

Northstowe Community Networkers – minutes Wednesday 13 September 2023

Attendees

Mari O'Neil – Northstowe Arts
Firouz Thompson – Northstowe County Councillor
Stephen Dove – Pathfinder Church
Beth Cope – Youth Group and Pathfinder Church
Peter Cope – Northstowe Hub
Graeme Hodgson – Northstowe Hub
Kathy Fountain – Emmanuel Church and Northstowe Hub
Josh Monteiro – Emmanuel Church
Shola Delip – Northstowe Town Council and Sports and Wellbeing
Maria Harrison – Sustainable Northstowe
Sarah Freeman –
Susie *** - Friends of Pathfinder School
Mihaela Stan – South Cambridgeshire District Council
Michele Eidevik-Skinner – South Cambridgeshire District Council

Apologies for absence

Marcin Lis – Northstowe Sport & Wellbeing Group
Natalie Warren-Green

Agenda

1. Domestic Abuse Course
2. First Aid Course
3. Cultural Café, Introduction to Poetry Night
4. Northstowe Hub Celebration, Saturday 30th September 2023
5. Winter Festival
6. Next meeting

1. DA course not going ahead

2. First Aid course

Courses offered have not been at a suitable time. MS: this was recommended by Mari from the Red Cross – daytime courses 8am-3pm Mon Fri. Ellen looking into organising a course with an association called [Resuscitation Services who are part of The Trust is part of the National Institute for Health Research](#). More information to follow soon.

MS supporting information: Information on **safeguarding** which could be useful when using under age volunteers. CCVS to talk generally about safeguarding, some key things to think about, however for more in-depth support we would likely signpost to training or specialists in this area. We do have free online safeguarding coming up that could be very helpful for Northstowe community groups, and I know there are still some places left:

[Introduction to safeguarding adults & children \(free for community groups\) - Training & Events - Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service \(cambridgecvcs.org.uk\)](#)

In addition to this live training, Support Cambridgeshire has partnered with VSL Learning to offer CPD-certified Safeguarding (Children & Adults), GDPR and Cyber security training for all VCSE groups. This [low-cost training](#) allows staff and volunteers to complete training in their own time. The training can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Groups need to ensure they mention 'Support Cambridgeshire' to obtain the discount; otherwise, it may not apply.

3. Cultural Café

International Poetry Night during the Community Lounge on 26 Oct 6-7pm during the community Lounge: - just show up, no need to sign up in advance, read a poem in English or a language of your choice and bring some food to share.

4. Northstowe Hub Celebration, Saturday 30th September 2023

- Plan for 12 noon opening for people to set up on-site (arts in earlier). 3pm Start.
- 3pm – 6pm main stalls in the community centre, garden and front of the building
- 4pm food van set up with electric, 5pm to start serving, plus drinks trucks
- Mobile library will leave at 5pm, Youth Bus will attend for 1.5 hours
- Quiz at 7pm for 45 mins, jazz jamming from 7:45pm – 8:45pm
- Finish at 9pm, tidied up by 10pm – clean boxes can be left in Assembly Room 1 over night and collected before 4:15
- Ask Rainbows if they are attending MES
- PC discussed positions of tables inside and outside of the centre, including the sculpture in the garden and deckchairs to extend the café area
- Hannah's Dance will be giving two demonstrations at the front
- FT mentioned fundraising for NSC & MBA
- Emmanuel Church will be doing a treasure hunt with 14 clues
- Dance studio Fogg will be giving a demonstration
- Sport and Wellbeing will need to have their own Public Liability if running activities
- Encourage people to walk, no cars on site except disabled
- There is no minimum age for the quiz as it is aimed at families
- There is now Wi-Fi in the TCC
- PC said the event is aimed at community groups and any commercial groups they felt were suitable would not be charged
- PC still needing Public Liability and Risk assessments from a lot of the groups attending, MS has been helping – to be sent to the N. Hub email address

5. Winter Festival

- Saturday 25th November
- SD, Northstowe Town Council to decide if they are organising the Light Switch On at their next meeting, Tuesday 26 September
- FT, there will be two food/beer van/truck
- Beer and Carols on the Green Friday 15th December
- December 1, Advent windows – festive villains and heroes

6. Next meeting

Wednesday 8 November in person at the TCC
(none in October)

Reminder that the Forum is Wednesday 4 October