



Framlingham, Wickham Market and villages Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2020 at Wickham Market Village Hall

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Cllr C Poulter (Chairman), Cllr M Cook

SCC Councillors – Cllr A Nicoll

Town and Parish Councils – D Chenery (Wickham Market Parish Council), J Cross (Gt Glemham Parish Council), K Fortmann (Campsea Ashe Parish Council), M Hine (Framlingham Town Council), R Jenkinson (Wickham Market Parish Council), J Jones (Framlingham Town Council),

Partnership Organisations – C Abraham (Community Action Suffolk), N Corke (Hour Community Group), J Healey (Greenprint Forum), S Hopkins (FAYAP)

Others present – L Bennett (Community Partnerships Manager), Z Botten (Communities Officer), G Hirst (Community Support Officer), A Humphrey (Communities Manager), S Lambert (Economic Development Officer), M Makin (Democratic Services Officer), N Rickard (Head of Communities),

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Burroughes.</p>
2.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to the first meeting of the Community Partnership; she said she wanted to hear everyone’s views and ideas on what the Partnership could do for the local community, and considered the objectives of the Partnership were to make a difference and help people who do not always receive help.</p> <p>Each member of the Community Partnership introduced themselves and explained who they were representing.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Approval of the Terms of Reference and Ground Rules</p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer introduced the Terms of Reference, noting that they would be reviewed in 12 months' time.</p> <p><i>The Community Partnership agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference.</i></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the meeting ground rules and gave all present an opportunity to read them in full.</p> <p><i>The Community Partnership agreed to adopt the meeting ground rules.</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Feedback from table discussions</p> <p>The Chairman invited the two table groups to discuss the three objectives that were identified at the Community Partnership workshop on 14 November 2019. The format agreed was the groups would discuss each objective for 15 minutes, with a five-minute feedback session between each one.</p> <p>The groups discussed the first objective: Delivering opportunities for young people.</p> <p>Following the 15-minute discussion, the groups fed back the following information:</p> <p><u>What is the need?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social connections for young people (Diocese and Uni) • Transport to access activities • Lack of work opportunities (16-20 year olds) • Money (e.g. for courses) • Young people unable to get to training • Young people leaving the area at 18 and not coming back until 45+ • Lack of young parents • Supporting young people with problems – finance, drugs, mental health • Lack of communication about what is on offer • No Job Centre in the area • Social mobility • Teenage years being a particular challenge • Creating social and constructive activities and 'not parentally' guided activities • Support to show options for the future (apprenticeships/work experience)

- Not enough youth workers to run sessions – outreach workers with local knowledge to tie together youth, local employers, Framlingham Town Council
- Young people’s own space
- Support for vulnerable and lonely young people
- Mapping exercise of resources and gaps for young people
- A need to understand the provision in rural areas
- Non church-based youth clubs

What is currently available?

- FAYAP Youth Centre
- Worry Tree (all ages)
- Pavilion
- Skate Park
- Wickham Market Youth Club (in partnership with Just42)
- Sports clubs, teams and facilities
- Compass mentoring scheme
- Parent and toddler groups
- Wickham Market – new MUGA
- New café room in Framlingham for young people
- Community buses
- Church based youth clubs
- Mentoring scheme

Where are the gaps and what solutions can be identified/project?

- Funding for bursaries for apprenticeships
- Mentors/core worker who can link people together
- Young people to have their own space where they can relax and be at ease
- Access to a Job Centre
- Create a place where people want to set up businesses – creative spaces – a Dragons’ Den of jobs

The groups discussed the next objective: **Active and sustainable transport provision in CP area, particularly in rural communities**

Following the 15-minute discussion, the groups fed back the following information:

What is the need?

- Communication
- Hour Community does not cover young people

- Community buses are not always suitable for older people and can be too expensive
- Services that young people will use
- Cycling – lots of narrow roads
- Transport for older people who have given up driving
- Sustainable travel
- Minibus drivers that have the right licences, insurance and DBS checks

What is currently available?

- Hour Community provides transport for people with medical issues to make appointments (45-50 journeys a month, using two buses)
 - Only covers Framlingham and abutting villages
- Possibility of using High School buses between 10am and 4pm
- CATS
- Good Neighbour schemes (Wickham Market scheme as an example)
- Travel Survey in Framlingham

Where are the gaps and what solutions can be identified/project?

- An app to identify car-sharing opportunities
- Support for Good Neighbour schemes
- Incentives for young people to obtain PSV licences
- Helping young people with the cost of getting a driving licence
- Mobile services
- Communication system to get what is available out there
- Setting up a scheme to use school minibuses for community transport
- A paid worker alongside volunteers to co-ordinate transport

The groups discussed the final objective: **Reduce social isolation and loneliness (in a sustainable way)**

Following the 15-minute discussion, the groups fed back the following information:

What is the need?

- Links to transport
- Transport provision
- Mobile phones
- Mental health support
- Social connections
- Community activities
- Carers
- Support for people with dementia

- Support for people who are housebound
- Maintaining connectivity
- Challenge of reaching people
- Funding to turn ideas into reality
- Communication on what is available
- Quiet space for single men
- Local activities to bring people together
- Additional opportunities for social interaction
- A paid worker to co-ordinate things

What is currently available?

- Forget Me Not Club
- Worry Tree
- Mills Meadow Activities
- Inclusivity project
- Health and Wellbeing information on Framlingham Town Council website
- Meet Up Mondays
- Businesses as hubs (pubs and cafes)
- Good Neighbour schemes
- Project with BT/ESC to try and keep people in homes
- Café Connect
- Monday Club
- Female based social activities/clubs in Wickham Market
- Greener Fram
- Rural Coffee Caravan
- Befriending schemes
- Age Concern services

Where are the gaps and what solutions can be identified/project?

- Support already existing initiatives
- Expand Rural Coffee Caravan with funding for more staff and volunteers
 - Spare vehicle belonging to FAYAP that would make a great second Rural Coffee Caravan
- Information on more than websites – use noticeboards, face to face, village emails, shop, welcome packs
- Co-housing (Dutch model)
- Encourage young people to volunteer
- Village Halls/Pubs as focal points

Following the conclusion of the discussions, the meeting took a short break.

5.	<p>Review of the Membership of the Community Partnership</p> <p>The Community Partnership discussed who should be invited to its next meeting.</p> <p><u>ACTION – Wickham Market Partnership to invited to the next meeting</u></p> <p><u>ACTION – Additional parish councils to be invited to the next meeting</u></p>
5.	<p>Funding for 2019/20 and 2020/21</p> <p>In response to discussion regarding funding for transport solutions, the Head of Communities for ESC outlined the strategic funding pot that would look at the two district-wide priorities. It had been proposed that a specific transport workshop be held to bring together all CPs and community transport providers to look at what the current provision was and to plan for future needs, given the scale of the need that had been identified.</p> <p>ESC was also working with the Local Government Association to identify other areas in the country where there were examples of innovative work around transport.</p> <p>There was also discussion about possible funding for youth employment services. ESC’s Partnerships Manager explained that there was such as service in the District that worked on an outreach model. Feedback from CP members indicated that this service did not cover the area in full and it was agreed that this issue would be followed up.</p> <p>Regarding improving communication, the Communities Officer explained that Suffolk Infolink was being revamped to be more community friendly and will have a new platform for ease of access.</p> <p><u>ACTION – L. Bennett to feed back to Youth Employment Service regarding concerns that the CP area was not being covered appropriately</u></p> <p><u>ACTION – S. Hopkins and N. Corke to liaise ahead of the next meeting, to identify overlaps and gaps with provision for older people, young people, and mental health support</u></p> <p><u>ACTION – All CP members to bring suggestions for 2020/21 funding to the next meeting</u></p>

Dates of next meeting:

It was agreed that a further meeting was required, in March 2020, to receive feedback on the agreed actions and confirm the allocation of funds before the end of the 2019/20 Financial Year.

It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.

Once confirmed, the meeting venue would be circulated to the Community Partnership.

ACTION – Meeting venue details to be circulated when available

The meeting concluded at 8.26 pm

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