



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

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023,
at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew**

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Colin Hedgley, (in the Chair), Chris Blundell

Town and Parish Councils – Joanna Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council), Eddie Lawrence (Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm Group Parish Council), James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council), John Lapsley (Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council), Geoff Caryl (Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council), Ian Ransome (Little Bealings Parish Council), Jean Ellinor (Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council), Pete Rafell (Clopton Parish Council)

Others present – Ben Bix (BB) (Democratic Services Officer), Andrew Jolliffe (AJ) (ESC Communities Officer), Luke Bennett (LB) (ESC Partnerships Manager), Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend (Bealings School Governor), Nicky Willshire (NW), (CEO of Ipswich Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB))

Item	Discussion
1.	Action Notes The action notes of the meeting held on 22 October were confirmed as a correct record.
2.	Community Partnership Board Update Luke Bennett, Partnerships Manager, provided an update on the most recent meeting of the Community Partnership Board, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Government's Shared Prosperity Fund had allocated £2.75m to East Suffolk Council over three years to enable the development of community facilities and hubs, including investment and support for digital infrastructure and circular economy projects in local community facilities.• The Rural England Prosperity Fund had introduced a 21st century community and business hub grant programme to provide critical upgrades and improvements to community facilities fit for 21st century use. It was open to village halls, churches, community buildings and commercial spaces that were looking to refocus.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ease the Squeeze Programme was progressing well – particularly the introduction of Warm Rooms and Warm Spaces.
3.	<p>Ground Rules for Community Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership were reminded of the ground rules for the partnership and noted them accordingly.</p>
4.	<p>Cost of Living Update</p> <p>AJ updated the meeting on the Council’s partnership work to tackle the cost-of-living crisis through the Ease the Squeeze programme. The update included progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm rooms • Food Network Co-ordinator • Handy Person Project • Comfort food voucher scheme • Field to Fork project • Uniform Banks
5.	<p>Road Safety</p> <p>AJ provided an update on Road Safety, one of the three priorities for the Community Partnership. AJ thanked the volunteers who had participated in Road Safety Week and apprised the partnership of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent speedwatch events • The continued roll-out of hi-vis vests to primary schools • Additional cohorts were benefiting from Bikeability funding • Speedwatch banners had been placed at 7 sites, visible to an estimated 170,000 vehicle movements • There had been media interest in the Road Safety Forum as an exemplar of community engagement.
6.	<p>Community Issues – Youth Voice</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the proposed speaker from Suffolk Rural College had sent apologies to the meeting. The Chairman invited Nicky Willshire (NW), CEO of Ipswich Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to speak to the partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the CAB was explained, including the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, which was manifesting in greater mental health challenges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding provided by ESC for CABs went to those operating in the East Suffolk District • 20% of clients using the Ipswich office came from the East Suffolk District as the Ipswich Office was more convenient than Leiston or Felixstowe <p>The Chairman thanked NW for attending; and emphasised the additional support that Financial Inclusion Officers at ESC could offer to those presenting to CABs. In acknowledging the discussion around funding, AJ undertook to raise the matter with ESC Officers.</p>
7.	<p>Householder Responsibilities</p> <p>AJ presented an action from the last meeting to discuss how residents could report local matters to responsible bodies. The partnership discussed householder responsibilities and observed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for land and property could often be unclear, as was the relevant body responsible for dealing with matters that had been raised • Better promotion of reporting tools could be achieved by using parish and town council communication channels, such as parish magazines • Matters could be reported to district councillors, whom would, in turn escalate matters of community concern. <p>ACTION: AJ to draft wording for wider communication, including in the East Suffolk Magazine.</p>
8.	<p>Funding Proposals</p> <p>AJ tabled 3 outcome proposals that had been prepared for consideration and endorsement by the Community Partnership. Having been duly discussed and considered and with the assent of the core Members present, the following 3 proposal outlines were endorsed.</p> <p>1. Improved road safety on B1078 at Clopton village- £1100 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide improved signage at a recognised site of near misses used by majority of Clopton residents • Reduce traffic speeds past local junction • Increase visibility of signage to adjust driver behaviour <p>2. Provision of seating and garden area for residents to meet and spend time outdoors- £700 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase usage of Tuddenham St Martins playing field and associated facilities by a wider range of residents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the range of uses the playing field provides, especially for older residents <p>3. Road Safety education for all through young people and creative process- £2,993 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the presence of road safety education materials available throughout the Community Partnership area through social media, site based content and other means in a creative way. Deliver a road safety project that has a clear legacy – materials to engage all road users in discussion and reflection about their own responsibilities when using the roads. <p>The Chairman was pleased to see the range of proposals that had come forward, and it was noted that the Partnership had allocated all of its funding for the year.</p>
9.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that due to local elections the dates of forthcoming meetings of the Community Partnership would be confirmed after May 2023</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm