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Notes of the remote Meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2020

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Cllr Chris Mapey (Chairman), Cllr Ray Herring, Cllr James Mallinder, Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte; Cllr Kay Yule

J Lily-Peters (Blaxhall PC Clerk), Cllr J Pilgrim (Boyton PC), S Connick (Community Action Suffolk), Cllr H Hughes (Hollesley PC), Cllr A Porter (Melton PC), M Backhouse (Orford & Gedgrave PC), P Simper (Ramsholt PC Clerk), H Heelis (Rendlesham PC Clerk), Cllr C Page (SCC), Cllr A Reid (SCC) Cllr M Sutton (Woodbridge TC), K Fortmann (Campsea Ashe PC Clerk), S Gilkes (Suffolk Constabulary)

Others present – K Abbott (Clerk), L Bennett (Partnerships Manager), J Catterwell (Communities Officer), Cllr T Cooper (Acting Chairman), S Gill (Groundwork), N Jenner (Communities Support Officer), S Lambert (Economic Development Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Mapey. Cllr Tony Cooper, Chairman of the Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham CP kindly acted as Chair for the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Samuel Gilkes (Suffolk Constabulary), Sally Connick (CAS), Jayne Vaughn (CAS), Cllr Caroline Page (SCC), Frances Bedding (CAS), Sabrina Ward (CAS).</p> <p>It was noted that, going forward, Sally Connick would represent the CAS on this CP.</p>
2.	<p>Welcome from the Acting Chairman and Introductions</p> <p>On behalf of Cllr Mapey, Cllr Cooper welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman invited everybody to introduce themselves and state who they were representing.</p>



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3.	<p>Update from the Community Partnership Board held on 23 June 2020</p> <p>A short update report had been circulated with the agenda. Luke Bennett (ESC Partnership Manager) briefly summarised the report's contents.</p> <p>Cllr Pilgrim referred to funds allocated to transport and access to services proposals which had not progressed due to Covid19 and the recommendation that these funds be returned for reallocation to more pressing business. Luke Bennett said that it had been clear that the proposed Hothouse was not going to be possible and that people were not currently using public transport in numbers. The Board had felt the priority should be a focus on recovery from the impacts of the pandemic and that the funding of other projects, such as this one, could be revisited in the autumn. He emphasised that this did not mean transport and access to services had been reduced in its importance as a priority.</p> <p>ACTION: The report on the outcomes from the Community Partnership Board meeting held on 23 June 2020 was received and noted.</p>
4.	<p>Review and confirm the Community Partnership's priorities</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation which summarised the current priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Hub – bringing services to people – Assistance to make premises in the area fit for use as a village hub• Youth Engagement Opportunities and Services - Support and develop better sharing of information of existing services/provisions with schools and local businesses• Improve (active and sustainable) transport provision in the area, particularly to rural communities – to be discussed on a strategic level <p>Joanne Lily-Peters asked if the installation of hearing loops in village hubs could be included: Julia Catterwell confirmed that this could be included.</p> <p>Klaus Fortmann asked if it was possible to include a small number of young people from Campsea Ashe within the Rendlesham youth offer. Nicola Jenner said the existence of the services would be publicised so that other young people</p>



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	<p>in the area could attend and participate and that this would be indicated in the small grant application.</p> <p>Luke Bennett said this resonated with the Community Partnership Board's ambitions and would mesh well to give the potential for joint proposals.</p> <p>Nicola Jenner said that communication between parishes would help a more inclusive approach, increase involvement and the sharing of views and requirements.</p> <p>Klaus Fortmann asked for a little more information about the proposal to allocate small grants to Village Halls to improve the provision of internet access and technology-based facilities. Julia Catterwell replied that the grants would be to cover the set-up costs but would not cover the on-going costs.</p> <p>James Mallinder said there was scope to provide assistance training for elderly to residents in how best to use the internet for specific topics, such as achieving best value on household bills, on-line shopping etc. Hazel Heelis suggested this could also be extended to provide financial advice to families. It was suggested that perhaps a representative of the CAB be considered as a future member of the Community Partnership.</p> <p>John Pilgrim asked if the designation of village halls included church halls, or not. Nicola Jenner said that, initially, it was a wide designation but there would need to be a check to see if religious groups were exempt, or not. She added that it might still be possible to allocate funds to a church hall if, for example, it also provided services to non-religious groups; again, this needed to be checked.</p> <p>ACTION: The Community Partnership's priorities were reviewed and confirmed.</p>
5.	<p>Update on the Community Partnership's Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation which summarised the work of the two Task and Finish Groups to date. In summary:</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 1 Recommendation 1:</p>



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	<p>Allocating a large amount of funding to upgrade the facilities at Hollesley Village Hall (roof requires removal of asbestos at a cost of £60,000)</p> <p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>Allocating small grants to Village Halls to improve provision of internet access and technology-based facilities.</p> <p>Task & Finish Group 2</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Allocating £5,000 on activities in Rendlesham with minibus hire to pick up children from local hinterland villages. Activities to include mobile skatepark, forest activity days, tennis, basketball, and other sport coaching sessions</p> <p>Youth clubs could be run in other locations, funds permitting and with support from the residents and parish council. Short term projects could also be offered rather than permanent clubs</p> <p>A total of £5000 or maybe slightly less so that more could be used for the village hall improvements. Say £3-4000 leaving them £6-7000. The money for youth activities could be used to help existing clubs run and possibly help set up a new club in a new location</p> <p>ACTION: It was agreed that the direction of travel of the two Task and Finish Groups continue. The update on the work of the Task and Finish Groups was received and noted.</p>
6.	<p>Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Core Membership</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a copy of the Core Membership as at 31 July 2020. This was reviewed and suggested changes considered and agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: The Core Membership was reviewed and updated.</p>
7.	<p>Date of the next Meeting</p> <p>ACTION: The proposed date of Thursday 21 October 2020 at 4pm (via Zoom) was agreed.</p>

The Meeting concluded at 5pm