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Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

East Suffolk Councillors:

Councillor Tony Cooper (Chairman)
Councillor Jocelyn Bond
Councillor John Fisher
Councillor TJ Haworth-Culf

Suffolk County Councillor:

Councillor Russ Rainger

Partnership Organisations:

Local Town and Parish Councils
Suffolk Constabulary
Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
Community Action Suffolk
Leiston Together
Business Community
Youth Community
Environment

Members of the **Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership** are invited to a Remote Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 3.30pm**

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Agenda

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- 1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**
To receive any apologies for absence.

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| 2 | Election of a Vice-Chairman
In accordance with the Terms of Reference, to elect a Vice Chairman for the Community Partnership for one year | |
| 3 | Notes of the previous meeting of the Community Partnership
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 13 August 2020 and confirm these as a correct record | 1 - 4 |
| 4 | Update from the Community Partnership Board held on 7 September 2020
To receive and note an update from the Board meeting held in September 2020 | 5 - 7 |
| 5 | Verbal update from the Task and Finish Groups
To receive a verbal update from the two Task and Finish Groups established at the last meeting | |
| 6 | Date of Next Meeting
Monday 9 November 2020 at 3.30pm (Remote meeting) | |

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Notes of the remote Meeting held on Thursday 13 August 2020 at 3.30pm

ESC Councillors: Cllr T Cooper (Chairman), Cllr J Bond, Cllr J Fisher, Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf

SCC Councillor: Cllr R Rainger

Town and Parish Councils: Cllr J Findlay (Saxmundham TC), Cllr L Hill (Leiston TC), C Rinder (Deputy Town Clerk, Leiston TC)

Partnership Organisations: S Cuthbert (Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme), A Gimson (Warden’s Trust), S Liddell (United Reform Church, Saxmundham), S Mortimer (Community Action Suffolk), E Ratzer (Access Community Trust), Rev. N Stuchfield (St John’s, Saxmundham)

Others present: L Bennett (ESC, Community Partnerships Manager), Z Botten (ESC, Communities Officer), S Lambert (ESC, Economic Development Officer), K Abbott (ESC, Clerk to the Community Partnership)

Item	
1	Welcome and Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Terry Barrow (Access Community Trust), Elspeth Gibson (Leiston Change Manager) and Morag McInnes (ESC, Economic Development Officer)
2	Notes of the meeting held on 27 January 2020
	The notes were received and confirmed as a correct record. Cllr John Findlay, Saxmundham TC, asked for an update on the funding bid his Town Council had submitted. Luke Bennett said he would check the status of the bid with the ESC Funding Team but suggested that, potentially, a formal acceptance of the offer of funding by Saxmundham TC was awaited.
3	Update from the Community Partnership Board held on 23 June 2020
	A paper had been circulated with the agenda and provided an update on the outcomes from the Community Partnership Board meeting held on 23 June 2020.



	<p>Luke Bennett, ESCs Community Partnerships Manager, summarised the paper. He highlighted how the Board’s work was resonating with that of the Community Partnerships and, specifically, referenced the Hidden Needs Programme which was now open again for applications with a closing date of the end of September.</p> <p>The Rural Needs work had been delayed due to a focussed response to the Covid-19 pandemic but was now being scoped and plans for rural proofing elements to commence were underway. Transport and Access had, similarly, been delayed but would be revisited by the Board in September and an event in November was planned to recommence work in this area.</p> <p>Task and Finish Groups had been established, led by one or more Board members, to work up costed outcome proposals to address the three main areas of focus – Social Isolation and Loneliness; Sustaining Community Hubs and Community Resilience; and, Supporting the most Vulnerable Communities and People. These proposals would be considered by the Board in September.</p> <p>There were no questions on the paper.</p> <p>The update paper was received and noted.</p>
4	Community Partnership’s priorities
	<p>The Partnership was referred to the Chairman’s briefing note on the revised priorities following the Covid-19 pandemic, and how funding might be allocated to support new projects or on-going work for communities; this had been circulated on 25 June 2020. Zoe Botten also referred to three of the Partnerships’ original priorities having been taken up at Board level (Education; Health; Social Isolation) and the need to avoid duplication of effort and ensure the best co-ordination of resource-intensive work. It was proposed that the Partnership establish Task and Finish Groups to take forward the revised priorities, led by the best placed organisation or group, and that the Groups bring their suggested plans to the next meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Hill (Leiston TC) raised some concerns that the priorities had been lost and the Partnership had not been advised of the reasons. Zoe Botten said the priorities were not lost but were now adopted at Board-level. The Partnership would be able to feed-in to the Board’s work on these priorities, including via the Chair who sat on the Board.</p>



	<p>Cllr Findlay (Saxmundham TC) suggested that the adoption of the priorities at Board-level defeated the objective of the Community Partnership which was to delegate engagement with communities to a local level. Zoe Botten responded that the Community Partnership would be consulted and that it was important to avoid needless duplication of work but to ensure this was dovetailed and complimentary.</p> <p>Luke Bennett referred to the resource-intensive work that would be undertaken and stated that the Partnership would be asked to feed-in to this. He stressed that the work had not been taken away but it was hoped that the approach proposed would prove to be the most efficient way to deal with a priority identified by several Partnerships and, ultimately, would achieve more impact.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was agreed that the Community Partnership would move forward with priorities for <u>Education, Opportunity and Aspirations</u> and <u>Reduced Social Isolation and Loneliness</u>. 2. It was agreed that Emma Ratzer would lead the Education, Opportunity and Aspirations Task Group and Sharon Cuthbert would lead the Reduced Social Isolation and Loneliness Group. 3. It was agreed that each Task and Finish Group would meet within 2/3 weeks and provide an outline plan to the next meeting of the Partnership (29 September).
5	Update on the Community Partnership’s Task and Finish Groups
	<p>This item had been included within the discussion at item 4, above.</p>
6	Core Membership List
	<p>The Core Membership list, as of 4 August 2020, had been circulated with the agenda. The membership was discussed, and the following was agreed:</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Core Membership to include Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf; Sarah Mortimer to be the primary Community Action Suffolk representative; Diana Eastman to attend as a member of the IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme; and, a representative of the Aldeburgh Society to be sought. The Core Membership to be the voting members of the Partnership.



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	2. A representative of the Aldeburgh Baptist Church to be sought for the non-Core Membership. Superintendent Paul Sharp to be deleted from the non-Core Membership list.
7	Date of the next meeting
	Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 3.30pm (Remotely)

The meeting concluded at 4.21pm



Report to the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

OUTCOMES OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Progress since the previous meeting held 23 June 2020

At its previous meeting, the Board had considered the potential impacts of Covid-19 on East Suffolk people and places. As a result, several Board Members put themselves forward to form a Task Group to consider the following issues and report back to the September meeting of the Board:

- **Social isolation and loneliness:** Top priority overall for the Board (and for six of the eight East Suffolk Community Partnerships)
- **Sustaining Community Hubs and Community Resilience/Empowering/Capability:** How do we capture and retain community energy – and fill any gaps?
- **Supporting the most vulnerable communities and people:** Covid-19 has not impacted every place and age group equally – how can we reduce these differences during recovery?

The Task Group met on 4 August.

Key decisions:

The Board agreed the following recommendations from the Task Group:

Action 1: Invest £50,000 additional funding in the Hidden Needs grant programme aimed at tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness in identified hot spot areas.

Action 2: Fund 25 additional GrandPads or equivalent (cost £25,000) to enable people with limited resources and no IT equipment/Wi-Fi to get connected (particularly in the north of the District).

Action 3: Hold a focus group with our Community Response Groups to identify what interventions have worked best to support those who are isolated and lonely and expand/sustain these groups.

Action 4 - Invest £100,000 in a new East Suffolk VCSE “Bounce Back Fund” to focus on four themes:

- Help local VCSE organisations and community groups to survive and thrive in a new context e.g. funding for infrastructure, promotion, adaptation, or other relevant costs
- Help local community buildings to reopen and resume enabling community activities

- safely e.g. for signage, PPE, disposable plates and cutlery
- Help youth organisations, groups, and clubs to adapt their activities and continue to support the mental and physical health and wellbeing of young people
- Help organisations who involve volunteers to thrive and grow in line with the volunteering strategy and campaign

Action 5: Allocate £5,000 of funding for a specific East Suffolk Volunteering Campaign to help people to get into volunteering as a pathway back into work, retain new Covid-19 volunteers by offering them additional volunteering opportunities, and support existing volunteers to continue in a new context. (District-wide campaign but with a specific focus on areas such as Lowestoft where volunteer numbers are low).

Action 6: Work with the key Covid-19 response groups in East Suffolk to develop a place focussed approach to Hardship and Food Poverty and scope out any additional resources required.

Action 7: Task Group to meet again with a particular focus on 'Vulnerable People and Places' to develop proposals for the December Board meeting.

2. Transport

Transport is one of two key priorities for the Community Partnership Board (alongside Social Isolation and Loneliness), however the recent focus of the Board has been on social isolation and loneliness and the Covid-19 response. Transport issues remain a priority (and key element of the discussions in many of the Community partnerships) and the Board is now keen to make progress, particularly given the links to other key areas of activity e.g. isolation, health and wellbeing and youth activities.

Key decisions:

The Board agreed the following actions to refocus on this priority:

Action 1: Put plans in place to ensure that the Transport priority is given substantive focus during the Community Partnership Forum in November (see below).

Action 2: Commission some additional resource to work with the Board to identify potential 'quick win' transport projects and help local organisations and groups to develop these with a tight focus on delivering tangible outcomes on the ground.

Action 3: The Board be prepared at its meeting in December to allocate funding from the 2020/21 Community Partnership Board budget to this priority - ringfenced to support local project development and delivery.

3. Community Partnership Annual Forum: 2 – 6 November 2020

As a response to Covid restrictions on events/social contact the annual forum planned to be held at Trinity Park Conference Centre has been cancelled. The Board has agreed to host a week-long programme of virtual events in its place.

Forum Purpose:

- For the Community Partnership Board to host a high-profile event in East Suffolk for representatives from our communities, voluntary organisations, community groups, public services, and businesses, focussing on the strategic priorities identified by the Board (Social Isolation and Transport) and individual Community Partnerships.
- To celebrate early wins and demonstrate the impact of the Community Partnership Board and Community Partnerships.
- To enable the eight Community Partnerships to;
 - i) highlight the impact they are having within their communities and
 - ii) problem solve shared challenges.
- To share knowledge and expertise in the Suffolk System and beyond to work together for the benefit of our communities and businesses in East Suffolk.

The theme of the event is “**East Suffolk: Bringing Ideas to Life**”. Delegates will have the opportunity to join as many sessions as they wish throughout the week. The programme and booking details will be circulated by the end of September and members of the Community Partnerships are encouraged to attend and support the event, as well as to help promote the event to their wider networks.

Luke Bennett, Partnerships Manager
8 September 2020