



Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 December 2023, 10.30am at Felixstowe Library

Core Membership present:

ESC Councillors – Seamus Bennett, Jan Candy, Mike Deacon, Amanda Folley, Mark Jepson, Lee Reeves, Rosie Smithson (CP Chair).

SCC Councillors – Stuart Bird.

Town and Parish Councils – Ann Colvill (Kirton and Falkenham Parish Council), Rhea Gardner (Bucklesham Parish Council), Colin Reid (Waldringfield Parish Council), Michael Sharman (Felixstowe Town Council), Yvonne Smart (Trimley St Martin Parish Council), Ash Tadjrishi (Felixstowe Town Council Clerk).

Partnership Organisations – Paul Borroughs (Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce), Shez Hopkins (Level Two Youth Project & CP Vice-Chair), Sarah Wilson (Community Representative).

Others present – Jo Belfield (ESC Communities Officer), Luke Bennett (ESC Partnerships Manager), Liss Coates (Pushchair Pitstop), Rebecca Foster (ESC Financial Inclusion Officer), Chloe Lee (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer), Agnes Ogundiran (ESC Political Group Support Officer).

Apologies for absence received – Cathy Couchman (Waldringfield Parish Council), Mike Ninmey (East Suffolk Council), Hayley Stearn (Felixstowe Connect INT).

Item	Discussion
1.	Action Notes The action notes were agreed by consensus and the Community Partnership received updates on the actions agreed.
2.	Community Partnership Board Update Luke Bennett (LB) summarised the report circulated with the meeting agenda, which gave an update on the most recent meeting of the Community Partnership Board.

	<p>LB added that the Board would be a statutory consultee for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>LB encouraged everyone to attend the Community Partnership Forum taking place at Trinity Park, near Ipswich on Friday 22 March 2024*.</p> <p>LB discussed an upcoming proposal for tackling inequalities work with the Community Partnership, which would be presented to the Board at its next meeting.</p> <p>*booking link - https://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/the-east-suffolk-community-partnership-annual-forum/</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Current Projects Update</p> <p>Chloe Lee (CL) invited the task and finish groups to provide updates on their work since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Active Adult/Active Youth (Sarah Wilson)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth budget - £10,000 allocated for a youth forum, learning to swim, and the skate park project. • Adult budget – funding provided for Active Lives (curling and seated dancing), improvements to Felixstowe Bowls Club and Kirton & Falkenham Bowls Club, £1,000 left to allocate. • Discussions took place on linking to Feel Good Suffolk – CL said she would take this away. <p>ACTION – CL to explore linking Active Adult/Active Youth to Feel Good Suffolk.</p> <p><u>Clothes Bank (Shez Hopkins)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues on a prom/interview clothing bank, to offer to Felixstowe residents via Pushchair Pitstop during January and February 2024. • Working in partnership with Suffolk New College for fittings and alterations, as well as hair/beauty support for prom events. <p><u>Health (Mark Jepson)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orwell Hotel secured as a venue for the Health Fair. • Work continues to secure a sponsor for the event. • “Save the date” invitations have been distributed and early bookings are encouraging.



<p>4.</p>	<p>Community issues, including Youth Voice themes</p> <p>Rosie Smithson (RS) commented on her disappointment in a lack of response from the CEO of the Unity Schools Partnership or Therese Coffey MP to her letter about the cost of uniform for Felixstowe School.</p> <p>Amanda Folley (AF) was concerned about the increase in homelessness in Felixstowe, highlighting one instance where a homeless person’s belongings were removed by East Suffolk Council and another where a homeless person felt intimidated by Council staff.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>4 March 2024, 1.00pm, Felixstowe Library.</p> <p>RS noted that this may change as the intention was for the next meeting to include a wider cross-section of the community to review and set the Community Partnership’s priorities for 2024/25.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Review of Core Membership</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus that Liss Coates, from Pushchair Pitstop, would be added to the core membership.</p> <p>ACTION – Liss Coates (Pushchair Pitstop) to be added to the core membership.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Cost of living support – what can we do?</p> <p>CL presented a proposal the existing cost of living support fund be topped up to £10,000. This was proposed by Amanda Folley, seconded by Mike Deacon and by a unanimous vote APPROVED.</p> <p>ACTION – Cost of living support fund to be topped up to £10,000.</p> <p>CL led the Community Partnership in a workshop exercise to identify other ways the Community Partnership could support the community in respect of cost of living.</p> <p>The attendees split into five groups to discuss possible options. Each group fed back to the meeting what they had identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information leaflet, targeted to people not online or IT confident. • Strategic support for teenagers.



- Co-ordination between existing projects in the community, to deliver collaborative projects and share information.
- Enhance the out of hours emergency phoneline for homeless/in-need people.
- Community car sharing scheme.
- Parish Pantry volunteering support scheme.
- Dental support (DentAid).
- A mobile pop-up shop for multi-agency support.
- Support for Felixstowe Town Council's project for communication across the peninsula.
- Felixstowe Lions cots and beds project.
- Pilot scheme for heated ponchos, for people being discharged from hospital.

Following discussion, the following actions were agreed:

ACTION – £3,000 to be allocated to produce and distribute a cost of living support information leaflet and £10,000 to be allocated for the “Push the Limits” project (proposed by Jan Candy, seconded by Seamus Bennett, agreed unanimously).

ACTION – Chloe Lee to contact rural parish clerks regarding the distribution of information leaflets.

ACTION – The Community Partnership to revisit support to high schools when reviewing its priorities at the next meeting.

ACTION – Mark Jepson to investigate community co-ordination via COMPASS.

ACTION – Rosie Smithson to investigate heated ponchos.

The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.