plan

Steve Gallant suggested to the following future items of business for the next Community Partnership Board meeting in March 2021:

- To receive an update from the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group and to allocate the remaining £40,000.
- To review the work of the Community Partnership Board after its first year – what has worked well, how the funding has been allocated, any lessons learned and possible issues to consider at future meetings.

There were no further items from any other members of the Board.

RESOLVED

- (a) That an update from the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group would be provided to the March 2021 Board meeting and that the remaining £40,000 of funding would be allocated following the recommendations made by the Covid Impacts T&F Group.
- (b) That the work of the Community Partnership Board would be reviewed at the March 2021 Board meeting, on its first anniversary, to see what has worked well, how the funding has been allocated, any lessons learned and possible issues to consider at future meetings.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

The following dates for future Community Partnership Board meetings were agreed by consensus:

RESOLVED

Monday, 1 March 2021 at 6.00pm
 Monday, 7 June 2021 at 6.00pm
 Monday, 6 September 2021 at 6.00pm
 Monday, 6 December 2021 at 6.00pm

10. Any Other Business

There being no items to be raised under any other business.

Steve Gallant thanked everyone for attending and participating in this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.04 pm

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