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Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Tom Daly, Cllr Russ Rainger

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 Alastair Lumpkin (Aldeburgh Town Council), Cllr Mary Schedrin (Friston Parish Council),

Partnership Organisations – Di Eastman (IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme)

Others present – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager), Zoe Botten (Communities Officer), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Colette Warner (Greater Neighbourhood Team)

Apologies: Cllr Tony Cooper, Sharon Cuthbert, Chiara Saunders

Item	Discussion
2.	Action Notes The action notes of the meetings held on 7 December 2022 were agreed.
3.	CP Board The Board met in December 2022. All the proposals put to the Board had been agreed. Luke Bennett (LB) updated the meeting on a project which had been agreed to provide support to community buildings to improve their infrastructure. The project details would be sent round in June when funding and details of the fund had been agreed. LB stated that the emphasis of the fund would be to enable buildings to be repaired with the objective to provide further amenities to the community rather than just to improve buildings themselves.

	<p>ESC had also agreed to fund a pilot to replace the KATCH community transport scheme which had been discontinued by the County Council. It was hoped this could be made more efficient and cost effective. Feedback from the County Council scheme would be taken on board for the new project and shared when it had been published.</p>
4.	<p>Current Projects</p> <p>An update had been shared with the agenda.</p> <p>Zoe Botten (ZB) highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy movers had been a real success and would hopefully be repeated in other areas. • Dental project would also extend to other schools.
5.	<p>Community Issues and Youth Voice</p> <p>There was discussion around training for youth workers. There were good people in place at the various youth groups in the area and this momentum needed to be maintained.</p>
6.	<p>Project Proposals</p> <p>£34,715 remained in the CP fund, which was a combination of underspend from previous year and the funding from 2022/23.</p> <p>Zoe Botten (ZB) explained that many of these projects had been in the pipeline for a long time and had taken time to work up. For the two dementia projects the proposals were to ringfence funds to be spent over the next year, as the groups that had been on board to deliver the projects had been pulled out. There was still a clear need to commission this work and ZB was meeting with some other groups with a view to deliver this.</p> <p>CP Area Dementia Project</p> <p>There was some good work happening in some areas of the CP, but there was a need to bring this together. A good deal of mapping work had been done to ensure the gaps in delivery were clear. Funding would be used to commission a service to improve the reach of existing services and to overcome any barriers to delivery.</p> <p>The partnership raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of community groups in helping people who were suffering but had not yet been fully picked up by the NHS or had to leave their homes. • There was a need for these community based services. Many people who cared for people with dementia did not have somewhere or someone to provide support, and a community service would help to provide this.

- The importance of having qualified providers in communities who understood dementia to ensure volunteers and communities had the right and most up to date information.

ZB stated that the existing task and finish group on these priorities would help provide further guidance on how this project could be delivered. LB asked that the task and finish group also consider match funding this project once it had been set up.

Colette Warner asked that any information on current groups and provision be shared.

ACTION: £10,000 to be allocated to the dementia project, and the CP task and finish group to provide further guidance on the project aims and to look at match funding.

Leiston Dementia Project

ZB reported that the CP had provided funding to this project previously.

The Partnership raised the following points:

- If the CP did not fund this project, the individuals who were being supported would fall through the gaps.
- This project needed to feed into the larger CP wide project. ZB confirmed that it had been discussed whether this project could be widened, but as each area had individual needs it was agreed that it would be better to keep this as a separate project.
- Partnership agreed to fund this project as it provided a shorter term solution which would work in conjunction with the wider project.

Lesley Hill and Helen Greengrass declared an interest as they had supported the project in the past through Leiston Town Council.

ACTION: £3000 to be allocated.

Opportunities for Neurodiverse Families

ZB introduced the project. There was no provision locally for neurodiverse families, and families would have to travel to either Ipswich or Lowestoft for support.

There had been a provider in place for this project, but the provider had pulled out. ZB would be meeting with another provider who had been running a similar project which had stopped before covid.

The partnership raised the following points:

- Whether there was a lack of provision from the County Council to meet special educational needs, and whether the County Council should be providing support. ZB stated that although there may be a lack of support, there was a need to provide community support to whole families rather than individual support based in schools.
- Whether this could be used as a pilot and then be repeated on a wider scale across the district. It might also be possible to have some match funding from the County Council.
- There was need for support locally on a targeted basis outside of the larger county council system.

ACTION: £10,000 to be allocated. CP asked that this project be considered a pilot and that match funding be sought to extend the offer to more families.

Leiston Health and Wellbeing Club Equipment

Cllr Lesley Hill commented that Leiston Town Council were working to get this project established and believed it would be a welcome service. The Town Council provided funding in terms of room hire and volunteers.

ACTION: £1500 to be allocated to purchase health and wellbeing club equipment.

Cllr Lesley Hill and Helen Greengrass did not vote as members of Leiston Town Council who had provided support to this group.

Young People Cost of Living Project

ZB introduced the project which would provide after school sessions to develop life skills for young people. Funding would provide additional materials and to help further the reach of the project.

The group agreed that this was a good project which would impact a wide group of people.

ACTION: £1000 to be allocated to the project

Community Cuppa and Chinwag

Similar projects had been successful in other CP areas, the ambition was to set something up in Leiston and Saxmundham. Cllr Haworth-Culf asked that Aldeburgh also be considered as a location, there were some groups running but they could be developed.

It did take a while to get these events going and set it up as part of peoples routine but once the groups were going they were popular.

Partnership commented that these groups were often dependent on community transport being in place, and transport costs needed to be considered for people who were less able to travel.

ACTION: £4,500 to be allocated to the Community Cuppa and Chinwag. The Partnership asked that travel costs be factored in to enable more people to attend.

Leiston Uniform Bank

ZB introduced the project which aimed to set up a uniform and food bank in the school. There had been feedback that the area was covered by food banks but there was a definite need for uniform.

Suggestion had also been made that the uniform bank should also include a swap shop. Cllr Haworth-Culf commented that uniform banks were needed, but parents often expected money for their old uniform.

Local Councillors had been asked to assist with funding to provide special equipment or uniform to enable children to access after school clubs and asked if this could also be considered.

ACTION: £1500 to be allocated to Leiston Uniform Bank.

CP asked that they received updates in due course on the progress of projects.

ACTION: Remaining funds to be allocated to provide transport to the communities projects, especially for rural projects.

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm