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Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February

Core Membership:

Councillor John Fisher (Chair), Sally Blake (CAB), Cllr Jocelyn Bond (Aldeburgh Town Council), Sharon Cuthbert (Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme), Cllr Julian Cusack (Middleton Parish Council), Cllr Tom Daly (East Suffolk Council), Cllr Di Eastman (IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme, Saxmundham Town Council), Cllr Katie Graham (East Suffolk Council), Cllr Lesley Hill (Leiston Town Council), Cllr Maureen Jones (Aldringham Parish Council), Cllr Mary Schedrin (Friston Parish Council), Cllr Paul Richards (Snape Parish Council), Cllr Russ Rainger (Snape Parish Council),

Others present –Alex Heys (Digital Marketing, Safeguarding and Community Projects Manager, ESC), Joss Mullett (Communities Officer, ESC) Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, ESC), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer, ESC)

Apologies: Helen Greengrass, Cllr Ali Lumpkin

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 15 November 2023 were agreed.
3.	Updates Nicole Rickard (NR) updated on the most recent meeting of the community Partnership Board. The Board had agreed £146,000 for a Tackling Inequalities programme which includes workstreams on mental health and wellbeing, poverty, and young people's health. Examples of projects the board were considering as a part of this work were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental Wellbeing booklets (circulated for information)• Additional funding for the two disability advice charities for East Suffolk• Poverty Proofing the School Day report implementation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to counselling in schools • Reproducing the Lowestoft Healthy Habits booklet for all schools <p>Joss Mullett (JM) updated on the Partnerships current projects. The Healthy Movers project has been delivered in the majority of settings, but have not been able to deliver in a few schools and need to look at delivery for this group differently. They are now looking at delivering this through library services, and Aldeburgh library were particularly interested in this. If delivery through the library worked well then the project would be revised for libraries and non-school settings.</p> <p>JM was also working with Alde Valley High School who had now fallen outside the school breakfast scheme and as a result were struggling to provide free breakfasts to students who needed it. This was being supported by district councillors and East of England Co-op at the moment but may come back to the CP in the future.</p>
	<p>Sizewell C Community safety</p> <p>Alex Heys (AH) gave a presentation on the Community Safety Plan for Sizewell C.</p> <p>ESC was required to be part of the community safety group and to develop a community safety action plan to help mitigate the impact of the development on community safety. This group included Suffolk County Council and the police who also had responsibilities in this area.</p> <p>East Suffolk Council was employing two new Community Safety Officers for the first seven years of the project, and additional community safety staff were also being employed by the police and County Council. The group also engaging with Avon and Somerset Police and Councils to learn from the impact of Hinkley Point.</p> <p>While there would inevitably be an impact on community safety due to an increasing population, it was not necessarily the case that all types of crime would automatically increase. AH emphasised that crime would increase because this was a natural result of the population increasing, but it was not that case that the incoming workers for Sizewell C would be responsible for crime.</p> <p>AH summarised what could happen, the potential effects, and what action could be taken to mitigate this. AH stated that work needed to be done not only to protect the current population but also the incoming population from isolation and loneliness but also from modern slavery and trafficking.</p> <p>AH stated that community safety team had to highlight and prepare for the potential dangers and a worst case scenario, the group did not expect all these issues to arise.</p> <p>JM stated that a lot of resource would be put into supporting community safety, not only in the Council but also in the local police team and through the internal</p>

	<p>community safety team at Sizewell C. Sizewell did seem to be more aware of the impact of their workers on the local community now than in the past.</p> <p>AH confirmed that there was more information on how impacts on the existing local community would be mitigated and that the community safety plan did include the existing population not just incoming workers. JM stated that community surveys were already being prepared which would help identify issues as they started so they could be dealt with before they became a problem.</p> <p>Julian Cusack (JC) asked about how safety concerns expressed by residents living closely to the roads and new traffic could be dealt with. Local residents were concerned about the speed of heavy traffic through villages and were trying to request a 20 MPH speed limits on the smaller roads. There were also concerns from local parishes about accidents on the A12 causing gridlock on side roads as people sought to avoid any accidents. JM and AH stated that traffic was the responsibility of the county council and police, but they would report this back and also capture learning from the road safety projects led by the Kesgrave and Martlesham CP.</p> <p>Lesley Hill asked if there was any way to reflect more positive impacts, for example how Sizewell was addressing these issues through their staff codes of conducts. AH stated that the community safety plan did present quite a bleak picture because it dealt with crime and the worse case scenario, however information on the support to staff from EDF could be sent around.</p> <p>NR stated although this document seemed quite depressing, this was not a public document or a prediction of what would happen but a reflection of how the community safety team had prepared for various scenarios to prevent anything happening. NR stated that learning from Hinkley Point had been that the biggest issue was fly parking. Tom Daly stated that EDF had done very well to instil a positive ethos in their workforce to ensure they knew how to behave on site and in the local community.</p>
5.	<p>Project Proposals</p> <p>Oral health in schools and youth settings Money had been agreed at the last meeting. JM was working with SCC on a dental project they were preparing which would assist with this priority and looking at how to streamline the application for schools.</p> <p>The Comprehensive Toolkit – Suffolk MIND (£3,000) This would be run in conjunction with the Beccles, Bungay and Halesworth CP and the CP Board. The project would be aimed at community and voluntary groups who supported people with their mental health and wellbeing to ensure staff and volunteers</p>

had the resources to do this. Would also provide some support to individuals struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.
JM confirmed this would be eight half day training sessions, roughly five days in total. All training materials would be covered. It would provide training to fifteen people, but smaller sessions could be made available to others.
Mental health first aid courses were being delivered elsewhere which would complement this.
ACTION: £3000 to be allocated to the Comprehensive Toolkit

Mental Health task and finish group

Working with Norfolk and Suffolk foundation trust to increase accessibility to The Recovery College. This would be both access to online courses but also provide in person access through small groups in the community.

Oral health and hygiene task and finish group

Working with Suffolk County Councils Public Health team and the Integrated Care Board to develop their community based dental services and add/increase opportunities locally.
NR confirmed dental kits for schools had also been given to youth groups and foodbanks to cover young people who were not in education.

Supporting hubs task and finish group

Looking at how hubs could provide staff and support for people to access information, especially the Suffolk County Council Infolink system.
Also looking at how people could be made aware of the hubs and access transport to the hubs from the villages. The next step was the identify where the greatest need was and then how transport services could be expanded.

Sax Fest (£4,200)

Looking to develop their information zone and the CP is asked to provide funding to extend the marquee space and provide more room for voluntary and community groups to attend. The info zone would focus on mental health, and there would be space for the CP to promote projects.
ACTION: £4,200 to be allocated to Sax Fest

Lets Talk Dementia

Funding was approved at the last meeting for mapping. Following this a grant scheme would be set up and run by Communities Together East Anglia, local groups, charities and voluntary groups could apply for this. JM asked if the CP had any feedback on how the grants scheme should be run. The CP agreed that grants of around £1000 should be available.

The meeting concluded at 17:05 pm