

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.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alison Cackett, Councillor Joyce Moseley, Councillor Richard Stubbings, Lee Drewery, and Sarah Carter.</p>
2.	<p>Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Project Updates</p> <p>A written update had been shared with the agenda. Sam Kenward (SK) added the following points:</p> <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.



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