

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership

Action Notes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 September 2021

held remotely via Zoom

ESC Councillors – Councillor Paul Ashdown (Chairman), Councillors Peter Byatt, Linda Coulam, Janet Craig, Andrée Gee, Louise Gooch, Malcolm Pitchers and Keith Robinson

SCC Councillors – Councillor Jenny Ceresa

Town and Parish Councils – Peter Armstrong (Corton Parish Council), Councillor Chris Ashdown (Oulton Broad Parish Council), Sarah Foote (Deputy Clerk, Lowestoft Town Council), Councillor Jenny Hinton (Oulton Parish Council), Cllr Neil Livingstone (Chairman, Somerleyton, Ashby and Herringfleet Parish Council), Councillor Miles Thomas (Chairman, Lound Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – Phil Aves (Lowestoft Rising), Karen McCormack (SCC), Danny Steel (CP Vice-Chairman and Lowestoft Vision)

Others present – Stephen Baker (Lowestoft Vision), Gary Bellward (Economic Development), Sarah Davis (Democratic Services Officer), Lee Drewery (Everyone Active), Sarah Mortimer (CAS), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities), Darren Newman (Economic Development), Marten Payne (One Life Suffolk), Councillor Letitia Smith, Donna Taylor (Everyone Active), Louise Thomas (Communities Support Officer), Rachel Tucker (Communities Officer) and Kevin Wegg (Funding Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted that apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor James Reeder, Councillors Mary Rudd and Keith Patience, and Nicki Cooper (SCC Public Health).</p>
2.	<p>Notes from the last meeting</p> <p>The notes from the last meeting on 22 June 2021 were approved and an update from Darren Newman in relation to the Towns Fund was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Towns deal funding could not be allocated to smaller / additional projects as detail was provided on the projects to be funded as part of the application process.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lookout across from Royal Green was being opened on a daily basis by East Suffolk Norse, however, several glass panels had been smashed making the building unsafe for use. East Suffolk Council's operations team were in the process of making the relevant repairs to get the facility back open. • Works to the East Point Pavilion were ongoing, new boarding had been put in place whilst works were undertaken. The building had been cleared with design work underway. Proposal was to have the building operational by March / April 2022. • Funding application for the Broad House Museum had been submitted which the Parish Council should be aware of. <p>Louise Gooch queried if further funding might be available for another Lowestoft Walk and the Chairman responded that it was hoped that other walks would be added in future.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation – One Life Suffolk</p> <p>Martin Payne from One Life Suffolk gave a presentation on their activities/services which included Get Help to Get Active, Adult Weight Management, Smoking Cessation, Outreach Health Check Services, Children and Families Weight Management and Mental Health Services. He explained that clients could access services by being referred by medical practitioners; contacting 01473 718193; or by visiting the website.</p> <p>Keith Robinson stated that he was a member of the Waveney Health Board and suggested that a proposal to work with them on a Weight Management project would be beneficial. Martin responded that he was meeting with them shortly.</p> <p>Reference was made to Slimming World referrals and Martin explained that about 250 of the 400 referrals to their Weight Management Service, requested a referral to Slimming World but Slimming World were experiencing difficulties which meant there were a lot of people currently on the waiting list.</p> <p>Martin stated that One Life Suffolk currently worked out of Boston Lodge but they were potentially looking to move to larger premises. The Chairman suggested he talk to Danny.</p> <p>Reference was made to the Men's Sheds project and Martin stated that he would like to link in with the participants and also work with partners to draw down funding and co-produce projects. Phil Aves assured the Partnership that he and Martin were working closely together.</p>

4.	<p>CP Board Update Report – 6 September 2021</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on the discussions at the last meeting and it was noted in particular that the main item had been about transport. The Board was also focussing on two CP areas at each meeting and this CP was due to provide an update in December.</p> <p>Linda Coulam referred to the need for community transport on the Gunton Estate as there were no buses and Danny responded that the Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth Rugby Club were prepared to help. Nicole Rickard reminded the Partnership that the Board had agreed £50K funding to extend the BACT provision to this CP area.</p>
5.	<p>Updates from Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>Phil Aves provided an update on the Walk in the Park Project and it was noted that two pilot guided walks had recently been held to test them. It was hoped the project would start in October and would involve One Life Suffolk to get people referred into other services. In relation to the Youth Club at Sam's Café, Phil reported that he was working with Kirkley Youth Voice who wanted a social club with support, and he was also talking to school mental health services so they could refer people. Phil also referred to the Annual Nest Fest where the two projects would be promoted, and he added that the Fest would include healthy cooking and eating to help the weight management projects.</p> <p>Karen McCormack provided a presentation on recent Childhood Obesity Task and Finish Group activities. In relation to the Healthy Movers project, she stated that if a video of the training and feedback from practitioners was made available she would send this to CP members. She added that the evaluation of the project would take place early in the New Year. It was noted that, although the Shaping Places bid had been unsuccessful, options were being explored to continue the work in the Kirkley and Harbour Wards but this would require external funding. Karen added that they also wanted to continue with community engagement in the area using the Kirkley Pantry.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the aim for the Somerleyton School Allotment Project to be expanded to other schools and include other partners such as the College and he suggested that the County Council be involved in that. Karen responded that they would like to be involved and she added that the College was linked in with the Kirkley Pantry. Danny added that the Men's Sheds project might also want to help with the expansion of the project.</p> <p>Phil reported that he had spoken to the Royal Court Hotel who were planning to sell fruit and veg to enable Kirkley residents to access affordable produce. He</p>

	<p>added that the summer holiday activity project had fed and involved over 200 children during the six weeks holidays, and churches had fed over 800 children and families. He stressed the need to keep work going and connect projects together eg the Mental Health Wellbeing Social Club could do food as they had a kitchen.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that the Lowestoft Town Council needed to be involved more and Sarah Foote responded that she would report back to the Full Council meeting and would highlight the walks and engagement of young people in particular.</p> <p>Malcolm Pitchers pointed out that supermarkets often gave away gardening tools and had cooking facilities. Karen stated that she had spoken to some supermarkets but nothing had been forthcoming yet.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the meeting that rural parishes needed to be included and he suggested the Lowestoft Allotment Association might want to get involved.</p>
6.	<p>Funded Project Updates</p> <p>The Partnership received a brief presentation about the projects that had received funding and the Chairman stated that he had asked the Somerleyton Primary School to provide an update to the December meeting.</p> <p>Statistics in relation to the Lowestoft Mile Walks were given and it was noted that the video for the Lowestoft Bridge to Mutford Locks and the Broads was currently being edited. A query was raised as to whether there were any plans to liaise with College media students and Rachel Tucker responded that phase 2 of the project was to take the walks into elderly people homes and phase 3 was to take it into schools but involving the College could be discussed moving forwards.</p> <p>Clarification was sought as to whether Council Tenants who were issued vouchers for decorating could use them at Re-utilise.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>The Chairman to find out if Re-utilise could take vouchers for decorating.</p>
7.	<p>Partnership Priorities</p> <p>Louise Thomas reported that there had only been 8 responses to the survey regarding gaps/challenges and solutions within the Partnership area. It was agreed, therefore, that the deadline would be extended for another three weeks to enable as many Partnership Members as possible to complete it.</p>

8.	<p>Partnership Funding 2021/22</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the Partnership that £10K had been allocated to the Small Grants programme and £10K had been granted for the projects already discussed which left about £5K for 2021/22.</p> <p>It was reported that Rachel was being seconded into another post and the Chairman thanked her for all her hard work over the last two years in supporting the Partnership. It was noted that Louise would be taking over.</p>
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 6pm</p>

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm