

## Northstowe Support Partnership - Town Council Report Mar 2023

*The **Northstowe Support Partnership** was established in 2014 and is a multiagency group which aims to have good representation across all the sectors.*

*Recognising that new communities often benefit from additional support during the early phases of their development, the partnership focuses on bringing together all the Public Service providers including those in the Voluntary / Community sector to work collaboratively around prevention and creating early intervention opportunities. Whilst Northstowe remains a fantastic place to live for many, this work is in keeping with Cambridgeshire County Councils Supporting New Communities Strategy with an aim to avoid trends seen in other new developments.*

*The Support Partnership meets every two months, each meeting usually has two main agenda items:*

- **Emerging issues** – where any concerns can be raised this might be from intelligence collected at an organisational/ sector level or because of feedback from the community.
- **Northstowe Projects** – Where the partnership can design, resource, and monitor the delivery of projects targeting specific issues

*The meeting is chaired and administered by the Think Communities Team at Cambridgeshire County Council and links into the South Cambridgeshire District Council led Community Safety Partnership acting as a Priority Area PSG (Problem Solving Group)*

*For this particular meeting the agenda was changed to just discussing Northstowe Projects with the option within the AOB to discuss any issues that would usually be covered under “Emerging Issues”. In its place was a discussion regarding a review of the Northstowe Support Partnership itself.*

### Development Updates

Work starting on planning of permanent community building. Working with AR urbanism – Running sessions at warm hub and a forum drop-in. Give ideas, what activities would like to run etc. Attending community forum tomorrow.

### Northstowe New Development Survey

Key findings on the county led survey undertaken in the summer 22.

Presentation by Michele followed by questions and discussion how NSP can support the diverse community.

Northstowe is a diverse Community with a wide range of languages spoken.

Transport – survey highlights 47% have only one car. Useful to have those stats with temp facility coming. Most are one car family that if travelling to work then they don't have transport and are kept in community. Also range of adults in community.

Mark N useful report – good date condensed – large range of items around safety but not a lot of a focus on ASB.

## Northstowe Projects

### **Youth Work**

Northstowe Youth Hive are currently looking for a trustee. Applying to be a CIO. Emma brings expertise as a youth worker. Hive working as an umbrella body to work with volunteers and other orgs to support youth work. Think how can collectively coming together to respond..

Youth Worker Emma – Has an office in school – doing one to one at ASC – 1:1 Can be away from Northstowe but mostly in Northstowe. Referral in or self-referral. Been really great. Set up youth café. Were only expecting 10 young people but actual numbers were between 40-50. Provide hot chocolate, Toasties, milk shakes. First project – want them to be part of the growing Northstowe community – as it grows. As the community facilities open there will be more opportunity for young people to be involved.

More volunteers are need to support the you work. Training and ongoing support can be provided to all volunteers. Level 1 in youth work with county council and level 2 and 3 with Romsey Mill.

### **Warm Hubs**

Been reasonably well attended – getting more well attended. Safe place able to talk to CDO's and neighbours. Between 4 and 104 – art workshops, yoga, table tennis, dance workshops, community development officers, language café.

Difficulties – venue to venue not accessible – no kitchen facilities. Not like bringing car out that far. Getting enough volunteers sometimes an issue. Has been fantastic for community – may not necessarily be for individuals that it was initially set up for.

Ellen says half term one stardust dance had such a large following attracted from surrounding areas – came from wide and far. Counted 126