



## **Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14 December 2021**

**at 6pm via Zoom**

**Core Membership:**

**ESC Councillors** – Cllr James Mallinder (Chair), Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte

**SCC Councillors** – Cllr Caroline Page (SCC Cllr for the Woodbridge Division), Cllr Andrew Reid (SCC Cllr for the Wilford Division)

**Town and Parish Councils** – Cllr John Pilgrim (Boyton Parish Council), Cllr Alan Porter (Melton Parish Council)

**Partnership Organisations** – Caroline Rutherford (Just 42)

**Others present** – Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager), Julia Catterwell (ESC Communities Officer), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hazel Hughes (Hollesley Parish Council).
2.	<b>Election of a Vice-Chairman</b>  This item was deferred to the next meeting.
3.	<b>Notes of the previous meeting – 8 September 2021</b>  The action notes of this meeting were agreed.  Luke Bennett (LB) confirmed that the new route for the Katch Bus went from Wickham Market to Snape and included this CP area. All members were asked to promote the route.
4.	<b>Update from the Community Partnership Board meeting held on 6 December 2021</b>



	<p>The Community Partnership received an update on the last meeting of the Community Partnership Board from Luke Bennett (LB)</p> <p>LB provided an overview of the following points discussed at that meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation from Suffolk MIND on the impact of Covid-19 on mental health locally</li> <li>• A new mental health and wellbeing task and finish group to address the ongoing issues around mental health and Covid-19</li> <li>• Board priorities reviewed to include social isolation and loneliness; sustainable transport and travel; and mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>• A new workstream on vulnerability and hidden needs due to emerging issues on cost of living and living standards</li> <li>• The Peer Review of Community Partnerships</li> </ul> <p>The Community Partnership forum event was planned for 25 March 2022 at Trinity Park.</p> <p>Councillor Reid (AR) confirmed that the Suffolk County Council mental health team would be in touch with the Board to ensure a joined-up approach to mental health in the area.</p>
5.	<p><b>Small Grants Scheme</b></p> <p>Julia Catterwell (JC) updated the meeting on the small grants scheme which had launched on 1 November and would close on 1 January.</p> <p>Two funding applications had been received so far, and members were encouraged to share details of the scheme.</p>
6.	<p><b>Projects Update</b></p> <p>JC updated the meeting on the work of the Young People Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>The group was considering the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooking skills, to include an emphasis on reduction of food waste</li> <li>• A 'Mend Shed' to pass on mending and practical skills</li> </ul> <p>The Chair (JM) expressed support for a project around food a nutrition in light of increased food costs and use of food banks.</p> <p>Cllr Smith Lyte (RSL) expressed concern about the continued rise in the use of food banks, increasing costs of food and fuel and how this contributed to poor mental health.</p>



	<p>Caroline Rutherford (CR) gave an update on cooking activities which had been run at youth groups in the area. Grant money had been spent on new utensils and portable induction hobs for workshops, and it was hoped that these workshops could be extended to include wider life skills.</p> <p>RSL asked that generations not be siloed into different workshops, as cross-generational workshops and meet ups would allow people to learn from each other.</p> <p>ACTION: JM and RSL to discuss a wider meet up event in the CP area for 2022.</p>
7.	<p><b>Cycling and Walking Strategy</b></p> <p>Anthony Taylor(AT) and Jason Beck (JB) summarised the draft cycling and walking strategy which was out for consultation until 10 January 2022.</p> <p>The strategy focussed on key corridors for commuting, leisure routes, Local Plan recommendations and community recommendations.</p> <p>In this CP area, Ipswich to Melton had been identified as a key corridor to enable people to walk/cycle between Ipswich and Melton and the surrounding villages rather than driving.</p> <p>Alan Porter (AP) asked what funding had been allocated to the strategy. JB confirmed that no funding had been allocated, the strategy would instead provide a basis for where routes should be improved as part of other projects.</p> <p>RSL expressed concern about leisure routes using rural roads with 60mph speed limits and asked if there could be a wider conversation with Suffolk County Council on reducing speed limits in some areas. AT confirmed that it was not within East Suffolk Councils remit to make recommendations on speed, and that any comments on this would be passed on to SCC. AR asked that ESC speak with Councillor Alexander Nicoll on this issue.</p> <p>CR asked whether youth groups were a part of the consultation. AT responded that schools/youth groups had not been particularly targeted, but it was recognised that schools were important destinations. LB confirmed that there was an East Suffolk Young Peoples Priority Group who could be included in the consultation.</p>



	<p>JM asked if cycling routes beyond Wilford Bridge and on to the peninsula could be looked at, as this area was quite dangerous for cyclists at present but there was potential for a tourist route to Sutton Hoo.</p> <p>AP asked that cycle storage along the route also be considered.</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Thursday 3 March 2022 at 6pm.</p>

The meeting concluded at 7.16pm