



## Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

### Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2021 via Zoom

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Tony Cooper (Chairman), Councillor T-J Haworth-Culf (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Jocelyn Bond, Councillor John Fisher

SCC Councillors – Councillor Russ Rainger

Town and Parish Councils – Councillor Stephen Brett (Theberton & Eastbridge Parish Councils), Councillor Julian Cusack (Middleton Parish Council), Councillor Marianne Fellowes (Aldeburgh Town Council), Councillor Lesley Hill (Leiston Town Council), Roz Barnett (Saxmundham Town Council – Clerk), Caroline Rinder (Leiston Town Council – Deputy Clerk)

Partnership Organisations – Sharon Cuthbert (Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme), Di Eastman (IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme), Becki Gaunt (Flagship Homes), Sarah Mortimer (Community Action Suffolk), Antony Parke (Access Community Trust), Joanne Thain (ESC Leiston Change Manager)

Others present – Zoe Botten (Communities Officer), Matt Makin (Democratic Services Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Emma Ratzer from Access Community Trust; Antony Parke attended in her absence.</p>
2.	<p><b>Notes of the meetings of the Community Partnership held on 9 November 2020 and 1 December 2020</b></p> <p>Both sets of notes were agreed as a correct record.</p>
3.	<p><b>Written update from the Community Partnership Board meeting of 7 December 2020</b></p> <p>Luke Bennett (LB) introduced the written report published with the agenda and summarised its contents.</p>



	<p>Councillor Marianne Fellowes (MF) commented on the offer of a funded post from EDF Energy for the Transport Priority and considered that given the ongoing Sizewell C DCO application, it was important that the relationship between East Suffolk Council and EDF Energy should be clear; MF was of the view that the Community Partnership Board should have consulted the Community Partnership about this decision.</p> <p>LB clarified that the Councillor Tony Cooper (TC), as the CP Chair, represents the Community Partnership on the Community Partnership Board and confirmed that the post holder would be working for the project and not for EDF Energy. TC considered it was important that the offer of funding was accepted to support the project.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Announcement of the Community Partnership Grant Scheme’s launch and key dates</b></p> <p>Zoe Botten (ZB) announced that the scheme had gone live earlier that day and there was a four-week period for applications to be made. All information was available online and funding amounts between £250 and £1,000 could be applied for. Applications would be appraised by the East Suffolk Council Funding Team on 12 February 2021 and a panel would be convened on 14 February 2021 to review the appraisals and make final decisions on funding.</p> <p>LB confirmed that feedback would be given to unsuccessful applicants via Community Action Suffolk on what the weaknesses of their application were and what other funding streams may be more suitable.</p> <p>ZB said she was seeking volunteers for the panel. Several members of the Community Partnership put themselves forward for the panel.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Zoe Botten, Lesley Hill, Di Eastman, Stephen Brett, Becki Gaunt, Joanne Thain and Sarah Mortimer to form Grant Scheme funding panel</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Outline application by the Education, Opportunities and Aspirations Task and Finish Group: Rural East Suffolk locality NEET Project</b></p> <p>Antony Parke (AP) from Access Community Trust gave an overview of the outline application being made by the Task Group for a Rural East Suffolk locality NEET project.</p> <p>The project would be aimed at young people who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). as well as young people of senior school age who may struggle to work within the existing defined method, to build skills,</p>

	<p>independence, mutual respect and employability through outdoor education. The project would use existing provisions and make use of local countryside and beaches and be modelled on an existing programme in operation at a Pupil Referral Unit in North Suffolk.</p> <p>In response to questions from the Community Partnership the following points were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people for the project would be identified through Access Community Trust linking in with Suffolk County Council, the DWP and Job Centres, and local schools and Further Education establishments</li> <li>• The project would be a rolling programme with six young people enrolled at any one time</li> <li>• The project would only cover the Community Partnership area</li> <li>• The proposed activities were not an exhaustive list and provide a wide range of opportunities</li> </ul> <p>The Community Partnership indicated that it was willing to support the application to the value of £7,500. ZB confirmed that the application would be transferred to an outcome proposal form for submission.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – That the Community Partnership supports the application to the value of £7,500</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Community Partnership Grant Applications 2020/21</b></p> <p>The Community Partnership received a verbal update from Sharon Cuthbert (SC) on current projects.</p> <p><u>Community Art Project (now known as Art in a Bag)</u></p> <p>30 bags had been created as a pilot scheme and most had been distributed during the Christmas period. SC outlined the different activities in the bag. Work was underway for the next set of bags. Di Eastman (DE) noted that the project had been advertised via flyers included with meals distributed over Christmas. Becki Gaunt (BG) stated that Flagship Homes could assist with distribution of the bags.</p> <p>Julian Cusack (JC) noted that Middleton Parish Council had run a similar project and had displayed artwork in the village hall to vote on prizes.</p> <p><u>Dementia Project</u></p>



	<p>Due to grant delays the project had only been running for a week. SC advised that the current lockdown was having a major impact on people so most of the work was about speaking to people regarding their situation. Work would be progressing on what support can be put in place.</p> <p><u>Other projects</u></p> <p>Councillor Lesley Hill (LH) asked about an upcoming amateur radio project; Joanne Thain (JT) gave an overview the Alde and Blyth Community Radio project. JT confirmed that she would put SC in contact with the project.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – JT to put SC in contact with the Alde and Blyth Community Radio project</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Forward Work Plan for the Community Partnership</b></p> <p>The Community Partnership reviewed its Forward Work Plan. It was agreed to add the Alde and Blyth Community Radio project to the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – The Alde and Blyth Community Radio project to be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Partnership</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>MF suggested that due to the upcoming Pre-Election Period, the next meeting, scheduled for 17 March 2021, should be brought forward to allow more work to be completed. TC agreed he would speak with Katherine Abbott about identifying a new date.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – TC to liaise with Katherine Abbott to reschedule the meeting currently due to be held on 17 March 2021</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.24 pm