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Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership Meeting

28 September 2023, 5.30pm

Friston Village Hall, Church Rd, Friston, Saxmundham IP17 1PU

Partnership Priorities

- Reduce social isolation and loneliness, particularly for carers, older people, and men over 40
- Encourage and enable everyone to more physically active and healthy
- Education, opportunities, and aspirations

Meeting Goals

1. To agree Partnership Priorities for the Community Partnership

Standing Items		Lead	Supporting papers
1	Action Notes	Alli Stone, Democratic Services Officer	Yes
2	Community Partnership Board Update	Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities	Yes
3	Current projects update	Joss Mullett, Communities Officer	None
4	Community issues To raise any issues in the community since the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leiston Wellbeing Hub • Saxmundham High School closure 	All	Discussion
5	Review of CP Priorities		Presentation
Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information raised at the last CP meeting - Joss Mullett • Information from the Integrated Neighbourhood Team – Kevin Hines • Information from Citizens Advice – Chiara Saunders Followed by group workshop			
6	Date of the next meeting		
15 November 2023, 3.30pm			

Chair: Cllr John Fisher (East Suffolk Council)

Vice-Chair: Cllr Julian Cusack (Middleton Parish Council)

Communities Officer: Joss Mullett

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Partnership Organisations:

East Suffolk Council

Suffolk County Council

Local Town and Parish Councils

Suffolk Constabulary

Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical

Commissioning Group

Community Action Suffolk

Leiston Together

Business Community

Youth Community

Environment

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Action Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27 July

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors –Councillor John Fisher (Chair), Cllr Katie Graham, Cllr Sarah Whitelock

SCC Councillors – Cllr TJ Haworth Culf

Town and Parish Councils –Cllr Julian Cusack (Middleton Parish Council), Helen Greengrass (Clerk Leiston Town Council), Cllr Lesley Hill (Leiston Town Council), Cllr Maureen Jones (Aldringham Parish Council), Cllr Alastair Lumpkin (Aldeburgh Town Council), Cllr Paul Richards (Snape Parish Council), Cllr Mary Schedrin (Friston Parish Council),

Partnership Organisations – Sharon Cuthbert (Leiston GNS), Di Eastman (IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme), Chiara Saunders (Citizens Advice),

Others present – Kevin Hines Joss Mullett (Communities Officer, ESC) Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, ESC), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer, ESC),

Apologies:

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and introduction Cllr John Fisher (JF) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Action Notes The action notes of the meetings held on 1 March 2023 were agreed.
3.	Election of Vice Chair Julian Cusack was nominated, and was by the unanimous vote of the partnership elected as Vice Chair for the Community Partnership for the 2023/24 year.
4.	Terms of Reference and Meeting Ground Rules

	<p>The Partnership considered the ground rules and terms of reference.</p> <p>Lesley Hill (LH) stated that Leiston Together no longer existed and could be removed.</p> <p>Julian Cusack (JC) commented that the terms of reference were quite restrictive and it was unclear whether wider issues such as planning could be discussed. Nicole Rickard (NR) stated they had been written so that issues that should be discussed elsewhere were not raised here where the most informed people were not present. Community issues would be on the agenda going forward and parishes could raise any issues under his item, any suggestions from parishes and towns could be considered at this point.</p> <p>Di Eastman (DE) asked how cross border funding worked. NR commented that council wards had been used as the building blocks, but CPs had jointly funded projects in the past, or piloted projects on for the whole of the district.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Officer update</p> <p>Joss Mullett (JM) was visiting parish and town councils and projects in the area to get a better understanding of issues.</p> <p>Several projects funded at the last meeting were in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community cuppa and chinwag had been set up and was running • Healthy movers – had mostly been delivered, excellent feedback from Leiston primary school • Let’s talk dementia – JM had a follow up meeting to look at how this would be delivered <p>TJ Haworth Culf (TJHC) asked for some information to share on social media to advertise projects</p> <p>NR updated on the most recent Community Partnership Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Topping, the Leader of the Council was now the Chair. • There were several new CP Chairs, and so part of the meeting included an update on the purpose and aims of the community partnership. • There had also been an update on the cost of living response and how the programme could be improved for winter 2023/24. • The Board had also agreed funding for a demand responsive transport pilot for Lowestoft and surrounding villages • There had also been a workshop to discuss allocation of funding for UK Shared prosperity funding <p>Paul Richards (PR) stated that public transport was a growing concern, and the new Katch route did not go where people from Snape at this end of the line wanted to go. People in Snape tended to use services in Saxmundham, and so a link to Wickham Market was not of much use.</p>

	<p>Mary Schedrin (MS) commented that some of the roads were becoming more dangerous for cycling, and so public transport was key for people to get out. TJHC commented that speeding did need to be reported to the police so that action could be taken, and that there was evidence for work to be done.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Data Pack</p> <p>JM gave a presentation on the most recent data for the community partnership area.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the data, how it related to the current priorities and any gaps and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information from the Aldeburgh GP surgeries • No information on dentistry – this had been a key piece of work for the CP • Whether any work than could be done to anticipate impact of increased population in the next five years and the stress this will place on services and communities • Could EDF attend to answer some questions about infrastructure for communities. TJHC emphasised that there would be an impact on everyone who was already living in the area, despite the promises that had already been made. NR commented that CP could put itself in the best possible position to support community groups whatever the outcome around Sizewell C • It was emphasised that the CP alone could not solve the issues around Sizewell C. • JC commented that the CP could become central to coordinating discussions with the energy companies, rather than having them discuss this with each town and parish individually. • Katie Graham asked if there had been any engagement with young people on climate and the environment and the impact on mental health. NR confirmed there were some reports on mental health for young people in the area which could be included in the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIR'S BRIEFING NOTE:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

HELD AT EAST SUFFOLK HOUSE, MELTON

1. Introduction

- All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs. The meeting agendas and papers can be viewed [HERE](#)
- The agenda was split into two 1-hour sessions:
 - i) Formal CP Board meeting
 - ii) Workshop focused on tackling inequalities

2. Community Partnership Board Performance Overview

- The Board was briefly updated on all projects that the Board has initiated or supported since it was set up in 2020. This includes some projects that have now been delivered as well as live projects.
- See presentation [HERE](#)

3. Community Partnership Updates

- Alan Green & Gemma Fraser updated the Board on Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and Villages Community Partnership
- See presentation [HERE](#)

4. UK Shared Prosperity Fund Skills Programme Update

- James Chandler led a short presentation to update on the progress of the skills programme since the workshop held by the Board in June.
- See presentation [HERE](#)

5. Community Partnership Annual Forum 2024

- Each year the Community Partnerships host a popular conference for representatives from our communities, voluntary organisations, public services and local businesses. This popular event gives us all the opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise and work together to benefit our communities and businesses in East Suffolk.
- **DIARY DATE for all Community Partnership members: Community Partnership Annual Forum 9am -2pm, 22 March 2024 at Trinity Park Conference Centre.** Invitations will be sent in due course.
- Trinity Park not easily accessed by public transport from all parts of East Suffolk so additional arrangements will be put in place, including the option for pick-ups from local rail station.
- See more about last year's event [HERE](#)

6. Tackling Inequalities Workshop (Karen Moy and Nicole Rickard)

- Nicole Rickard presented information on deprivation and Inequalities in East Suffolk
See presentation [HERE](#)
- Karen Moy from Suffolk Community Foundation informed the Board that SCF are the largest grantmaker to the voluntary sector in Suffolk. She provided an overview of the work that the Foundation does to tackle inequalities. More information about Suffolk Community Foundation [HERE](#)
- Youth Voice cost of living report had been circulated to provide context – See report [HERE](#)
- There was table discussions to identify:
 - Additional work in East Suffolk to tackle the key inequality challenges
 - Priorities for the Board to focus on over the coming 12 months

- Project ideas for development for the December Board meeting when an outcome proposal will be brought back for consideration.
- The outcomes of the workshop will be worked up into projects by a Task Group consisting of CP Board members and other relevant specialist partners.
- The Top 5 issues were (in order of votes) - Mental Health and Wellbeing, Absolute Poverty, Young People's Health Outcomes, Lack of Access to Services, Disabilities and Long Term Health conditions

7. Dates of next meeting: 13 December 2023 at 10.00am, Orbis Energy, Lowestoft