

# Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership

# Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2021 via the Zoom video conferencing system

## Core Membership:

<u>ESC Councillors</u> – Councillor Chris Blundell (Chair), Councillor Tony Fryatt, Councillor Colin Hedgley, Councillor Stuart Lawson, Councillor Mark Newton, Councillor Ed Thompson

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u> – Joanna Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council Clerk), Councillor Alan Comber (Kesgrave Town Council), Diane Linsley (Martlesham Parish Council Deputy Clerk), Councillor James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – Laura Butters (Community Action Suffolk),

Others present – David Green (Co-Chair, Martlesham Climate Action), Andrew Jolliffe (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer), Nicola Parrish (ESC Infrastructure Delivery Manager), Nicole Rickard (ESC Head of Communities), Ben Woolnough (ESC Major Sites and Infrastructure Manager)

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stephen Denton from Martlesham Parish Council; Diane Linsley attended on Councillor Denton's behalf and was accompanied by David Green, Co-Chair of Martlesham Climate Action.
2.	Notes of the previous meeting
	The action notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.
3.	Allocation of the Remaining Budget for 2020/21
	Andrew Jolliffe (AJ) confirmed that £707.81 remained in the Community Partnership's allocated budget for 2020/21 and that this needed to be allocated before the end of the financial year.
	AJ suggested that this amount be allocated to the Mental Health First Aider training project and if this was added to the remaining funding for the project it would allow another seven to eight people to be trained as Mental Health First Aiders.



Members of the Community Partnership spoke in support of this suggestion.

ACTION – that the remaining 2020/21 budget of £707.81 be allocated to the Mental Health First Aider training project.

#### 4. 2020/21 Projects Update

AJ referred to the impact report for 2020/21 that had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that five projects address the isolation priority had been funded by the Community Partnership, some of which would be starting in earnest once COVID-19 restrictions were eased.

AJ provided updates on the funded projects:

Mental Health First Aider Training – 23 individuals were trained in January 2021, from varying backgrounds across the community. A further session was planned for staff at Kesgrave High School and work was being undertaken to link in with the Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust regarding training care home staff in the area.

<u>Meet Up Mondays</u> – in addition to the event at Café 66, another event would be starting at Kesgrave Kitchen later in 2021; this meant that there would be two Meet Up Monday events covering an area with a high risk of loneliness. Community Action Suffolk were continuing to help identify further venues for new events.

<u>Great Bealings Speed Reduction Scheme</u> – this scheme had been match funded by District and County Councillors from their Enabling Communities and Locality budgets, respectively.

<u>Environmental Small Grants Scheme</u> – this had already funded ten projects with an environmental basis.

AJ highlighted the visual impact map in the report and the positive coverage achieved by the funded projects.

### 5. Discussion regarding Environmental Care Projects

Councillor Blundell (CB) highlighted the successful workshop that had taken place recently and invited AJ to summarise the event and lead a discussion on identifying environmental care projects.



AJ gave a summary of the workshop's outcomes and stated that the objective of the discussion was not to allocate funding but to identify future projects related to the Community Partnership's environmental care priority, which could then be explored.

AJ highlighted the four questions posed at the workshop and displayed the feedback results. 37 ideas had been generated by the workshop and a poll, following the meeting, had identified 10 projects for further consideration. AJ outlined the top three ideas from this list.

The Community Partnership discussed possible projects that would support its environmental care priority. Members discussed the following ideas:

- Community recycling centres
- Re-wilding projects (i.e. closed churchyards)
- Tree planting
- Litter picking

Several members of the Community Partnership highlighted the need to coordinate projects and have a strategy for the re-wilding of areas, so that the whole community was aware. Councillor Comber (AC) and Jo Abbott (JA) gave instances where in the past, re-wilded areas had been cut back by Norse as contractors had not been aware that the area was to be left alone.

CB thanked everyone for their contributions; AJ confirmed that he had taken notes of the ideas and further engagement would take place outside of the Community Partnership meetings to identify achievable projects and develop more detailed proposals that could be put to the Community Partnership for funding.

**ACTION** – Andy Jolliffe to review the comments made, alongside the consensus from the environmental care workshop, and engage with community groups to develop achievable projects that could apply for funding.

#### 6. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Local Infrastructure Priorities

CB invited Ben Woolnough (BW), Major Sites and Infrastructure Manager for East Suffolk Council (ESC) and Nicola Parrish (NP), ESC's Infrastructure Delivery Manager to address the Community Partnership on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Local Infrastructure Priorities.

BW gave an outline of the work of his team, particularly around its role relating to CIL and Section 106 developer contributions. BW detailed recent outreach work undertaken with town and parish councils on CIL and spending



Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL) effectively.

BW advised that ESC wanted to work with Community Partnerships about the use of CIL in their areas, to explore with towns and parishes on how to work with each other to use CIL income on projects that would be mutually beneficial.

BW and NP gave a presentation to the Community Partnership; the slides can be found on CMIS accompanying the meeting papers. The presentation covered:

- NCIL overview
- CIL Regulation 59c Spending CIL
- NCIL across the Community Partnership's area
- A breakdown of the NCIL received by each town/parish in the Community Partnership's area
- Predicted NCIL payments (as at 28 February 2021)
- Local Plan Growth
- ESC's Infrastructure Funding Statement (in relation to the Community Partnership's area)
- The East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy

CB thanked BW and NP for their presentation and invited questions from the Community Partnership members.

BW was able to provide feedback to members of the Community Partnership on the CIL spending strategy, the disparity in CIL funding between towns and parishes (due to the location of developments), the delivery of significant infrastructure through District CIL (DCIL), and the expansion of school provision in villages.

# 7. Dates of next meeting:

Monday 17 May 2021, 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 3.16pm