

Northstowe Community Networkers Meeting

8th June 2022

Attendees:

Mari- Northstowe Arts/Friends of the Wing
Peter-FOTW and Northstowe Community website
Naveen- Sports and Wellbeing Group
Marcin- Running Festival
Rev'd Beth: Youth Hive and Pathfinder Church
Josh: Emmanuel Church
Kathryn- SCDC
Ellen- SCDC

Apologies: Northstowe Social

Jubilee event:

Unable to debrief in full as Town Council led on event and not present at this meeting. Positive feedback received including email sent by Marzia co-chair of Northstowe Social and shared to group.

Ellen will ask TC if a rep from their events and marketing committee could attend these meetings going forward.

Group updates/plans

Emmanuel Church:

Sundays meets are back to normal pre covid, with Ukraine families in attendance. Youth grup- Ignite seems to be going well. "New Town" promotion with different events on a Friday, as CAP rep poorly also going well. Kathryn advised that recent Facebook post still had the Wing as a venue after 17th June- Josh agreed would update to avoid anyone turning up and missing event.

Youth Hive:

14 Young people in attendance on 8/6 afternoon youth café- numbers are growing, Thanks to FOTW and Pioneer café for supporting. Aiming to have provision over the

summer holidays until Sept- just waiting for this to be finalised before sharing details publicly. Working on youth strategy and changing to CIC to allow young persons aged 16 plus to be part of the Board. Also looking at partners to be members to support youth engagement early on. Any grants for youth provision, please let them know.

Pathfinder Church

New Colleague- Steve, who has recently moved to Northstowe will be joining services and further com dev support to Northstowe.

New Christian baby group started- have been practising christenings.

Northstowe Arts

Jubilee event and pre jubilee art activities went well. Lots of ideas and partnership working happening throughout the summer in prep for the Autumn.

Friends of the Wing:

1 Pioneer café session left at the wing. Taking a break over summer to regroup and consider what next. Rhyme Time is going well- organiser is considering taking this outside- weather dependant. Micro library will be packed up. Ellen to discuss with rhyme time organiser access to books that will be in storage and possible access at Northstowe Secondary College.

Sports and Wellbeing:

Badminton going well- hosted at Northstowe Secondary College. Ladies only sessions numbers decreasing. Dates and times have changed for mixed sessions and going well. Badminton table at the wing- Ellen will ask NSC if it can be stored for usage there.

Table tennis going well- have been supported by Living Sport- again is at NSC. Keen for the public access table tennis tables to be installed. Ellen confirmed waiting on L&Q for confirmation on this- there are bats available and would be good to have a taster session when available.

Lots of other sporting activities happening- basketball group for example.

S&W keen for dates of when tennis courts will be accessible and what arrangements for usage?- Ellen confirmed Tennis Ct has been inspected, small works required. Currently sourcing secure storage in anticipation for MUGA etc to be open. Booking/access still under consideration on process. No floodlights until the sports pavilion is built. S&W group are looking for more members.

Running Festival:

Competition launched to design medals- different age categories and will be the wild flower seed type that was used for Northstowe day. Request to groups to share Facebook to promote this.

Invitation to community for groups and trades to host at the running festival in September.

Photography project:

Has had entries, but would be good to have more- please promote

Keeping community up to date with activities etc:

Northstowe community website- Kathryn to facilitate meeting (had to postpone last one) with Northstowe News, Peter and Shola- keen for NSC to be included.

Reminder for groups to update the community events google calender. Issue with non Gmail accts doing this. Ellen will ask Town Council how they do as no Gmail acct.

Networkers meeting going forward:

Kathryn explained that good for groups to provide updates on what planning etc, however has noticed that on occasion energy and momentum seems to be struggling, especially when no focus (when no event being planned).

Terms of reference and current aims from 2020:

[Northstowe Community Networkers Group - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.scambs.gov.uk)

Current meetings are not within the TOR or some of the aims. Time to review?-

Homes England are working on a community engagement strategy for Northstowe and wish to work with a community based working group- some of the aims are similar.

Extend the group to wider community?

Points/ideas discussed:

Agreement that TOR to be reviewed at next meeting.

Network meeting good way for groups to connect, share ideas, be up to date and avoid clashes.

Concern that if opened up to wider community it would be a platform for complaints- especially whilst community forum has been virtual.

Need to refocus the aims and purpose of the meetings.

Meet bi monthly for updates and have separate working groups form for specific events/activities?

Invite community quarterly? with careful messaging- "do you have a dream, idea that you wish to realise and want to contribute?"

Rebranding of group.

Where do Town Council fit?- request marketing and events committee rep attend

Agreed group to meet again in September 7th via zoom: to be discussed:

Winter Festival

Terms of reference and aims of this group (with groups providing their suggestions a week before to share at the group meeting