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Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership

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Councillor Alison Cackett

Councillor Judy Cloke

Councillor Tony Goldson

Councillor Sarah Plummer

Councillor David Ritchie

Councillor Caroline Topping

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Councillor Peggy McGregor

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Local Town and Parish Councils

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Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical
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Youth Community

Environment

Members of the **Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership** are invited to a meeting to be held at Wissett Village Hall, The Street, Wissett, IP19 0JG on **Monday, 6 June 2022 at 6:00pm**

Agenda

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1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

2 Action notes

To agree the action notes of the meeting held on 28 February 2022

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5	Election of a Vice-Chairman To elect a Vice-Chairman for the 2022/23 municipal year.	
6	Town Development Programme Presentation from Jo McCallum and Stacey Cosham on the Town Development Programme.	
7	Youth Survey To receive an update on the youth survey from the Communities Officer.	
8	Current issues and emerging themes	
9	Workshop on CP Priorities and Actions 2022/23 To discuss the CP Priorities and Actions for the 2022/23 year	
10	Date of Next Meeting To note the date of the next meeting as 19 September 2022.	

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Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held at Bungay Community Centre on Monday, 28 February 2022

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Cllr Judy Cloke (Chairman), Cllr Caroline Topping (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Sarah Plummer, Cllr David Ritchie

Town and Parish Councils – Cllr Linda Kersey (Worlingham Parish Council), Cllr Beryl Matthews (Wisset Parish Council), Cllr Bob Prior (Bungay Town Council)

Partnership Organisations – Phil Love (Suffolk Family Carers)

Others present – Edward Elphick (Member of a Local Changemakers Group run by Inspire Suffolk), Sam Kenward (Communities Officer), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer).

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alison Cackett, Councillor Joyce Moseley, Councillor Richard Stubbings, Lee Drewery, and Sarah Carter.
2.	Notes of the Previous Meeting The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.
3.	Project Updates A written update had been shared with the agenda. Sam Kenward (SK) added the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total cost of the dental health project had been confirmed as £1500, the CP could cover full £1500 or part fund with Councillor's Enabling Communities budget funding the other half. The project was also being run in the Lowestoft area funded via Councillor's Enabling Communities budgets. The Slipper Swap project had been fully funded, and the slippers would be distributed shortly. The project would be promoted through social media, village newsletters, churches and Parish Councils.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion about how project details could be shared in smaller rural areas. Generally previous projects had spread through word-of-mouth through families, but it was more difficult to advertise in this way. <p>ACTION: £1500 to be allocated to the Dental Health Project.</p> <p>There was some discussion about whether the Community Partnership wanted to run a Small Grants Scheme in the near future. The last grants scheme was oversubscribed, and despite some reservations around the impact of small grants generally it was felt that the organisations that had received funding had engaged with the CP process.</p>
4.	<p>Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group</p> <p>An update from the Working Group had been shared with the Partnership. The group raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact environment, personal behaviours, care and social/economic factors on health. Social and economic factors had the biggest impact on health, and the CP could have an impact on health inequality. There was discussion on how to approach the issue of childhood obesity, and the impact adults/parents had on their children's eating behaviours. There were projects across Suffolk which looked to engage families on eating and health, the CP could add value to these services rather than repeating their offer. The impact of mental health on eating behaviours was also discussed, and how physical activity (such as cycling) could help with both mental and physical health. Cooking workshops were being run in Halesworth, if this worked well it could be run elsewhere. Projects at Clinks Care Farm were suggested, both to learn where food came from and how to cook, and whether community gardens/allotments either existed or could be set up in other parishes. The target audience needed to be narrowed down before any large scale projects could be considered, there was also some discussion of whether to focus on food or physical health first. SK suggested that the CP should first look at promoting and connecting groups, and then look at developing existing projects to add value, then look at starting its own projects. <p>ACTION: A subgroup of the Task and Finish Group to meet to discuss focus on food projects</p>

	<p>ACTION: SK and NR to format suggestions from Task and Finish Group to create action plan.</p>
5.	<p>Project Proposals and Ideas</p> <p>Ilketshall St Andrew village hall had lost its roof during the recent storms, it was agreed that the remaining funds would be put towards building repairs.</p> <p>ACTION: JC to email Ilketshall St Andrew Parish Clerk with regards to funding.</p> <p>ACTION: SK and NR to draft Outcome Proposal form for building repairs</p>
6.	<p>Current Issues and Emerging Themes</p> <p>Nicole Rickard (NR) updated the meeting on the upcoming Community Partnership Board meeting. The Board would focus on the priorities of financial inequality and cost of living increases, and mental health and wellbeing following on from the presentation from Suffolk Mind at the last Board meeting. The CP had fed in points from its September meeting around the cost of living and this had helped this process of the Board focusing on financial inequality and cost of living increases.</p> <p>A theatre project had been set up by Suffolk CC to go into schools to perform a play and start conversations around mental health issues. The Board was proposing to fund this in forty schools in East Suffolk.</p> <p>Cllr Bob Prior (BP) updated the meeting on projects in Bungay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm rooms project had been set up by Bungay Community Support to provide warm spaces for those who could not afford to heat their homes, a social space, and links to other services. • Bungay Old Cemetery had also been cleared to provide green space, and work was ongoing to provide benches. • A community garden was being set up on Annis Hill and would include some tree planting <p>SK reported that Beccles and Halesworth were repeating the Warm Rooms project model. It was also a good project to draw together the smaller social projects being run by individual groups.</p>
7.	<p>Core Membership</p> <p>SK suggested in the action plan at the last meeting a virtual workshop/refresher event to promote the CP and its aims for new and potential representatives and to engage with other parishes who did not attend.</p>

	<p>It was agreed that Edward Elphick would become a voting member of the partnership as a youth representative.</p> <p>It was agreed that Bungay Community Support and Beccles Community Hub and Volunteer Centre would each be offered a seat as a voting member.</p> <p>ACTION: Democratic Services to inform Bungay Community Support and Beccles Community Hub of this.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Beryl Matthews asked whether a Community Champion could be put forward for each parish, similar to the Jubilee Champions and Youth Champions, to help with communication from smaller parishes and communities.</p> <p>ACTION: SK to explore and define role for Community Champion model and share with the Partnership.</p>
9.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Mondays at 6pm on 6 June, 19 September, 19 December 2022 and 27 February 2023.</p>

The meeting concluded at 7.57pm.



Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 7 March 2022

1 Introduction

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs.

The meeting agendas and papers can be viewed [HERE](#)

The meeting was held face to face and therefore there was not a recording of the meeting.

2. Focus on Community Partnerships

The Board received a short presentation from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages Community Partnership [HERE](#) and Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsular Community Partnership [HERE](#)

3. Update from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group

The Board received a report [HERE](#) from the Task and Finish Group, led by Christine Abraham who Chaired the Task and Finish Group meeting. Accompanying the report was an outcome proposal for funding to support the work identified through the group to address identified gaps in support for young people and families, adults and whole population in relation to Emotional Wellbeing [HERE](#)

The Board agreed:

- The allocation of £75,923 from the 2021/22 budget and £46,447 from the 2022/23 budget – total funding of £122,400
- To receive a report on progress at the meeting to be held in June 2022.

5. Tackling Inequalities

The Board received a presentation from Nick Khan which included two case studies highlighting the impact of the cost of living increases on the local population, and some key facts from Citizens Advice:

- More than 2 million people nationally estimated to have tipped into the red by the £20 UC payment reduction [40% of UC claimants are in work]
- More than 8.5 million people (more than 16%) nationally said that they could not cover the energy cap rise
- This rises to 27% of disabled people and 36% of people on Universal Credit
- Almost 1 in 10 people are in energy arrears even before the rise
- Citizens Advice have identified a significant increase in views to their Universal Credit, debt and money advice pages
- Over a quarter of those helped by CA with fuel debt have other debts, including council tax arrears
- 30% more referrals to food banks from Citizens Advice now than Summer 2020

The Board then undertook an interactive problem-solving exercise to identify the root causes and main effects of the cost-of-living crisis.

The second part of the activity was to identify potential solutions. The outcomes will be fed into the new Community Partnership Board Tackling Inequalities Task and Finish Group which includes representatives from Norfolk and Waveney CCG, Suffolk Community Foundation, Britten Pears Arts, Community Action Suffolk and East Suffolk Council.

The Board will receive a report from the Task and Finish Group at its meeting in June 2022.

6. Update from Transport and Travel Task and Finish Group

The Board received a short update on progress from Norman Brooks and Alexander Nicoll on the following:

- Demand Responsive Transport T&FG (BACT, CATS, Katch extension)
- Demand Responsive Transport Digital Application T&FG
- Community Transport Feasibility & Business Planning T&FG
- Active Travel Scoping Group

The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#)

7. Presentation from the Greenprint Forum

The Board received a presentation from Susan Harvey and Daniel Wareing on the priorities and work of the Greenprint Forum. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#)

8. Update on Community Partnership Forum on 25 March 2022

The theme of the Forum at Trinity Park on 25 March is 'East Suffolk: Bringing Ideas to Life'. The event is fully booked (220 delegates). There are 12 workshop / seminar sessions hosted by total of 15 partner organisations, a breakfast session for businesses on "Social Value and Climate Change" sponsored by SCC, a market place with 30 stalls and the keynote speaker is Jonathan Owen (CEO NALC) on "Partnerships and Parishes". The full programme can be viewed [HERE](#)

Nicole Rickard / Luke Bennett, East Suffolk Council 11.03.22

Project updates from the Communities Officer

23rd May 2022

Over 65's sports:

- The vendor said they don't have capacity to do this so we will need to rethink on this
- The money is allocated so if we wanted to put something else on, we could use that funding (around £2,200)

Oral health project:

- We purchased 600 oral health packs (353 for the schools plus extras for scout groups and food banks) to distribute to the local area
- Each pack contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, 2 minute timer, information sheet and 'bag of smiles' paper bag
- Schools have been very positive about the idea
- Community Dental Services (CDS – local community dentistry) have been supporting us with it
- We started distributing on 18th May 2022
- Between ESC and CDS, we have put together a survey for families and a survey for school staff to complete
- This will be sent to schools in mid-June after the young people have had packs for a month – the survey is available in paper copy and electronic form
- The packs cost £1,023 with a small added cost for printing of paper surveys
- CDS have offered their staff time to go into the schools and train staff if this is identified as being useful in the survey
 - This would come at an additional cost and can be explored as an add-on in future if the survey feedback suggests this would be helpful

Slipper swap:

- Now being promoted

Halesworth youth research:

- Access Community Trust selected to be the delivery partner
- Will be working with stakeholders to do the research and engagement
- This will be a mix of school engagement and holiday engagement

- Youth Action Halesworth-Rural group (YAH-R) set up with different partners to coordinate and raise awareness of the work

Rural proofing:

- After a brief delay, the rural proofing document will be sent out to the CP shortly
- This has presented an idea of the challenges and opportunities we have in the villages
- As a result of the rural proofing, we have been able to put articles in parish magazines and newsletters to promote the Community Partnership and what it does

Community Partnership event:

- Originally scheduled for February; took place on 21st May 2022
- Event was an opportunity for groups and residents to find out more about the Community Partnership
- 20-25 attended over 2 hours and the event cost £80 (venue hire)
- Organisations there such as:
 - ESC Funding team
 - Pear Tree Centre
 - Police
 - Three Rivers Talking Newspaper
- Hearts and Minds (Access Community Trust) gave a presentation about their project
- Swell Music CIC did a singing demonstration
- Some good networking was done including with the local Co-op
- Attendance from some members of the public, some CP members, Peter Aldous MP and Cllr Letitia Smith, Cabinet Member for Communities

Community Partnership refresher event:

- Held on 28th April 2022
- 2 attended – both from parish councils already on the CP but one was a new rep and the other was from a PC where they needed a new rep
- Interest from 3 people from 2 parish councils currently not on the CP – they couldn't attend on the evening but remain interested