

## Community Networkers Meeting 14/06/2023

### Attendees:

Mihaela Stan- South Cambridgeshire District Council

Petra – Deputy Clerk

Peter Cope – Northstowe Hub

Maria – Sustainable Northstowe

Kathy Fountain – Emmanuel Church and Northstowe Hub

Hannah Avery - Emmanuel Church

Shola – Northstowe Town Council

### Apologies:

Beth Cope - Youth Hive

Rev'd Stephen Dove - Pathfinder Church

Mari - Northstowe Arts

Marcin – Sport and Wellbeing and The Running Festival

### Agenda Items:

1. **Temporary Community Centre update**
2. **Domestic Abuse Awareness Course**
3. **Great Big Green Week**
4. **Stage update**
5. **Winter Festival**
6. **Northstowe Hub event 30<sup>th</sup> September**
7. **AOB**

1. **TCC update by SCDC:** The construction of the temporary community building is progressing well, however, there have been some challenges with utilities connections. However, we should be in a position to be sure in the next couple of weeks when we can fully commission the building and estimate an opening date, so we would ask for a little more patience for two weeks whilst a likely date can be established and shared.
2. **Domestic Abuse Awareness Course** – free online course provided by the County Council

- Minimum 10 signed up and there is no maximum of people that can attend
- The time proposed is on a Wednesday 7pm-8:30pm on either one of these days:

6th September

20th September

27th September

- Please reply to Mihaela's email by 26<sup>th</sup> June with your preferred dates if you're interested in attending.

### 3. **Great Big Green Week** 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June + Community Action Day

- Community skips (metal, small electricals, upholstery, wood, general waste) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, seed swap, community pantry food, clothes/shoes swap for adults and children, toy swap. Participation from agencies: Smartjourneys, Enterprise, EMC free bike servicing, home fire support, workshop by BPHA and Northstowe Arts to create a monster out of recycling materials. The event was very successful with great attendance from the community.
- Litter picking
- Wellbeing walk ran by Shola, however low attendance due to hot weather

### 4. **Stage update** – please see document attached.

### 5. **Winter festival** – update by Northstowe Arts: we're grateful to Northstowe Hub and the CDOs for agreeing to take on coordination of the Winter Festival this year. They're looking for volunteers to support this (particularly social media and updating the website (does not require technical knowledge).

### 6. **Northstowe Hub event afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> September**

- Food vans
- Freshers fair with community groups participation – showcase of organisations using the hub
- a quiz in the evening and potentially a bar truck with Matt Webb as quiz master
- community groups who want to have a publicity stand to recruit volunteers or showcase their work are welcome late afternoon

- Hannah from Stardust Academy will do a dance taster session
- Bouncy castle from Emmanuel Church
- The 2 assembly rooms at the TCC will be in use at the event
- Emmanuel Church interested in having a stand at the opening event ran by Northstowe Hub

## **7. AOBs**

### **Northstowe Arts**

- Light Up Northstowe: planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We'll be attending the NTC Events & Markets Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July to discuss plans.

### **Emmanuel Church Update**

- Josh Monteiro on sabbatical over summer
- Restart a book group from autumn
- mums group on Thursday mornings will continue over the summer and will probably meet in parks
- Real Lives Events – with interviews about a particular aspect of the presenter's life, next one coming up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June about Science and Faith
- Youth groups on Sunday evenings

### **Town Council Update:**

- New mayor – Paul Littlemore
- New deputy mayor – Carla Bros Sabria
- Sunday Markets going well – 210 people last Sunday with participation from various traders

### **Next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> September**

- no meeting in July due to the Community Forum and there will probably be no meeting in August either as most people are away