

Community Networkers Meeting 14.09.2022

Attendees:

Ellen Bridges- SCDC
Mihaela Stan- SCDC
Scott Liddle - CCC
Cllr Kathy Males - Northstowe Town Council
Rev'd Dr Beth Cope- Pathfinder Church
Josh Monteiro – Emanuel Church
Mari - Northstowe Arts
Peter- Pioneer café/FOTW
Yesim – Northstowe Muslims
Jawad – Northstowe Muslims
Susie – Pathfinder School, PTA
Chris – Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Apologies:

Marcin- Northstowe Running Festival
Marzia- Northstowe Social

Agenda Items:

- 1. The Future of Community Networkers, Frequency and Terms of Reference**
- 2. Winter Festival**

1.The Future of Community Networkers, Frequency and Terms of Reference Thoughts from members of the community

- This is a very useful forum to hear updates and it is important that it continues
- It is important for public agencies to be involved
- Regular meetings are better
- The current format of the meeting is preferred as this will enable better communication and the group can find solutions together

- Peter has been working on a new vision for the former Friends of the Wing, provisionally called Friends of Northstowe. Instead of a constituted group, this will follow a foundation model CIO which is meant to act as an umbrella or an incubator for other groups and the public agencies involved in developing the community. In other words, this will be a strategic group with an oversight of activities in Northstowe with focus on facilities, but not limited to this. A similar group was suggested by CCVS in Gamlingay.

Anyone wishing to be involved in development of "Friends of Northstowe" contact friendsofthewing@gmail.com

- The Terms of Reference were discussed and EB will make the necessary amendments that were agreed by the group. If you have any further comments please email them to Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk.

1. Winter Festival

- Northstowe Arts has funding for placemaking within Northstowe and will lead on the Winter Festival.
- Proposal to extend the event over 4 months: November, December, January, February.
- Northstowe Arts also made a funding application via the National Lottery Fund to coordinate the Lantern Parade and will be offering support to other local groups that want to run events.
- Northstowe Arts has funding to support promotional material via a website, banners, flyers, posters.
- Proposal to include the Lantern Parade within Christmas Light Switch On.
- Northstowe Arts will run some Lantern making workshops during November.
- TC lead on Christmas Light Switch On planned for 3rd December 6pm; a Council working Group just started and more details will be shared soon.
- The Chinese New Year takes place in January and it would be good to celebrate this. Josh may have some contacts for Mihaela.
- The Primary School has a craft market with stalls on 4th December
- Advent windows are being organised again this year and the theme will be carols.
- Pathfinder Church are working on a pop-up event (beers and carols) possibly on the Friday before Christmas.

- Emmanuel Church: Carols and Service on Sunday 18th December
- Can populate Community Calendar with the events taking place during the Winter Festival. Mihaela can assist with this and share the link with Mari so it can be shared on the Winter Festival website.
- Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers are preparing a Couch to 5k event in January.
- Sustainable Northstowe could promote Plastic Free Pledges.
- Event organisers to contact hello@northstowearts.co.uk for further details.

AOB:

Pathfinder Church are organising An Act of Commemoration on the Green Sunday 18 September 11am on The Green to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Everyone welcome to come.

Pathfinder Church are also working on organising a similar event to last year for Remembrance Sunday 13 November from 11am.

Next Meeting: 9th November