



Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Tom Daly, Councillor Russ Rainger

SCC Councillors –

Town and Parish Councils – Cllr Marianne Fellowes (Aldeburgh Town Council), Helen Greengrass (Clerk Leiston Town Council), Cllr Lesley Hill (Leiston Town Council), Cllr Georgina Locke (sub for Snape Parish Council), Cllr Mary Schedrin (Friston Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – Di Eastman (IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme)

Others present – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager), Zoe Botten (Communities Officer), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Collette Warner (Greater Neighbourhood Team)

Apologies: Cllr Tony Cooper, Sharon Cuthbert, Cllr TJ-Haworth Culf, Cllr Paul Richards

Item	Discussion
1.	CP Ground Rules LB summarised the ground rules for the CP meeting, there were no additions. The partnership welcomed the rules, and suggested they be more widely adopted.
2.	Action Notes The action notes of the meetings held on 12 October 2022 were agreed.
3.	CP Board Luke Bennett (LB) summarised the items which would be received at the next Board meeting, which were focussing on social isolation and loneliness and transport issues. A project on community hubs would be going to the Board which would enable community facilities to receive grants to improve facilities.

	<p>Information on this would be sent round following the Board meeting when the decision had been made.</p> <p>LB confirmed that funding for Community Partnerships had been agreed by Full Council for the next two years.</p>
4.	<p>Current Projects</p> <p>Zoe Botten (ZB) provided an update on the Partnerships projects.</p> <p>Healthy movers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One training session had happened, with very positive feedback • There would be a second session in January and then the programme would be rolled out • The programme would target around 3000 children in the area <p>Dental programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would start in the new year <p>Ease the Squeeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many programmes were now up and running, information would be sent round following the meeting • Saxmundham and Leiston were the second highest areas for requests for individual support. The area did have a dedicated officer who could help with individual financial issues • Di Eastman commented that around 200 people were now part of the social supermarket, the majority were people already in work • There were concerns about what would happen in the new year and longer term. <p>Warm rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were issues with transport for some people to warm rooms, especially in rural areas • Locations had been spaced out as much as possible <p>Financial roadshow events had taken place which also provided information and support to people who needed it and helped connect groups offering resources. The CP supported these being repeated at venues where there were already groups meeting, or in supermarkets.</p> <p>Cllr Daly (TD) asked whether a more formalised volunteer group could be set up to run projects. ZB stated that a lot of projects already relied on volunteer groups and there was a general lack of people coming forward to volunteer.</p> <p>CP Forum</p>

	<p>Uptake was less than expected, but a lot of ideas and information had come out of the event. Colette Warner asked that the grants presentation be repeated as it was very useful for all those who attended.</p>
5.	<p>Community Issues and Youth Voice</p> <p>The last youth voice theme had been focussed on how young people felt about their families' finances and the cost of living. ZB asked if there were any issues the group wanted to raise through this forum.</p> <p>The group asked that green and environmental issues and digital dependency and online safety be considered.</p> <p>The issue of crime involving young people was raised. There was a lack of provision for children and schools and so many children were falling through the net. The CP had funded work such as the mental health project and home start to help with some issues, but there was a massive lack of support at a higher level.</p> <p>ZB stated there was good youth provision in the Saxmundham and Leiston area, and there were a number of projects which looked to tackle the issues, but people could not be forced to attend. ZB stated that the CP was ready to provide support, but there was a lack of qualified people to staff this and the CP was not best placed to provide this support. Crucial Crew had been run in the past but had stopped due to covid and the groups that had supported it no longer had the resources. ZB would be looking at how this could be restarted.</p> <p>ACTION: ZB to discuss with NR what youth worker provision or training could be provided in this area through the CP.</p> <p>ACTION: ZB to confirm whether support could be provided to restart offers such as Crucial Crew.</p> <p><u>Post meeting note:</u> ZB confirmed that there was youth outreach training that could be commissioned, but there were no volunteers to take up the positions. Crucial Crew would restart when resources allowed. Schools could still access support when required if there was an incident.</p>
6.	<p>Integrated Neighbourhood Teams</p> <p>Stuart Halsey (SH) gave a presentation on the integrated neighbourhood team.</p> <p>SH summarised the work of the Integrated Neighbour Hood team to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and reduce pressure on other areas, by involving other statutory organisations and voluntary groups, other District Councils, and the County Council. The group had £15,000 per year to spend specifically on social prescribing.</p>

	<p>This team also fed into the Connect group which comprised a wider group of volunteer services who could raise issues they were facing and work on solutions as a wider team.</p> <p>The group were looking at setting up a community hub in Leiston to help with this and would be opening at the Waterloo Centre in spring 2023.</p> <p>TD asked if the INT or Connect group could assist with some of the issues identified in the discussion concerning youth work. SH stated that this had not been raised in previous discussions on youth issues but could be discussed in future meetings to raise the issue with the County Council and youth workers.</p> <p>SH would email details of the Connect meetings to town and parish councillors.</p>
7.	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 1 March 2023</p>

The meeting concluded at 5.45pm