

## **Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 March 2022**

**at 6pm remotely via Zoom**

ESC Councillors – Councillor Paul Ashdown (Chairman), Councillors Ed Back, Peter Byatt, Linda Coulam, Janet Craig, Tess Gandy and Andree Gee

SCC Councillors – Councillors Ryan Harvey and James Reeder

Town and Parish Councils – Councillors Peter Armstrong (Corton Parish Council), Neil Livingstone (Somerleyton, Ashby and Herringfleet Parish Council), Andy Pearce (Lowestoft Town Council) and Miles Thomas (Lound Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – Danny Steel (Lowestoft Vision), Phil Aves (Lowestoft Rising), Nicki Cooper (SCC Public Health Suffolk) and David Moore (Community Action Trust)

Others present – Stephen Baker (Lowestoft Vision), Sarah Davis (Democratic Services Officer), Lee Drewery (Everyone Active), Sam Kenward (Communities Officer), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities) and Louise Thomas (Communities Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from Councillors Louise Gooch, Jenny Hinton, Frank Mortimer, Trish Mortimer, Keith Patience, Keith Robinson and Mary Rudd.</p>
2.	<p><b>Action Notes</b></p> <p>Reference was made to the fact that the notes stated that the CP event was due to be held on 12 February 2022. The Chairman confirmed that the date of the event had subsequently changed and it would now take place on 12 March 2022.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>That the Action Notes from the last meeting held on 15 December 2021 be approved.</p>
3.	<p><b>Community Partnership Board Update</b></p> <p>Nicole provided a verbal update in relation to the activities at the last Board meeting held on 7 March 2022.</p> <p>In relation to the Financial Inequality and the Cost of Living Crisis Task Group, Danny Steel explained that the Board had felt there needed to be specialist early</p>

	<p>intervention to help those families who had not struggled previously but were doing so now. He also referred to the updated Lowestoft and Northern Parishes data pack recently circulated to CP members which had shown there were a considerable number of children in families with financial difficulties living in this area. He also asked if anyone was interested in joining the Greenprint Forum Steering Group as they did not have many people from the north of the district.</p>
4.	<p><b>2021/22 Funding</b></p> <p>The Chairman suggested that the remainder of the 2021/22 funding be allocated towards the School Allotment/Planter project to ensure it could be expanded over the next year as there were a number of schools who had expressed in interest in having them. Peter Byatt stated that the Men's Sheds Group was happy to help build the planters. Phil Aves stated that he had six more schools interested in receiving the planters and he was meeting with southern school Headteachers tomorrow. The point was made that the planters could be made to fit any size including window boxes if schools did not have much space.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>That the remainder of the 2021/22 funding of £3,166.17 be allocated to the School Allotment/Planter project.</p>
5.	<p><b>Community Partnership Event - 12 March 2022</b></p> <p>The Chairman reminded the Partnership of the details of the event and stressed that anyone from the Town and Parish Councils could attend. It was also noted that 25 stalls from businesses and community groups had confirmed they would be attending. The Chairman also referred to a meeting held with Jack Raven to discuss the recent survey results and it was noted that a proposal for community transport in the rural areas and including Gunton St Peter would be coming forward shortly.</p>
6.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 21 June 2022 (Riverside)  Wednesday, 21 September 2022 (TBC)  Tuesday, 20 December 2022 (TBC)  Wednesday, 15 March 2023 (TBC)</p>
7.	<p><b>Community Partnership's Priorities 2022/23</b></p> <p>(Neil Livingstone arrived)</p>

	<p>Louise Thomas gave a brief presentation on a process for drilling down into the Partnership's three priorities of Social Isolation and Loneliness, Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing and Healthy Eating, including the introduction of KPI's and the creation of an Action Plan.</p> <p>The live feed on YouTube was ended as the Partnership went into three break out groups to discuss the priorities in detail. At the end, it was agreed that there had been insufficient time to discuss these properly and it was suggested, therefore, that two Task and Finish Groups be held with Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing and Social Isolation and Loneliness being joined together as they were so closely linked.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>That dates for the two Task and Finish Groups be circulated to CP members shortly.</p>
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The meeting concluded at 7.25pm