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## **Notes of the remote Meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2021**

### Core Membership present:

ESC Councillors – Cllr Chris Mapey (Chairman), Cllr James Mallinder (Vice Chairman), Cllr Kay Yule

Cllr J Pilgrim (Boyton PC), S Connick (Community Action Suffolk), , Cllr A Porter (Melton PC), H Heelis (Rendlesham PC Clerk), C Fortmann (Campsea Ashe PC Clerk), S Gilkes (Suffolk Constabulary)

Others present – K Abbott (Clerk), S Barnett (Passenger Transport Development Manager, SCC) (item 3), L Bennett (Partnerships Manager), J Catterwell (Communities Officer), N Jenner (Communities Support Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Hazel Hughes (Hollesley) and Jo Lily-Peters (Blaxhall).</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present to the Meeting and invited everyone to briefly introduce themselves.</p>
2.	<p><b>Notes of the previous meeting of the Community Partnership held on 18 November 2020.</b></p> <p>The notes were received and confirmed as a correct record.</p>
3.	<p><b>Update on the Katch EV Bus</b></p> <p>Simon Barnett, Passenger Transport Development Manager, Suffolk County Council, provided a comprehensive presentation on the proposals for the Bus.</p> <p>The Chairman invited questions:</p> <p>Councillor Porter welcomed the initiative. He asked if the quoted electricity usage (100) included lights and heater etc. Simon Barnett replied that the figure</p>



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	<p>had been provided by the manufacturer.</p> <p>Heather Heelis asked if the route for the bus could be extended to Rendlesham. Simon Barnett said the initial route was for trial purposes; if it proved successful other options would be considered. Heather Heelis asked if the Bus could be included in her parish's climate emergency action plan. Simon Barnett said this was fine but did just caution that the launch in March might be delayed because of the pandemic.</p> <p>Councillor Mallinder said the Bus represented a very important initiative for the district and the future of transport in rural communities. He added that it was crucial that the trial be successful and asked how the Bus would be marketed to encourage its use. Simon Barnett said he was not directly involved in the marketing strategy but would provide this information outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Yule asked about electric charging points for the Bus. Simon Barnett replied that two charging points had been installed at Campsea Ash station, one for the Bus and one for public use.</p> <p>Luke Bennett said the Community Partnership Board had allocated £40,000 to fund the fare subsidy model for the Bus and that it was a significant project which would be watched with interest by the other Partnerships.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Barnett for attending and his interesting presentation.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation and further information on the launch date and marketing were provided after the meeting by the Clerk.</p>
4.	<p><b>Update from the Community Partnership Board held on 7 December 2020</b></p> <p>Luke Bennett referred those present to the written report published with the agenda. There were no questions. The report was received.</p>
5.	<p><b>Confirmation of the Community Partnership's priorities</b></p>



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	<p>Julia Catterwell, Communities Officer, suggested that the priorities identified at the workshop in November 2019 be continued because of the interruption caused by the pandemic. Julia added that other Partnerships had also decided to take the same course of action, maintaining the original evidence-based priorities. This was agreed.</p> <p>Julia Catterwell also outlined the funds allocated to various projects by the Community Partnership. This was noted.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Update on the Small Grants Scheme's allocation and remaining funds</b>
	<p>The Chairman stated he was very proud of the work of the Community Partnership and said that it had made a real difference to its communities. The Chairman, in particular, wished to record his thanks to Julia Catterwell and Nicola Jenner for their hard work. He referred to the remaining funds and reminded the Partnership's members to submit suggestions.</p> <p>In response to a question about timescales and time limits, Julia Catterwell clarified that once a small grant was approved there was up to 12 months to issue the funds. She also referred to the ability to carry over funds into the next financial year so that monies were not 'lost'.</p> <p>The information within the update was noted.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Review of the Membership of the Community Partnership</b>
	<p>A copy of the membership as of 20 August 2020 was received.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the membership needed to evolve and grow to ensure it that it reflected the area of the Partnership and effective information conduits were in place.</p> <p>The Chairman asked all members to let him and the Clerk know of any suggestions for membership.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>



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	It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 21 April 2021 at 4pm. The Clerk to send the diary invitation.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<p><u>East bags</u></p> <p>The Vice Chairman referred to the excellent project underway to get these items to the vulnerable and isolated in our communities. He wished to thank all those who had worked hard to make this happen.</p> <p><u>Volunteering campaign</u></p> <p>Sally Connick, Community Action Suffolk (CAS), reminded all present that if any help was required with voluntary projects to contact Janet Perry at CAS.</p>

The Meeting concluded at 4.43pm.