

## Northstowe Community Networkers Minutes Wednesday 12 June 2024

### Attendees:

Mari – Northstowe Arts  
Stephen – Pathfinder Church  
Peter – Northstowe Hub  
Shola – Town Councillor and Sports and Wellbeing group  
Jawad – Northstowe Muslims  
Maria – Sustainable Northstowe  
Michele - SCDC

### Apologies:

Beth – Youth Hive  
Petra – Northstowe Town Council  
Val – Food Bank  
Mihaela – SCDC

### Agenda:

1. Midsummer Festival
2. Community Skips Day
3. Northstowe Hub Website
4. Photo Quiz
5. LUN
6. AOBs:
  - 5a. Barbeque in the shed
  - 5b. Hallmaster

#### **1. Midsummer Festival**

- 22 June, 3pm – 8pm, anyone who hasn't sent their risk assessment and public liability insurance please send to Mari, she is sending out a reminder email on 13 June - thank you to everyone who has inputted so far.
- Two thirds of the silent disco spaces have gone, if you have any ideas for the playlist, please Mari know.
- All activities for the event are on the Northstowe hub website, see page for the Midsummer Festival

Action – Peter to bring sandbags over for double gazebo

Action - Emmanuel Church need to provide Liability insurance for the bouncy castle

#### **2. Community Skips Day**

- Saturday 15 June, recycling skips arriving from 7:30am set up by 8:30am. Clothes swap, storytelling, bike repairs, electric car,
- Potential funding for next year from Homes England.

#### **3. Northstowe Hub website**

- Lots of community groups are now linked into the Northstowe Hub website. Smaller groups can have a page on their site and groups can also post news items within the website.
- Joshua Wolfe, a Northstowe resident is sponsoring the hosting of the website on his servers

- Sports and Wellbeing have been contacted about having a page, but have not responded so far.
- Groups can also add to the 'What's On' page.
- We are working to have an area to host the Northstowe Hub Group minutes and other documents - more info to follow.

Action - Shola to have a look at the Community Lounge page

#### **4. Photo Quiz**

There is a photo quiz on the Northstowe Hub website which is being run by Mihaela, there is also information at The Cabin for people who are not online. If people are in the photo they will need to sign a disclaimer.

#### **5. Light Up Northstowe**

To be discussed in future meetings once the Midsummer Festival is finished. Outline and funding in place.

#### **6. AOBs:**

##### a) Barbeque in the shed

Q. should we dispose of it to free up valuable space in the shed considering it hasn't been used at any events over the past few years and there are no plans to use them at any future events that we're currently planning?

A. Stephen would like to use it at Northstowe Church Network at their afternoon tea. Peter reminded people that the barbeque is available for community groups to borrow (coal fired) donations greatly appreciated, with future discussion on whether it is to be replaced. Please let Northstowe Hub know if you want to borrow it (this is the same for the gazebos, donation appreciated if they need to be replaced or added to when necessary).

b) Hallmaster – new booking system for The Cabin, this should be going live for all bookings from July onwards; groups will be notified when this happens.

##### c) Neighbourhood Watch

John Fuller, who looks safer South Cambs area came to the Community Lounge on Thursday 6 June. There are some schemes set up for areas in Phase 1 but nothing in the Linden Homes, Taylor Wimpy area and leading down to NSC. People can contact Shola for more information. Urban Splash in Phase 2 have their own WhatsApp group.

d) Request for CDO's to review who is on the Networkers mailing list. Are the uniformed groups on it i.e. Scouts, Guides, Longstanton Cadets?

d) Shola mentioned the E-bike training session which is on 27 July

e) Northstowe Muslims are celebrating Eid Al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) on Friday 21 June 6:30pm – 9pm. The event is open to everyone (a ticket is required), please see the poster on the Northstowe Muslim website

- f) The Community Lounge and Sustainable Northstowe are joining together for a terracotta plant pot painting and planting session on Thursday 20 June at the Cabin.
  
- g) The QR code will be updated to allow the user to specify the payment amount (there is a minimum transaction fee of £1) This will allow multiple drinks to be paid at once and flexibility in the size of donations people give. Groups are encouraged to use the machine rather than having lots of separate refreshment supplies working on a cost of around 50p per cup. Group leaders/treasurers can do lump session/termly payments on the QR code. Please try to use the crockery cups rather than disposable cups to keep cost down and be more environmentally friendly. Contact Peter, Hektor or one of the CDO's if there is a problem with the machine.
  
- h) Mode of travel survey – people were reminded that an email had gone out to groups asking for information on how they and attendees travelled to The Cabin – including the number of cars, cyclists and walkers.