



Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale, Yoxford and Villages

Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held at Hacheston Village Hall on Thursday 5 October 2023

Attendees:

Councillor Sally Noble (Chair), , Cllr David Chenery (Wickham Market Parish Council), Cllr Richard Cooper (Marlesford Parish Council), Cllr John Cross (Great Glemham Parish Council), Cllr Gemma Dempsey-Gray (Wickham Market Parish Council), Cllr David Findley (Ufford Parish Council), Klaus Fortmann (Clerk – Campsea Ashe Parish Council), Jane Healey (Greenprint Forum), Dick Jenkinson (Wickham Market Good Neighbours), Cllr Vince Langdon Morris (East Suffolk Council) Cllr Jeremy Williams (Stratford and Furnham Parish Council), Anne Westover (Wickham Market Green Gym)

Others present – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council), Sam Kenward (Communities Officer, East Suffolk Council), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer, East Suffolk Council)

Apologies:-

Item	Discussion
1.	Action Notes The action notes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.
2.	Election of Vice Chair Cllr Noble proposed that Anne Westover be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Partnership for the 2023/24 year. Jane Healey seconded the nomination and on the agreement of the Partnership Anne Westover was appointed as Vice Chair.
3.	Updates Membership Update Sam Kenward (SK) stated that there were three proposed new members, Cllr Edward Watson for Huntingfield Parish Council, Marian Hedley Lewis for Saxmundham Community Allotment and Rosamund Webb and Robert Webb for Station House Community Connections (Campsea Ashe).

It was agreed that the new members be appointed to the Partnership.

Communities Officer Update

An update had been sent out with the meeting papers, SK highlighted the following points:

- Transport mapping had been done of the local area to determine what services were where.
- SK had been visiting groups and stakeholders in the partnership to discuss issues they wanted to raise. Traffic and speeding were big issues for people in the patch, although this was outside the CP remit.
- Traffic was a significant issue in Wickham Market, particularly following plans to put some infrastructure for Sizewell C in the area. Discussions were ongoing about measures that could be put in place, which would hopefully be funded by EDF.
- SK had discussed work with youth work providers in the area, and initial discussions with schools in the area.
- Ward get togethers had been held to involve parishes in the work of the CP and to encourage them to feed in their ideas.

Community Partnership Board

Luke Bennett (LB) highlighted the following points from the update:

- East Suffolk Council was receiving some funding from the UK shared prosperity fund and the Board would be shaping how this was distributed. £250k had been allocated for skills based work.
- A Community Partnership Forum will be held on 22 March 2024 at Trinity Park.
- A workshop was held on tackling inequalities and to determine where the board should focus their work in this area.

Task and finish groups

The CP had three task groups – one for each priority. The aim of these was to push forward on that particular area of work to get projects going.

The aim was for the groups to be quite brief and focussed on work, and other organisations/individuals not on the Community Partnership could be involved.

Richard Cooper (RC) updated on transport task and finish group.

- Some mapping had been done, there were services to most communities but a key issue was making sure that people were aware of these services. The group would need to look at how services were advertised.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was very difficult determining which need based and community services were available. • RC stated he would like to speak with some of the communities and providers and identify their needs and what gaps there were. • Several Parish newsletter covered the area, and information could be placed in all of these. • A lot of information was available through the Connecting Communities website, but not many people were aware of it.
4.	<p>Project Proposals</p> <p>Intergenerational cooking workshops - £5991.87 This would be for a pilot scheme in each ward. Previous projects had been run in other CP areas and had been very successful. Cooking had been highlighted as an area of concern following the pandemic. This would be aimed at all ages, promoted to families through schools and to older people through coffee mornings and meet up groups. Information would also be passed to social prescribers and surgeries. Sessions would be facilitated by Abbeycroft Leisure who had provided similar groups and sessions before, and they would also provide equipment.</p> <p>The CP raised following questions: Did the four hours include set up or was this the length of the session? Would transport be provided? - SK confirmed they would speak to community transport providers and put on a service if necessary Could this be offered to any of the refugee groups in the communities? Who the target groups were? SK confirmed it would be aimed at different age groups. Previously the sessions had been for one group of people who would develop their skills over the weeks, but it could be opened to different people depending on numbers. The CP felt that the opportunity should be widened so different people could attend on different weeks.</p> <p>ACTION: The CP agreed the project in principle, the intergenerational skills task and finish group would provide some local feedback to fine tune the proposal.</p> <p>Youth opportunity fund - £7000 This would provide a pot of funding to enable young people to access opportunities they wouldn't otherwise be able to – for example covering trip costs, uniforms, club subscriptions. Organisations to receive funding had been identified. They would be given criteria this could be spent against, and there would be a grant agreement to ensure this was only spent in these areas.</p>



	<p>The CP raised following questions:</p> <p>Could Suffolk Community Foundation provide some input to this, as they were also providing similar help. SK noted this, the CP would not want to duplicate any work done elsewhere but would add value to what else was done.</p> <p>SK confirmed he had spoken with the schools and they had confirmed they could administer this.</p> <p>How would the money be distributed to those who needed it? SK confirmed most groups had systems set up to do this – either paying subs directly, or reimbursing receipts.</p> <p>The Parish Councils present stated that they could also be approached to add to this with small grants.</p> <p>SK agreed to update the CP on the fund at the next meeting to confirm whether any groups needed additional funding or hadn't spent any funding.</p> <p>ACTION: The CP agreed to allocate £7000 in funding to the youth opportunity fund.</p> <p>Mental Health Youth events - £2250</p> <p>This project would engage with young people and see what support they would like and to promote support services like MIND, art therapy activities.</p> <p>Events would run to provide activity during holiday periods, but also survey young people to understand what they would like to see in their communities.</p> <p>This money would be spent from budget rolled forward from last year. Food would be provided by a local vendor. The police and other stakeholders would also attend to answer questions and provide guidance.</p> <p>SK stated he was aiming to target around 40 people per event as this would provide a good selection of data.</p> <p>ACTION: The CP agreed to allocate £2250 to mental health youth events.</p> <p>Cllr Noble summarise a project she wanted to propose to set up a series of biodiversity events to engage families and local organisations to get people to create habitats in their own areas and gardens.</p> <p>It was envisioned that events would be held in various locations to show people how to create a small piece of habitat in their gardens, or to encourage communities to create and restore larger pieces of habitat.</p> <p>This would encompass mental health and intergenerational skills aims, and the pride in patch scheme suggested at full council.</p> <p>Anne Westover commented that similar style of events had been run in Wickham Market and had been very successful</p> <p>ACTION: A project group would be formed to pull together a proposal to bring back to the Community Partnership.</p>
5.	Updates following workshop



	<p>Two issues were raised which were not covered in the priorities: cost of living and environmental issues. The CP were asked to give a steer on how these should be managed and incorporated.</p> <p>SN stated she supported adding in Environmental Care as a priority and to cost of living proof all projects to ensure they were low/no cost and accessible.</p> <p>It was noted that volunteering was part of all projects, but was slightly out of the remit of the CP. It was also commented that volunteering was better led by other groups who had better resources.</p> <p>It was agreed that an email would be sent to all CP members to confirm the priorities.</p>
6.	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>The dates of the next meeting are: 25 January 2024 7 March 2024</p>

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm