

Communities Officer update

18th January 2024

Task and Finish Groups

- Transport
 - Transport mapping has been completed
 - Targeted engagement happening in rural locations identified to see more about transport needs
 - There have also been conversations around how to use local opportunities to promote Katch using local networks – e.g. newsletters
- Mental health
 - Task and Finish Group has deliberated via email on project proposals (to be discussed at the meeting)
- Intergenerational skills exchange
 - 2 meetings and email deliberation on project proposals (to be discussed at the meeting)

Project updates supported at the last meeting

Project	Locations	Cost	Update/progress
Priority – intergenerational skills			
Intergenerational community cooking workshops	All three wards	£5,991.87	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed at last meeting to be refined by the Task and Finish Group• Suggestion to make it more of a mentor system where an older resident and a family are paired to cook together• Suggestion of piloting in Wickham Market first and then extending• Also suggested about partnering with the WM Open Pantry for a session (mostly attended by young parents who drop their children off at the local primary school and then go to the church for a cup of coffee, a chat and to pick up the essential food items that they need)• Suggested to host a Wickham Market event there (on Thursday from about 1000 till 1400) so those attending the pantry could benefit - could be held at either the Beehive or the Beehive field• Could then use some of the basic ingredients from the pantry that are often not selected by those who attend, to show them how to easily turn it into a tasty meal• The organisers thought that with advertising the event should be well attended

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible locations for Framlingham (Castle Community Rooms) and Kelsale and Yoxford (SAX Community Allotment)
Priority – Mental health			
Youth Opportunity Fund	Organisations in all three wards	£7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some delay to get this set up but now set up in January
Flood support	All three wards	£2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needing to make it more specific but working with partners in each ward to look at this
Wickham Market youth mental health event	Wickham Market	£750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 young people attended the event in October The day was also the first weekday after the floods so the event was dual purposed to enable local people to chat to ESC Useful feedback received about mental health needs and youth facilities in Wickham Market – this will be fed into the task and finish group

Stakeholder and parish council (PC) engagement

- I asked the Suffolk Association of Local Councils to run a survey with PCs that haven't attended the CP in a year to gauge reasons why and what we can do to foster engagement
- Key headlines:
 - 8 out of 21 parishes responded – all 8 responses from Framlingham and Kelsale and Yoxford wards
 - Most pressing issues they are currently facing:
 - Flooding / Block Drains/Excessive Field Run Off
 - Traffic/Speeding/Condition of Highways
 - Bus Services (school and local)
 - Dog Fouling
 - Neighbourhood Plan
 - Reason for not attending:
 - Lack of available time
 - Council has just reformed
 - Work commitments
 - Dates/Availability
 - Alternative ways they could feed in if can't attend meetings:
 - Attendance of the Communities Officer at Parish Council Meetings - 6
 - An email to the Communities Officer - 5
 - A telephone conversation between the Communities Officer and a Member of the Parish Council - 1
 - One to one meeting with the Communities Officer -1
 - Best ways to feed in ideas and insights:
 - Standing agenda on parish council meeting – 3
 - Email to the Communities Officer – 3
 - Submitting a survey response before a meeting – 2