

Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages **Community Partnership**

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 6pm remotely via Zoom

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Cllr Jenny Ceresa (Chairman), Cllrs David Beavan, Norman Brooks, Craig Rivett and Letitia Smith.

SCC Councillors – Cllrs Michael Ladd, Tony Goldson and Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro.

Town and Parish Councils – John Armstrong (Henstead with Hulver Parish Council), Alison Ayers (Carlton Colville Town Council), Cllr Ian Bradbury (Southwold Town Council) and Cllr Jill Tyler (Carlton Colville Town Council).

Partnership Organisations – Ian Castro (Impact Detached), Lynne Fulcher and Lorraine Light (Community Action Suffolk).

Others present (non-voting) – Luke Bennet (Partnerships Manager), Louise Carter (Communities Apprentice), Sarah Davis (Democratic Services Officer), Janet John (NESCAB), and Jo McCallum (Communities Officer).

| Item | Discussion |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome from the Chairman, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jenny Ceresa, welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Neil Coleby (Kessingland Parish Council) and Cllr Jenny Sheahan (Mutford PC).</p> |
| 2. | <p>Notes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>Jo McCallum reported that, as requested at the last meeting, she had asked about the delay in the Loft Project receiving funding and it was noted that this had been due to the grant acceptance form not being returned.</p> <p>The notes of the last meeting held on 18 November 2020 were agreed.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>The Partnership's attention was drawn to the update report of the discussions at the last Board meeting held on 7 December 2020. Luke Bennet reported that the Board had made a lot of progress against a number of their priorities and a</p> |

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| | <p>lot of these would resonate for this Community Partnership. He explained that the Hidden Needs Scheme had funded 16 projects and had £35,000 left in the pot. The Bounce Back Scheme had funded 46 projects and had £22,000 left. Luke added that it was hoped to expand this funding because a lot of the projects were making an impact on the ground.</p> <p>AGREED: That the update be noted.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Update on 2019/20 Funding</p> <p>Jo McCallum provided an update on the projects funded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Involved Munch and Mingle café sessions - postponed due to Covid but would hopefully be launched in June/July with a pop up café in the community. Bev Patnell would update the Partnership nearer the time. • Impact Detached Youth – funding was ringfenced and they would host drop-in sessions for young people once Covid restrictions lifted. • Youth consultation to ascertain what young people wanted in their area – proposed to take place in the summer but, again, was Covid dependent. <p>Cllr Beavan gave an update on the Loft project in Southwold – the money had been used to purchase equipment eg a pool table, PS console, games etc.</p> <p>AGREED: That the project updates be noted.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Allocation of 2020/21 Funding</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the Voice of a Friend Project and it was noted that this had been started by the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership last year. Janet John explained that the project now had 38 clients linked to befrienders and there were 29 on the waiting list. She added that one of the clients linked to a befriender was from the Kessingland area. Janet stated that NESAB wanted to build the client list up but would not advertise the project until they had enough volunteers to match demand. She explained that, at the moment, most volunteers were only linked to one client until they gained in confidence and then they would have up to four. Janet requested that anyone who wanted to volunteer as a befriender to come forward. She added that, in the meantime, the Project Co-ordinator kept in touch with those on the waiting list until a befriender became available. The Co-ordinator was also linked into the Social Prescribing Scheme so if a client was not suitable because they had more complex needs then it was possible to channel them through to an adviser. It was noted that the Solutions Social Prescribing</p> |



Scheme had been going for over five years now and clients could be referred to it or if anyone wanted to volunteer by contacting solutions@nescab.cabnet.org.uk or 01502 464597. Janet stressed that whilst no-one would be left behind, NES CAB would prioritise individuals based on their needs rather than on which Community Partnership area they lived in.

Alison Ayers asked Janet if NES CAB could provide suitable wording that Parishes could use to promote the need for volunteers.

ACTION:

Janet John to provide brief wording on the project and the request for volunteers

Janet was asked whether NES CAB had spoken to local churches as a source of volunteers and she responded that she would like to do so as they would also be a good contact to identify potential clients as well as volunteers. Tony Goldson stated that Halesworth Volunteer Centre and churches already had a very successful Befriending Scheme in place and apologised that he had to leave the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Janet John for her update and Janet left the meeting.

Jo McCallum provided the Partnership with an update on the remaining projects funded in 2020/21 as follows:

- the grants scheme deadline had been extended until 12 February. 5 applications had been received and were currently being looked at by the Grants Team, prior to herself looking at them and a Grants Panel deciding on the applications on 1 March.
- 5 requests had been received for talking benches.
- The Slipper Swap project was on hold due to Covid, although it was being actively promoted eg leaflets had been included in the East Bags to ask if people were interested and the 50 pairs of slippers would then be distributed in the community once Covid restrictions were lifted.

Jo explained that there was £1,875 left in the budget and it was being proposed that this Partnership bolt on to the Lowestoft CP project – the Lowestoft Mile which was being launched on 1 April and was a virtual walk, picking up points of interest in the area. She added that the cost was £1K per walk and suggested that most of the CPS would eventually want to join this project as it was so good. Jo stated that, if agreed, the proposed walk would need to be in an interesting area that had for example an historic value but someone in the community that had that knowledge. Craig Rivett expressed his support of the project and suggested that it might be useful to have different narratives or themes for the

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| | <p>same visual walk to engage more people. Norman Brooks stated that he would be happy to provide the additional funding from his Enabling Budgets funding to enable two walks to be funded. It was noted that the videos lasted approximately 25 minutes and all the virtual walks would be made widely available rather than restricted to just people in this Partnership area. The Chairman asked anyone with ideas for where the walks should take place to contact Jo McCallum.</p> <p>Ian Castro joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>AGREED: That the updates on the existing projects be noted and the remaining funding be allocated towards two walks with the outstanding funding being provided by Councillor Brooks from his Enabling Budget.</p> <p>Clarification was sought in relation to the progress of the Grandpads and Jo McCallum explained that a number were available so referrals for those that might benefit would be gratefully received.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meetings would take place on:</p> <p>Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 6pm Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 6pm Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 6pm Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 6pm</p> |

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.