

Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021 via the Zoom video conferencing system

Core Membership:

<u>ESC Councillors</u> – Councillor Chris Blundell (Chair), Councillor Tony Fryatt, Councillor Colin Hedgley, Councillor Stuart Lawson, Councillor Ed Thompson

<u>SCC Councillors</u> - Councillor Elaine Bryce (Vice-Chair)

<u>Town and Parish Councils</u> – Joanna Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council Clerk), Councillor Stephen Denton (Martlesham Parish Council), Councillor Mike Garnham (Little Bealings Parish Council), Councillor Richard Nicol (Swilland & Witnesham Parish Council), Councillor Jan Pedgrift (Charsfield Parish Council), Councillor Pauline Procter (Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council), Councillor Ian Ransome (Little Bealings Parish Council), Councillor James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

<u>Others present</u> – PC Sam Gilkes (Suffolk Police), Andrew Jolliffe (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer), Nicole Rickard (ESC Head of Communities)

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies
	Apologies were received from Louise Hardwick (Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG).
2.	Notes of the Previous Meeting
	The notes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021 were agreed.
3.	Community Partnership Board Update
	The Community Partnership received an update on the last meeting of the Community Partnership Board from Nicole Rickard (NR).
	NR provided an overview of the following points discussed at that meeting:
	 The report from the Transport Task and Finish Group Focus on Community Partnerships
	Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group / Hoarding Outcome Proposals
	Focus on BT
	2021/22 Community Partnership Forum



• The LGA 'deep dive' Peer Review of Community Partnerships

4. The Road and Safety Traffic Priority

a) Update and outcomes from the Road and Traffic Safety Workshop

PC Sam Gilkes (SG) was invited to address the Community Partnership. SG referenced the recent workshop on road and traffic safety and a number of items raised there about how Suffolk Police could assist in addressing issues. SG noted that officers were already deployed at key times and said he would be happy to attend the proposed Road Safety Forum initially, but considered it may be appropriate for a more senior officer to sit on the forum in the long-term.

Andy Jolliffe (AJ) gave a presentation on the Road and Safety Traffic Workshop, held on 16 September 2021, which covered following points:

- This Community Partnership was the only one with this type of priority;
- The workshop was well attended;
- Further workshops will be held November/December 2021;
- The workshop considered the results of the public survey;
- The suggestions received were grouped by SCC Highways scope and Community Partnership scope;
- A summary of the Community Partnership scope (AJ referred to the table of information included with the agenda);
- Parking enforcement at schools in Kesgrave/Martlesham area:
 - Work has been undertaken to identify which schools have enforceable signs/markings and which do not;
 - East Suffolk Council was currently in the process of updating signs/markings for schools where not currently enforceable.

b) Next steps and actions to address the road and traffic safety priority

Councillor Blundell (CB) reminded the Community Partnership that some issues raised at the workshop were out of its control but the Community Partnership could set up systems to monitor road and traffic safety issues.

The following suggestions and actions were raised:

- Cutting back overgrown vegetation to increase road visibility;
- Encouraging the use of hi-visibility clothing by pedestrians;
- Encouraging the introduction of slower speed limits on residential roads in new developments;
- Continued use of ANPR camers, Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), and schemes such as Speedwatch;



- Establishing a Road Safety Forum to bring together 'key players' to address road and traffic safety issues;
- Engaging with local schools to encourage road and traffic safety education;
- Looking at case studies of how other areas/authorities have addressed this issue;
- Increasing engagement with SCC Highways;

AJ noted the enthusiasm for a Road and Traffic Safety Forum and agreed that it was important the right people were on the forum so that decisions could be taken in an effective way on issues that were in the Community Partnership's control. AJ highlighted that the 2021 National Road Safety Week would take place 15-21 November 2021 and proposed the purchase of resources from Brake to promote this in the area, with an emphasis on speeding.

Councillor Ransome (IR) sought support for the purchase of a new SID for Little Bealings to assist in providing regular data to SCC and ESC on speeding in the village.

Councillor Nicol (RN) sought support to fund a crossing patrol for Witnesham Primary School and to address speeding on the B1078 at the Gibraltar crossroads.

Councillor Hedgley (CH) suggested exploring funding for more ANPR cameras to identify persistent speeding drivers.

ACTION – That the following potential funding opportunities be investigated:

- a) New SID for Little Bealings
- b) Funding for a school crossing patrol at Witnesham Primary School
- c) Funding to address speeding issues at the B1078 Gibraltar crossroads
- d) An ANPR scheme for the area

5. Any Other Business

AJ highlighted the positive progress of the Environmental Care projects funded by the Community Partnership.

AJ sought approval from the Community Partnership to reallocate £500 of the funding allocated to the Advice Hub project from training volunteers to fund a repair café to run alongside the Advice Hub. AJ confirmed this reallocation would not have a negative impact on training for the project.

On the proposition of Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Bryce it was by a unanimous vote **AGREED** to reallocate £500 of the funding allocated to the



Advice Hub project from training volunteers to fund a repair café to run alongside the Advice Hub.

RN suggested that evening meetings should be held to encourage engagement from younger members.

AJ confirmed that further information on engagement with the Sizewell C project would be circulated in due course.

AJ confirmed to Councillor Procter (PP) that the Community Project Fund was still open and it was planned to bring outcome proposals to the next meeting of the Community Partnership.

6. Dates of next meeting:

Monday 10 January 2022, 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm