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Apologies from: Chris Poultney, Lisa Watson

Kathryn Beck - SCDC
Ellen Bridges – SCDC
Mihaela Stan – SCDC
Scott Liddle - CCC
Marzia – Northstowe Social
Graeme – Sports and Wellbeing Committee
Cllr. Paul Littlemore – Northstowe Town Council
Andrew – Northstowe News
Chris Standish – Homes England
Mari – Northstowe Arts & Pioneer Café
Josh Monteiro – Emmanuel Church
Rev. Dr. Beth Cope – Pathfinder Church and Youth Hive
Pratyusha – Sustainable Northstowe
Carla – Sustainable Northstowe & Longstanton Tennis Club

- 1. Chairman’s Welcome (Ellen) and Introductions**
- 2. Upcoming events: - Northstowe Day 11th May
- The Queen’s Jubilee**
- 3. Annual Town Council Meeting – Cllr Paul Littlemore**
- 4. SCDC Community Update – Welcome Pack – Kathryn
- The Wing Garden – Mihaela**
- 4. Key Updates from Groups**
- 5. AOB**

Northstowe Day:

- On the 11th May we will be celebrating 5 years since the first resident moved to Northstowe
- The Community Development Officers suggested a community open day style event on the 7th May (Saturday) where all community groups and organisations can come together and showcase their activity and call for volunteers
- The theme will be ‘Community’ and organisations such as the police, a social prescriber, The Children’s Centre have expressed interests in participating to raise awareness on various topics such as ASB and services available for vulnerable people in the area
- The location suggested is The Green where food vans could easily gain access, however other locations can be considered, if practical. Multiple locations could be used

for various activities around town with a potential Wellbeing Walk organised to lead people to various events

- The Community Development Officers are happy to coordinate the event which will ensure there is no duplicate event from groups as well as making sure everyone is compliant (all events will have to be covered by insurance and risk assessment), request permission from site owners (Greenbelt, L&Q etc) and generally coordinate the event. Andrew will publish a short paragraph in Northstowe News to advise that all interested groups can contact northstowe.community@scambbs.gov.uk to advise of the support they need in preparation for Northstowe Day
- Sustainable Northstowe alongside Northstowe Arts have suggested they might put together a fashion show with recycled materials
- Mari: the Secondary College will host an event on sustainable creativity with an artist who will create a sculpture out of recycled materials while students' art made from recycling will be on display at the same time
- Library Presents (CCC) will host a Mosaic Workshop at the Community Wing on the day
- The Town Council have advised that the event was discussed at their recent events and market committee and it was agreed that they would support this event.
- Northstowe Social are considering having a BBQ on Wednesday 11th May, however this is still under discussion.
- It was agreed that a separate working group meet to discuss ideas and agree an action plan with aims for the event and ensure a coordinated approach. Please email the community development officers before the 18th February with your ideas and a separate invitation will be sent for further discussion afterwards
- The same working group will be used to coordinate both Northstowe Day and the Queen's Jubilee event, to ensure that the two events' aim is compatible and reduce risk of duplication.

The Queen's Jubilee:

- The Town Council will organise a Jubilee Big Lunch on the 5th June and use as location the busway between the Community Wing and Western Park. All groups are welcome to join in and support the event, please contact Mark, the town clerk, if interested.
- The Town Council have a working party with Cllrs already involved. It was agreed the working party would be included in the sub Anniversary and Jubilee working group to ensure joint working.
- Northstowe Social would be happy to support and will be in touch.

Annual Town Council Meeting to be held on the 16th March

- Cllr. Paul Littlemore advised they will have 3-4 slots available if groups would be interested in presenting for 5 minutes at the meeting. This would be an opportunity for groups to promote their future activity and take questions. Please contact Richard if interested.

Welcome Pack

- Kathryn informed that a community directory is being put together which will be included in the Welcome Pack and asked that all groups fill in the 'Groups list for welcome pack' form before the 11th February – please find form attached. Kathryn also asked for any objections to the "wing dragon" photograph be changed on the Northstowe Community

facebook page, assuring the group that the toy in the wing will not be disposed of in the wing. The group had no objection.

The Wing Garden

- Mihaela: It has been reported by the Children's Centre that the garden is unsafe for children to play in
- A decision is to be made with children's safety in mind as well as protecting the wildlife
- SCDC's will liaise with the Children's Centre, Wing Management Board (including Friends of the Wing and Pathfinder Primary School) and the community to arrange a suitable time to tidy the wing garden but very happy for the community to be involved too. More details will be shared on social media soon
- Graeme volunteered to clear up the garden and he will be invited along once a date is agreed upon

Key Updates from Groups:

- Running Festival on the 24th April
- Northstowe Social are organising a Pancake Day at the wing on the 5th March and plans are underway for an Easter event. They will also hold an SGM on the 10th February in which the new committee will be formed
- Emmanuel Church will hold the usual events around Easter as well as a Jazz event, however they're still finalising the details around this
- Northstowe Arts and The Pioneer Café are partnering up to bring together craft events for children and adults: on Wednesday and Saturday morning during half term they will be decorating plant pots made from recycling and plant bulbs in them. They are also planning 2 ceramics workshops one for children under 12 and another for over 12 and adults.
- Sustainable Northstowe are continuing with their Super Saturdays and also their work to raise money for charity. They are working on creating a Community Larder for residents

AOB

- Living Sports would like to offer a First Aid Course at Northstowe and would like to know if there is enough interest; they will need between 8-12 participants and an answer should be provided before Monday 14th February to Nick Parker from Living Sports if interested. The course costs £90
- Ellen: Community Calendar – call for all groups to add their big events as this is a very good resource for the community. Ellen has now added all community groups to be able to edit the calendar. If any community group has trouble adding events please do email Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk
- Pratyusha: would like to see a re-usable party kit to be hired out to people for special events. This could be stored at the wing. Mihaela will discuss this further with Friends of the Wing
- Chris: encouraged residents to get in touch if they'd like to get involved in the Community Engagement work that Homes England does as this would be an opportunity to influence the creation of community spaces
- Paul: the Town Council are looking to create Northstowe's first market and as such, they will put out a community engagement survey (end February/beginning of March) to understand what residents' expectations are in this regard. They will need help promoting the survey so that as many people as possible will engage

- Scott: a new Community Chest Grant was allocated to support Jubilee related events. The criteria for the Community Chest Grant scheme has been adjusted on a temporary and one-off basis until 12 April to allow Parish Councils and community groups to make Jubilee-related applications of up to £700. Examples could include the purchase of a Commemoration bench or the planting of a tree or a rose. Please contact Emma Dyer at SCDC for more information on how to access this

Agenda item for next meeting: Time Banking

Next meeting – 13 April 7pm / Chair - TBC