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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>



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	<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