

## **Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 December 2021**

**held remotely via Zoom**

ESC Councillors – Councillor Paul Ashdown (Chairman), Edward Back, Peter Byatt, Louise Gooch, Keith Robinson and Mary Rudd

SCC Councillors - none

Town and Parish Councils – Councillor Peter Armstrong (Corton Parish Council), Councillor Stephen Pavey (Corton Parish Council), Sarah Foote (Deputy Clerk, Lowestoft Town Council), Councillor Andy Pearce (Lowestoft Town Council), Councillor Miles Thomas (Chairman, Lound Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – Phil Aves (Lowestoft Rising), Nicki Cooper (SCC Public Health Suffolk), Danny Steel (CP Vice-Chairman and Lowestoft Vision)

Others present – Jason Beck (ESC Planning Policy), Luke Bennett (Partnerships Officer), Sarah Davis (Democratic Services Officer), Carol Dean (Re-utilise) Lee Drewery (Everyone Active), Jannine Parry (Greener Growth CIC), Anthony Taylor (ESC Planning Policy), Louise Thomas (Communities Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Linda Coulam, Andree Gee, Keith Patience and Malcom Pitchers, Councillor Jenny Hinton (Oulton Parish Council), and Councillor James Reeder (SCC Cllr for Oulton Division)</p>
2.	<p><b>Action Notes</b></p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>That the Action Notes from the last meeting held on 28 September 2021 be agreed.</p> <p>The survey results in relation to the Partnership's priorities were noted.</p>
3.	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><b>(a) Cycling and Walking Strategy</b></p>

	<p>Officers concluded their presentation by confirming that the consultation period on the Strategy closed on 10 January 2022. In response to several questions, the Officer explained that the Strategy was about infrastructure rather than education, however, they were in contact with Leisure Team colleagues who could pick up on the issues raised such as promoting the use of lights and not wearing dark clothing. The Partnership was reassured that the Strategy took account of where schools were located and it was noted that the County Council were looking to engage with youth groups. In addition, the Strategy looked at road segregation to avoid conflict with other road users and where identified as part of the consultation responses potential housing growth in an area could be considered even if not in a key corridor. Following a request, Officers agreed to contact Lowestoft Town Council to give a presentation on the updated Strategy.</p> <p>Nicki referred to the “Bikeability” project and asked partners to promote this locally, especially as it linked in with the Partnership’s priority of supporting children to be healthier.</p> <p><b>(b) Reutilise</b></p> <p>Carol Dean concluded her presentation by stressing the need for volunteers and finance and welcomed anyone who wished to visit the premises to see what they offered.</p> <p><b>(c) Somerleyton School Allotment Project</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that, unfortunately, no-one had been able to join the meeting to explain the Allotment Project.</p> <p><b>(d) Elm Tree School Project (Greener Growth CIC)</b></p> <p>Jannine Parry gave details of the project and stated that the next stage was to construct a fruit cage in the old cricket practice area. The school had funding from several sources but still needed £1500. She clarified that the aim was for students and teachers to work together.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the project would promote healthy eating which was one of their priorities.</p> <p>AGREED: That the Partnership provide the remaining funding of £1500 towards this project.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>CP Board Update Report</b>

	<p>Luke provided a verbal update in relation to the activities at the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Andy queried the impact that Covid was having on communities and the provision of services and asked if Council Officers could provide a report to the Town Council.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p>Phil reported that the Walk in the Park and Sunday Club Projects had been delayed until the new year.</p> <p>Louise presented a brief snippet of the latest Lowestoft Mile Walk, provisionally entitled Lowestoft to Oulton Broad: A different view. Paul reported that he was aware that two of the walks were being used by schools and he thanked everyone involved in the latest “walk”. Louise added that there had been nearly 5000 views already which did not include the number of views on the grandpads.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Healthy Eating Task and Finish Group</b></p> <p>Paul stated that this priority had been difficult to progress due to Covid, however, the School Allotment Project was progressing as pallets and people to build them into planters had been found. He added that the next stage was to encourage more schools to take part. Phil explained that the schools were under immense pressure at the moment but it was hoped that if the first few planters were made, other schools might follow and join the project in the New Year. Carol offered to provide paint and possibly a liner for the planters and Jannine offered seeds and also referred to using green waste compost as soil.</p> <p>Nicki gave an update on the Healthy Movers Project which had been trialled in 8 settings. She added that a range of good activities had taken place leading to some children who had not previously engaged in physical activities now doing so. It was noted that evaluation of the project would take place in the New Year and a report would be given to the Partnership. In relation to the Shaping Places for Healthier Lives Project, the County was currently exploring different avenues of funding over a three year period.</p> <p>Clarification was sought as to whether the activities had been suitable for disabled children and Nicki stated that she was sure the Youth Sports Trust who had delivered the project would have factored in equality and diversity but she would make sure this was picked up as part of the project evaluation.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Lowestoft CP Fair</b></p>

	<p>It was confirmed that a fair would be held on Saturday, 12 February 2022 at Parkhill Hotel and would include stands for several funded projects such as re-utilise and Lowestoft Mile.</p> <p>Louise reminded the Partnership that the event had been organised as there was a need for more buy-in and involvement from Partnership Members and community groups to work together and achieve the priorities.</p> <p>AGREED: That £600 be allocated towards the costs of the event.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>AGREED: That, following a request, Officers look for a possible alternative date for the next meeting as 22 March 2022 clashed with the main Town Council meeting.</p>

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm