

Community Networkers Meeting 12.10.2022

Attendees:

Ellen Bridges- SCDC

Mihaela Stan- SCDC

Michele Eidevik-Skinner - SCDC

Cllr Shola Delip - Northstowe Town Council, Hindu Samaj and Sport & Wellbeing

Josh Monteiro – Emanuel Church

Mari - Northstowe Arts

Marcin- Northstowe Running Festival and Sport & Wellbeing

Rev'd Stephen Dove - Pathfinder Church

Apologies:

Susie – Pathfinder School, PTA

Chris – Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Peter- Pioneer café/FOTW

Rev'd Dr Beth Cope- Pathfinder Church

Carla – Sustainable Northstowe

Agenda Items:

- 1. Update on the interim community facilities and the Sports Pavilion**
- 2. Winter Festival**
- 3. Light Up Northstowe**
- 4. Northstowe Hub**
- 5. Northstowe Social**
- 6. Other updates from groups**
- 7. Future dates**

1. Update on the interim community facilities and the Sports Pavilion

- SCDC are looking at options to provide an interim community facility. Unfortunately, we currently do not have any timescales, but more information will be shared as soon as possible.
- Pentaco will start building work on the Sports Pavilion on 17 October. They will keep the residents updated through a monthly newsletter and more information will be published on social media regarding closure to the temporary footpath. Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the working site have received a leaflet detailing the upcoming works.

2. Winter Festival

- Please provide an update of all the events you'd like to run during the Winter Festival (November – February) by 1st November; please email Mari O'Neill mari@northstowearts.co.uk.
- Shola is looking at running a couple of wellbeing walks (dates to be confirmed) and would like to include Northstowe's younger residents too.
- Emmanuel Church will deliver a morning of festive carols.
- Sustainable Northstowe are planning a Christmas jumper swap: the rail will be placed in the café area at NSC. The group will email Mari if they'd like to do anything else during the festival.
- Mari will put some banners up and leaflets with generic pointing to the Winter Festival
- Hindu Samaj would like to join the lantern workshop and create colourful lanterns, typical of the Diwali festival – possibly out of clay and then baked.
- Northstowe Foodies are looking at food and drink trucks for 3rd and 16th Dec and are planning to have 2 food trucks and 1 drink truck on each date. Currently drink trucks - BrewBoard have confirmed 3rd Dec and they are contacting Edmond's Box for 16th as BrewBoard not available.
- Friends of Pathfinder School are holding a craft fair on Sunday 4 December. Santa's Grotto will hopefully be there too.

3. Light Up Northstowe

- Planned for 3rd December with a parade scheduled for 5pm and the switch on scheduled for 6pm.
- The Town Council Working Group are inviting community groups to get in touch if they'd like to support the day.
- The next meeting will take place on 20th October, time TBC.
- Also looking at the possibility of having a Christmas market on the day, however Longstanton have their Christmas market on the 3rd Dec., so could look at the 4th although there is also a craft fair taking place on the 4th.

4. Northstowe Hub

- Friends of the Wing are preparing a transition to act as an umbrella for Northstowe community groups; the purpose is to bring the groups together and for the groups to get involved in the use of facilities decisions
- CCVS have helped to look at legal structures and believe that a CIO would be the right fit for this model.
- Talks with potential trustees keen to get involved.

5. Northstowe Social

- After years of positive contributions and a long series of wonderful community actions and events, Northstowe Social have decided to close. The community are very grateful for their work.
- A list of equipment from the group will be available soon and this will be distributed to other community groups to be used towards their community work.

6. Other updates from groups

- Northstowe Running Festival in collaboration with Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers are looking at delivering a series of inclusive runs throughout the winter months to try and get people active and running.
- A new cycling group was set up in Northstowe and they are invited to join future Networkers meetings, find out more from their Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/638894741143736/?hoisted_section_header_type=recently_seen&multi_permalinks=670637714636105
- Market update: Northstowe Town Council are aiming to bring a market to Northstowe in spring and hoping to bring a community led market beforehand on a trial basis
- Remembrance Day will be celebrated on 13th November 10:45 am. by Bug Hunter Lake with various faith groups getting involved. There will be stories and poems reading by Hindu Samaj and Northstowe Muslims, there will also be Wreath laying on the day. If groups wish to get involved with wreath laying please get in touch with Pathfinder Church.
- Looking back, Northstowe Running Festival was very successful: with around 500 participants, it offered live entertainment for the whole family while also raising almost £3000 for local causes.
- The Great Big Green Week took place between 24th September – 2nd October. It started with stalls on The Green from BPHA and Northstowe Arts (who delivered upcycling workshops), Community Pantry, take it or leave it stall and more. Throughout the week there was also a very successful Wellbeing Walk, nature talks and workshops.
- Sustainable Northstowe Update: a rail for Halloween costume swap will be placed at NSC and Super Saturdays are back at The Green in October. The group are also looking to recruit more volunteers to help with various activities: Food Larder, Village Market and lots of new projects they'd like to get off the ground. Food from the larder can be used at local events.
- Northstowe Arts organised the Fun Palace event recently; this is a national campaign to encourage people to share their creative skills through small workshops which saw participation from knitters, percussion and more.
- Northstowe Arts are leading on a heritage sculpture project alongside Homes England and LDHS; they will deliver community workshops inspired by archaeological finds in the area and use that inspiration to create sculptures that will sit in the courtyard of the Heritage Annex. It is hoped that this will bring residents from the local area together: Northstowe, Longstanton, and Oakington
- Events planned by Northstowe Secondary College Fundraising Committee:
 - Friday 18 November - Quiz night for adults and pupils - this will initially be for the school, but if we do not sell enough tickets we could open up to the community – it's our first quiz so we will get learning.
 - Sunday 23 April - Car Boot Sale - we will welcome any thoughts if community groups want to do anything alongside
 - Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July - 5 A-side Football Tournament plus other sports; will welcome any thoughts if community groups want to do anything alongside, it will mainly be sports but we are open to ideas, when planning we will reach out to Living Sport and Marcin Running Festival

- Facebook group to give away / swap / buy or sell preloved uniforms for NSC and possibly nearby schools - this is part of our hardship fund, as parents have requested this from the school, once we set this up we will be share all over FB.
- Charity status - looking to set up as a Charity to be able to apply for funding/grants
- Banners on 3G Pitch - opportunity for local businesses to advertise around NSC's 3G pitch for 2 years. We are looking for further businesses that would like to advertise. If you know any then lets us know.
- So that you are aware, this is what we are raising money from the events to go towards: Hardship fund - part funding for school trips or covering coach costs, ensuring each pupil gets on a day trip and residential, Library books suitable for students as they get older, Sports equipment, Enrichment opportunities – to pay for visiting speakers or extra-curricular activities e.g. mock trial

7. Future dates: 8th February

Due to Community Forums planned for November/January and December being a very busy month the next meeting will take place on 8th February. It was agreed email updates could be done for December. A reminder will be sent out at the end of November so they can then be collated and shared early December.