

Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023

ESC Councillors – Cllr Alan Green (Chair), Cllr David Beavan, Cllr Paul Ashton

SCC Councillors – Cllr Annette Dunning, Cllr Michael Ladd

Town and Parish Councils – Neil Coleby (Clerk, Kessingland Parish Council), Cllr Julie McLean (Kessingland Parish Council), Diane Taylor (Darsham Parish Council), Andrew Turner (Westleton Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations –

Others present (non-voting) – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council), Gemma Fraser (Communities Officer, East Suffolk Council), Katy Cassidy (Democratic Services Officer, East Suffolk Council), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer, East Suffolk Council)

Apologies: Cllr Chris Thomas (Carlton Colville Town Council), Cllr Pam Cyprien (Reydon Parish Council), Lesley Beevor (Clerk Southwold Town Council), Cllr Judy Cloke (SCC Cllr for the Bungay Division (includes Mutford)), Cllr Melanie Vigo Di Gallidoro (SCC Cllr for the Pakefield Division)

1	<p>Action Notes The notes from the meeting held on 18 October 2023 were agreed.</p>
2	<p>Updates – where are we now? GF summarised the project update that was sent with the meeting paperwork.</p> <p>Bramfield Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Ashdown (PA) - meeting taking place 7/12/23 and funding likely to be in next financial year. <p>Southwold Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Ladd (ML) - Further contact been made with Wrentham and Wangford. Met with Community Action Suffolk, Keith Shiels, regarding a presentation in January.

- Cathy Ryan from Sole Bay Care Fund is also keen to support around social prescription
- Project gathering pace and hoping to go ahead from May 2024.

Chinwag Project

- Query regarding schools being involved as it was a project for 60+
- Confirmed there is the possibility of inter-generational link up which can work very well, but the project is very much aimed at 60+.

Reaching rural communities

- GF shared the ESC newsletter designed to showcase work and give guidance and reassurance to rural communities.
- GF confirmed it had been distributed to Town and Parish Councils, to all members and some community groups.
- Agreed that the ESC newsletter is an excellent resource, suggested listing all of the villages included in the CP locality, or share a design of the map with it.
- The partnership recognised the importance of members identifying village based project ideas regardless of location – villages have lots of common issues.
- Suggestions to encourage attendance by the villages at the CP meeting included inviting a representative and a substitute or grouping villages and rotating the attendance. All of these ideas were welcomed to increase membership.
- Lots of community groups are on the distribution list, recognised that attendance could be affected by time as they worked across a variety of CP partnerships.
- Recommendation that Parish Councils sign up to Community Action Suffolk (CAS) as they provide regular updates/information.
- Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) newsletter is a good source of information.
- GF confirmed that project funding is available and how it is accessed depends on the scope of the project.
- The positive support, signposting and advice available from East Suffolk Council Officers and Community team was highlighted.
- Breakout activities in parish meetings were suggested, to identify what members would like to achieve, looking at project ideas that they could benefit from.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding pots are available, the activity needs to focus on finding suitable project ideas. <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> circulate ESC newsletter with meeting notes for further distribution. Add Westleton Village Hall to the mailing list, they could then be voted on as a member.
3	<p>What projects would we like to support going forward?</p> <p>Following breakout activity, the following project ideas were agreed for future support:</p> <p>Project Idea - Youth cafes for wellbeing of young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund the training of youth workers. Have a grant where people come and apply for the running of the project and youthwork, safeguarding, training etc could be provided. Community Action Suffolk have a focus group that deals with similar areas – could carry out partnership work with this. It was noted that Kessingland are already employing their own youth workers and asked if this could this be rolled out to other areas. Kessingland have already worked with some training projects such as safeguarding across village community groups. Could this best practice be mirrored elsewhere. Potential idea – use funding to pay youth workers to set up youth clubs, this model could give greater benefit than relying on volunteers. Recognised the need to invest in the future of young people, whilst the demographic of the area was older – there's a need to support young people too. Discussed research to identify where the young people are and what they needed. GF confirmed that CAS had already carried out research. CAS role currently vacant and recruiting. Action GF to circulate Youth Survey and Youth Voice findings from CAS young people research. Good practice shared such as young people’s shelter in Yoxford and youth centres in Carlton Colville next to skate park. <p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to work with Community Action Suffolk (CAS) to take this project forward. GF to circulate CAS youth research. Possible grant scheme for the Parish Councils to apply for, giving assistance to get projects starts. Access to officer time and ESC support networks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeframes – start research now and aim to deliver it in next financial year with a view to potentially allocating the funding to next year, to be agreed at next CP meeting. <p>Project Idea – Supporting Rural Communities – Community Soup Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to support the Community SOUP project as per the proposal shared. • Discussed the importance of hubs, bringing together one stop shops on health, housing and social care. Currently being looked at in Cabinet, specifics of funding will be agreed. • LB confirmed that funding already exists for buildings that wish to convert to hubs via Rural Prosperity Fund. The Community Partnership funding could be used to enhance this, accessing support with bid writing and business planning. • If potential project ideas don't attract the Rural Prosperity Fund, could consider possibility of bringing it back to CP for review and discuss support at a local level. <p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define what a hub is • Bring forward to next CP after Cabinet • GF to send link to the hub fund web page. <p>Rural Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural forum to be planned for Spring. • Agenda items to be agreed to encourage attendance. • Bring forward at next meeting.
4	<p>Date of the next meeting 28 February 2024 – venue TBC.</p>
Item	Discussion

The meeting concluded at 7.47pm