

Report from Jon London – SCDC Northstowe Community Development Officer.

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Dear Councillors,

Thank you for inviting me to report to you about community development in Northstowe.

The Northstowe Community Wing is now operating at a similar occupation level to pre-Covid, and we expect this to rise once all Covid restrictions are removed and the micro-library is fully opened.

As you are aware SCDC have purchased the employment zone and Local Centre Square and will be bringing this forwards with a strong emphasis on community engagement. Northstowe Town Council is a key organisation that will be asked to comment on aspirations and wishes for the site.

The next Northstowe Community Forum will happen on the 14th of July and will focus mainly on the local centre square, employment land and shops. If there are any specific concerns that the Council would like raised at the Forum please let me know.

Finally, Northstowe News and Northstowe Social are splitting to focus on their own activities. Northstowe News will become an independent constituted community group. As part of the constitution the group is looking to adopt the following dissolution clause, subject to approval by the Council:

9) Dissolution

1. In the event that this group is unable to continue to publish the Northstowe News magazine the following will take place:

a. Remaining financial, digital or physical assets, will be distributed by the Northstowe Town Council.

b. The right to publish a magazine called the Northstowe News will be held by Northstowe Town Council.

2. Access to the northstowenews@gmail.com email and google drive account (including all the files required to publish subsequent issues in the same style and format as existing ones), social media account details and any other similar properties, will be transferred to a representative of Northstowe Town Council.

In the event of this dissolution clause activating it is anticipated that the Northstowe Town Council will use reasonable endeavours to form a new independent community group to continue the publication of Northstowe News.

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NB: Jon will give a verbal update on number of occupants and the cycle scheme at the meeting.