

Community Networkers Meeting 10/05/2023

Attendees:

Ellen Bridges- SCDC

Mihaela Stan- South Cambridgeshire District Council

Rick Jenner, CEO Park Play

Josh Monteiro – Emmanuel Church

Rev'd Stephen Dove - Pathfinder Church

Susie – Friends of Pathfinder School

Gabi – Northstowe Secondary College

Cllr. Natalie Warren – Green – South Cambs District Council

Cllr. Firouz Thompson – Cambridgeshire County Council

Peter Cope – Northstowe Hub

Carla – Sustainable Northstowe

Marcin – Sport and Wellbeing and The Running Festival

Apologies:

Mark Nokkert – Town Clerk

Beth Cope - Youth Hive

Mari - Northstowe Arts

Kathy

Agenda Items:

1. Park Play – Rick Jenner, CEO Park Play
2. Cultural Exchange Café event on 1st June
3. Northstowe Events Calendar
4. Northstowe Day
5. Car Boot Sale – 20th May
6. AOB

1. **Park Play** is a charity which has been operational for 3 years. It was initially delayed due to Covid.
 - It aims to help communities to create their own Park Play event through play.
 - It takes place every Saturday. The launching event is Saturday 13th May 10:30am at the Western Park and it is an introduction for residents to gain understanding on how to get involved. Information will be provided regarding the play leader role and how residents can become part of the team.

- No experience necessary, full support and training will be available
 - Funding was provided via Living Sport and Homes England through the s106
 - Free fun informal for all ages. For and by the local community
 - Residents do not need to bring anything, all games and app access for play ideas is provided as well as DBS checks
 - At least 1 play leader will need to be available every Saturday
 - After the introductory session on Saturday, there will be at least a couple of months before kick-off
 - All encouraged to spread the word in the community
 - It is inclusive for people with various degrees of disabilities and the organisers are committed to provide training for Play Leaders to support with the adequate knowledge. Firouz suggested reaching out to Power to Inspire and see if John would be interested in supporting.
 - The CDOs will be on hand supporting the launch
 - Marcin will be in touch with the organisers regarding the Running Festival on 2nd September so the two events can run alongside each other
2. **Cultural Exchange Café** event on 1st June: Firouz and Natalie will run a Cultural Map event around communication styles from different cultural backgrounds. This will be a fun and inclusive event, all welcome. It will take place from 6:30pm – 8pm at Northstowe Secondary College during The Community Lounge session. A poster will be shared on social media soon.
- There are also plans for the faith groups to organise an event later in the year
 - The Cultural Exchange Café is open to all groups to organise events on relevant cultural topics, please get in touch with Mihaela if you have an idea you'd like to discuss
3. **Northstowe Events Calendar** will be populated soon. If you are unable to access the calendar, please email the communities team for assistance.
4. **Northstowe Day** – suggestion from SCDC is to wait until September.
- Northstowe Hub will offer all community groups the chance to get involved with a stall and activities from 3pm on a weekend day in September after the Running Festival
 - A community quiz will run in the evening with food vans coming along
5. **Car Boot Sale** – 20th May at Northstowe Secondary College in the car park area from 10am-2pm

- So far, 17 pitches have been booked by residents from Northstowe and nearby villages
- There will also be a parent run barbeque, second hand book sale, hand made cake stall run by parents and students, coffee van
- There have been requests for community stalls from Stardust and Cristina Freniche
- Potentially there will be a second-hand uniform stall with voluntary donations
- Swavesey guides will come to assist on the day, however more adult volunteers are needed
- The school will be shut and all activities will run outdoors, if the weather will be bad, it will be cancelled.
- Outdoor toilets are available
- Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved as a volunteer or book a stall

6. **AOBs**

- **Food and beer trucks** by Northstowe Foodies: 19th May, 30th June, 15th July, 12th August
- **Cllr Firouz Thompson** has been in touch with the Bar Hill Community Hub supporting the refugees hosted at the local hotel and would like to call on the groups that could help to get in touch please
- Homes England are updating their **Northstowe.com website**. A spreadsheet was created with contact details for all community groups/ organisations/ agencies which will be provided to the comms team at Homes England to link into their website. This will be circulated to everyone included to add additional contact details. Please let the CDOs know if you prefer not to be part of this. A sentence to describe the group could also be included if it is provided.

Northstowe Arts update:

Northstowe Day/Temporary Community Centre opening event

- Northstowe Arts would very much like to play a part in this day. We would like to put on an exhibition of the artwork created for the wrap of the building, and offer a Creative Get-Togethers session – probably bring-your-own-project – if this fits with everyone else's plans? Could potentially do a singing group session and/or jazz jamming session too/instead if people would like and the leaders are available.

Staging working group: still looking into it

Northstowe Winter Festival: On my to-do list to chat to Northstowe Hub about plans for developing this – I'll be in touch!

Light Up Northstowe 2023: Also on my to-do list to chat to Northstowe Town Council about this – again, I'll be in touch!

Sustainable Northstowe are getting ready for the Great Big Green Week 10th -18th June where there will be litter picking, workshops, talks, wellbeing walks and much more

- On 17th June a Community Action Day will be celebrated on The Green where skips will be provided for residents to recycle wood, metal etc. These have been funded by BPHA. All are encouraged to come along and have a look around the 'take it or leave it' stall in case there is something they'd like to rescue from going in the skips. There will be seed swaps, the community larder food, the clothes swap rail. Northstowe Arts and BPHA will deliver a free workshop for residents to create something new out of recycled materials. This is also supported by the CDOs who will be on hand for a chat on the day.
- Gabi will promote this event with the car boot sellers in case they'd like to donate anything that didn't sell to Sustainable Northstowe or bring it along to recycle in the skips on 17th June