

Community Networkers Meeting 08/03/2023

Attendees:

Ellen Bridges- SCDC
Mihaela Stan- SCDC
Josh Monteiro – Emmanuel Church
Rev'd Stephen Dove - Pathfinder Church
Beth Cope- Youth Hive
Mari - Northstowe Arts
Susie – Friends of Pathfinder School and Mahjong
Jawad – Northstowe Hub
Mohammad – Northstowe Muslims
Carla – Sustainable Northstowe

Apologies:

Mark Nokkert – Town Clerk

Agenda Items:

1. Facilities Update
2. Northstowe Hub Update and Northstowe Day
3. Language Café Update
4. Northstowe Indoor Market: call for volunteers
5. Friends of Pathfinder School Update
6. Coronation
7. Warm Hub
8. Charity Support
9. Domestic Abuse Awareness Training
10. Groups updates
11. Sustainable Northstowe – Proposal to Northstowe Groups
12. AOB

1. Facilities Update

- The plans for a temporary community centre in Northstowe have been approved by Planning Committee this afternoon. We plan to get local residents involved in the creation of artwork which will be displayed on parts of building.

2. Northstowe Hub Update and Northstowe Day

- Northstowe Hub would like to have a leading role in the Temporary Community Facility, especially in the opening ceremony which could potentially be combined with Northstowe Day. Northstowe Hub are happy to lead on Northstowe Day – provisional date agreed: 1st July, times suggested: 11am – 1pm. The day could see a fresher's fair with stalls and involvement from the different community groups as well as events.
- SCDC will keep Northstowe Hub and the community updated on the development of the Temporary facility.

3. Language Café Update

- The Language Exchange Café is planning to evolve into a Cultural Exchange project and instead of twice a week, it will run once a month to make it more sustainable. A proposal was made that local faith groups could lead on events during the monthly sessions, in turns. Residents will have the chance to experience different cultures from around the world while sessions will focus on dance, food, books from other nations, but not limited to this. The language exchange will continue and will offer the opportunity to practice conversation in English or other languages during the sessions, as before.

4. Volunteers needed for the TC Market: 26th March 8am – 1:30pm

- Volunteers are needed for various jobs on the day and a larger number of people are needed for setting up in the morning. Please contact markets@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk if you can help or sign up via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ABA92DA7F5C52-northstowe2>

5. Friends of Pathfinder School Update

- 7th July Summer Fair - with food van, games for kids, Northstowe Bouncy Castles and much more. The fair will start during school hours and continue in the afternoon until 5/6pm.
- The school will organise a family picnic for Coronation.
- A school production for year 5/6 will take place on 15th/16th June for school children and their families with refreshers, drinks and popcorn.
- If any group would like to have a stall or support with a free activity at the fair, please get in touch

6. Coronation

- Pathfinder Church will encourage people to turn up on the streets and having street parties
- A decision was made that litter picking will not be organised for Coronation but for the Great Big Green week.
- The NHA are still to let us know if they're interested in organising a Community Day at the Allotments on 8th May
- Northstowe Arts are planning to have a decoration making workshop over Easter holidays at the Warm Hub
- Mari has shared the following which is being organised in neighbouring Longstanton: To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, Longstanton Parish Council will be hosting three days of events across the village.

Starting on May 6th, Coronation Day, Longstanton Village Institute will host a drop-in live screening of the Coronation. All Saints' Church will be serving cream teas, to enjoy whilst watching the Ceremony.

Following this, on May 7th it is the Coronation Big Lunch. Everyone is invited to gather on the recreation ground for Live Music, Food Trucks, Bouncy Castles, Fairground Rides and Longstanton Village Market.

Finally, on Bank Holiday Monday, May 8th it is the Big Help Out! We will be inviting volunteers to take part in a Longstanton village litter pick. Our day will start with bacon butties, tea and coffee at All Saints' Church before the litter pick itself.

7. Warm Hub

- Conversations are still being had about the future of the Warm Hubs, however we can confirm that Wednesdays can continue past March as South Cambridgeshire District Council hire the space and can continue to provide this for the community

8. Charity Support

- Greenbelt have advised that groups should mention, when asking for permission to use an area, the fact that they'll also be raising money for charity and they don't have a problem with it.

- 9. Domestic Abuse Awareness Training** organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council. There will be 2 sessions: one during the day for professionals (18th April 2pm) and an additional one on Monday 24th April 6:30pm for group members if they'll

find it useful. It will be run by a colleague at CCC. It won't be promoted on social media.

10. Groups updates

Youth Hive have spent most of last year on raising money to keep things going.

- An add was published in Northstowe News for the 5 year plan and partnership.
- Looking for a treasurer as well as more volunteers to make sure young people will get the quality of work they expect
- Emma from Romsey Mill joined on a 3 year contract on a part time basis (3 days a week) and the group are looking for funds to keep her for longer. Emma launched the pop up café at the NSC where 40 young people joined in the first week and 50 in the second.
- Still waiting for the bus repairs to be done
- Attendance: on Mondays people from the NSC and on Thursdays people from out of Northstowe as it is later in the day; the latter session will move on the bus once this is available again.
- **Action: Ellen to contact Scouts and Girl Scouts at Pathfinder to ask if they would take volunteers as the NSC students need to complete their volunteering work as part of their learning program. The 2 groups might be the best option for the young volunteers as group leaders might have to be DBS checked**

Northstowe Arts

- 2 community workshops have already been organised as part of the Heritage Art Project. The sculpture is going well, however the construction delays is having repercussions on the program's timeline
- Working with South Cambridgeshire District Council to deliver the temporary facility wrap on the outside of the building; plans to work closely with residents, more details to follow very soon

Sustainable Northstowe recently had their AGM

- The Green Week is planed from 18th June
- Everyone is welcome to get involved if they'd like to organise anything relating to Climate Change or local action, please get in touch with Carla
- The Food Pantry is currently on Olio and is going well, however lots of volunteers will be needed when this will move back to the community facility

- The group are exploring the option for a paid community coordinator to be hired who would help all groups with their admin and other on-going work and asked all groups if they feel they'd also need this help from a role which would be different to the CDOs

Northstowe Hub

- northstowehub@gmail.com
- Northstowe.co.uk
- Friends of the Wings has been dissolved and Northstowe Hub is born
- The group are preparing a series of appreciative questionnaires to be delivered in the community with the purpose of asking residents about how they'd like things to be done. The CDOs will be supporting the group in this initiative
- Northstowe Hub will be in touch with Sustainable Northstowe to support with their projects

Emmanuel Church

- Introducing a tech solution for Sunday morning service to help with translations, which will especially benefit Ukrainian and Cantonese speakers
- Future events: Easter Service as well as a party to celebrate 5 years anniversary of Emmanuel Church on 29th April followed by service on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited.
- Bible discussion for 7-9 year group
- Fortnightly Youth Group 5-7pm on Sundays

Northstowe Muslims

- Muslims are preparing for the month of Ramadan from 21st March. As such, Iftar is being organised which is a one dish party at sunset from 27th March

Pathfinder Church

- Planted 6 silver birch trees on school fields
- The pancake afternoon was very successful
- 7th April 3:30pm – 5pm: hot cross bun afternoon tea with games, open to everyone
- Mondays and Thursdays Communion
- Explorers group at Pathfinder Primary School from 9:15am for pre-school children; this is time for you, baby and God to explore stories together

The Community Forum will take place on 29th March at the NSC, hope to see you all there!