



**Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn
Valley Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 12 July 2021 via the Zoom
video conferencing system**

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor Chris Blundell (Chair), Councillor Tony Fryatt, Councillor Colin Hedgley, Councillor Mark Newton, Councillor Ed Thompson

SCC Councillors - Councillor Elaine Bryce (Vice-Chair)

Town and Parish Councils – Joanna Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council Clerk), Councillor Alan Comber (Kesgrave Town Council), Councillor Stephen Denton (Martlesham Parish Council), Councillor James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

Others present – Geoffrey Caryer (Grundisburgh PC), PC Sam Gilkes (Suffolk Police), Dave Harker (Bredfield Village Hall), Anne Henderson (Bredfield Village Hall), Colin Hopkins (Little Bealings PC), Andrew Jolliffe (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer), Luke Merton (Suffolk Highways), Sarah Mortimer (Community Action Suffolk), Jan Pedgrift (Charsfield PC), Pauline Procter (Tuddenham St Martin PC), Jack Raven (EDF Energy)

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and Apologies There were no apologies for absence.
2.	Notes of the Previous Meeting The notes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021 were agreed.
3.	Community Partnership Board Update Andrew Jolliffe (AJ) referred to the written update on the most recent meeting of the Community Partnership Board, which had been circulated with the agenda and highlighted the key points in the report. AJ noted that the initiatives originally formulated by the Community Partnership were now being adopted in other areas.



<p>4.</p>	<p>A Rural Proofing Approach for East Suffolk Community Partnerships</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation from Sarah Mortimer (SM), from Community Action Suffolk (CAS), on a rural proofing approach for East Suffolk Community Partnerships.</p> <p>The presentation covered the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial meetings between CAS and the Community Partnership Chairs, to discuss rural proofing. • The rural proofing toolkit developed with the information gathered at those meetings. • How the toolkit can be applied to the work of the Community Partnerships. • The support in place from Sarah Mortimer until the end of March 2022, including tailored support for each of the eight East Suffolk Community Partnerships. • The what, why and how of rural proofing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The definition of a rural area ○ Provision of impactful projects ○ The reference to rural proofing in the updated Terms of Reference • Rural proofing projects and services, including examples of questions for each stage of a project. <p>Cllr Chris Blundell (CB) invited questions to SM, where the following points were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How appropriate it was for all initiatives to follow rural proofing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How projects impact on the wider area ○ How projects are accessed <p>CB thanked SM for her presentation.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Consideration of new Environmental Care Projects</p> <p>AJ outlined the progress made so far in addressing the Community Partnership’s environmental care priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10,818 allocated to the Environmental Grant Scheme • 11 projects funded across the Community Partnership area • The workshops and working groups that had taken place in 2021 <p>AJ advised that there were three proposals for the Community Partnership to consider for funding.</p>

a) Martlesham Garden Rewilding Project

This project sought £2,030 of funding for materials.

The Community Partnership received a presentation from AJ which covered the following points:

- The project would
 - encourage residents to take positive steps for wildlife.
 - increase biodiversity.
 - encourage residents to provide opportunities for wildlife.
 - actively promote the initiative, increasing visibility and empowering people.
 - link with the Advice Hub and Climate Summit in September 2021

The project was supported by Cllr James Wright (JW) of Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council.

On the proposition of Cllr James Wright, seconded by Cllr Tony Fryatt it was unanimously agreed to fund the Martlesham Garden Rewilding Project.

ACTION – The Martlesham Garden Rewilding Project to be provided with £2,030 for materials.

b) Advice Hub

This project sought £2,000 of funding ahead of the Advice Hub's launch in September 2021.

The Community Partnership received a presentation from AJ which covered the following points:

- The project would
 - offer accurate environmental advice to residents.
 - enable residents to take positive steps themselves.
 - provide face-to-face services in Martlesham and Carlford and Fynn Valley.
 - provide volunteer training via Community Action Suffolk.
 - provide a web directory hosted via East Suffolk Council.

AJ confirmed that the project could be replicated elsewhere in the Community Partnership area in the future if there was sufficient interest.

On the proposition of Cllr Alan Comber, seconded by Cllr Ed Thompson it was unanimously agreed to fund the Advice Hub project.

ACTION – The Advice Hub project to be provided with £2,000 of funding.

	<p><u>c) Green Communities</u></p> <p>This project sought £5,520 of funding, to be allocated as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Little Bealings Churchyard - £661 ● Westerfield Station wildlife - £1,564 ● Grundisburgh Recreation Ground wildlife refurb - £1,295 ● Bredfield Hall Solar Panel (contribution) - £2,000 <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation from AJ which covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The project would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ develop a variety of environmentally positive outcomes ○ collate learning to enable duplication elsewhere ○ provide local engagement <p>The Community Partnership discussed the different implementation timescales for the different projects under the Green Communities banner.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr James Wright, seconded by Joanna Abbott it was unanimously agreed to fund the Green Communities project.</p> <p>ACTION – The Green Communities project to be provided with £5,520 of funding.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Presentation on Road and Transport Safety</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation from Jack Raven of EDF Energy on the road and transport safety strategy, which covered the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The background on the requirement to understand transport needs in the district and the support from EDF Energy provided to achieve this via a task group. ● The task group goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ project timeline. ○ the aim to create short-term ‘deliverables’. ○ a presentation to the Community Partnership Board to report the task group’s outcomes. ● Key synergies. ● Progress made. ● That a draft strategy will be finalised in August 2021. ● The findings for the Community Partnership’s area.

	<p>The discussion on the presentation raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of Sizewell C on B roads and the A12 and the need for a strategy on this. • Crossings at major roads. • Engagement with local communities. • Buses routing through the Ipswich Hospital hub. • The link with East Suffolk Council’s cycling and walking strategy • Quiet Lanes • The provision of bus routes in Martlesham
<p>7.</p>	<p>Discussion on Road and Transport Safety</p> <p>The Community Partnership received a presentation from AJ on its road and traffic safety priority, which covered the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership practicalities. • Road casualties in the former Suffolk Coastal district area for 2019, including percentages of types of vehicles involved in casualties for the period. • Accident hotspots. • Casualty ages. • A summary of the data presented. <p>The Community Partnership discussed the information presented; the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for more Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in smaller villages. • The availability of SIDs. • Safer speed limits in rural areas. • The prohibitive costs for village communities to make changes to improve safety (i.e., changing speed limits and widening roads). • The need for more PCSOs and traffic wardens to monitor parking issues. • The enforcement of speed limits. • The suggestion of scoping the possibility of early intervention work with younger drivers and linking with driving schools. • Looking for examples of good practice beyond East Suffolk. <p>AJ confirmed that he would collate and circulate the points raised during the discussion and would be encouraging relevant organisations/groups to engage with the Community Partnership.</p> <p>ACTION – AJ to collate and circulate the points raised during the discussion and encourage relevant organisations/groups to engage with the Community Partnership on its road and traffic safety priority.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p>



	<p>CB highlighted a recent media report about an underspend on Suffolk County Council's road safety funding and reminded everyone of the Enabling Communities budgets and Locality budgets held by East Suffolk Councillors and County Councillors respectively.</p>
9.	<p>Dates of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 11 October 2021, 2pm, venue TBC.</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm