SPROWSTON GROW YOUR COMMUNITY NETWORK

Notes of meeting held at 10 am, Tuesday, 18th September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Sprowston Town Council

Present : Ken Lashley – Sprowston Senior Citizens Club

Judy Leggett – Broadland District and Sprowston Town Councillor

Kirsty Deary – Sprowston Methodist Church

Mike Ellard – Sprowston Community Greenhouse Project

Alan Morris – Sprowston Community Greenhouse Project

Teresa Chapman - The Hub

Claire Lincoln – Sprowston Youth Engagement Project (SYEP)

Barbara Lashley - Sprowston Town Councillor

Bill Couzens – Sprowston Town Councillor

John Ward – Norfolk County, Broadland District and Sprowston Town Councillor

Apologies :

Margaret Young – Sprowston Dementia Friendly group

Martin Callam – Sprowston Methodist Church

June Hunt – Town Clerk, Sprowston

Samantha England – Sprowston Town Councillor

Robin Knowles – Broadland District and Sprowston Town Councillor

1. Welcome and introductions.

Ken Lashley chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Notes of meeting held on 27th July 2018 and matters arising.

The notes of the meeting held on 27th July were agreed.

3. Updates.

(a) Greenhouse/ intergenerational projects – Mike Ellard.

Sales of plants were down at this time of year. However, at the greenhouses the previous evening, they had been planting pots etc. ready for Christmas. There would be a sale of plants at Tesco’s on Saturday, 17th November.

They are growing oak trees in local soil in pots which would be available for a future tree-planting project.

There was some discussion about the possibility of planting fruit trees in Sprowston and it was agreed it was something to look at for the future.

(b) SYEP update – Claire

55 young people attend the youth café in Sprowston on a regular basis, with a different 25 attending in Old Catton.

Claire, Andy and Shez completed their Three Peaks challenge in 26 hours and raised about £1600.

SYEP now have an under 14 football team in the Norfolk Christian Football League in partnership with Silver Road Baptist Church.

The young people are currently putting together their centenary project to provide an event during the Armistice weekend. They are researching the music, clothing and food and are meeting every Friday while planning this. The event will be from 11am to 4 pm on Saturday, 10th November at Sprowston Senior Citizens Club.

There have been some outings. 43 young people from Sprowston and Old Catton had a day out at Thorpe Park. In October a few young people went climbing – an activity which builds confidence and self-esteem.

John Ward asked where the funding comes from. Claire said currently they received

£10,000 from Clarion Housing, £5000 from Alderman Norris Foundation, £5000 from Social Action fund, £2500 from Sprowston Town Council, £2000 from Old Catton Parish Council, £2000 from Broadland Heart fund. They currently have an appeal in to Momentum. They pay £18 a session for room hire at St. Cuthbert’s and £20 to Old Catton for room hire there. They need more volunteers for the sessions in Old Catton.

Judy Leggett asked about the Channel 4 documentary mentioned at the last meeting. Claire replied that it has not yet been filmed.

(c) Dementia Friendly Community/Café – Ken Lashley

New arrangements were now in place for storage for the Dementia Café at the Diamond Centre.

The meeting was told of artwork produced at the Café ready for the centenary and Ken advised they were looking for a venue for it to be displayed after the Armistice weekend, perhaps in a local church. Kirsty agreed to look into this and felt sure a venue could be found.

(d) Armistice Centenary – Ken Lashley reported as Revd. Simon was not able to be present.

Details of the event to be run by SYEP were given earlier.

A series of crosses bearing the names of battles of World War 1 was being made at the Hub.

The Scouts were making one poppy for every Sprowston man who fell in World War 1. These would form part of the displays at St. Cuthbert’s and St. Mary and Margaret’s. A display of crosses and poppies was already visible at St. Cuthbert’s. The knitted poppies would be on a netting over the war memorial there.

The cleaning and repair of the memorial at St. Cuthbert’s was being organised and paid for by Sprowston Town Council.

A winner had been chosen in the school poster competition for use in the advertising – the remainder would be on display in the Diamond Centre exhibition. The Town Council would make the book previously published by Sprowston Heritage about those killed in WW1 available for the exhibition. The menus from the Blue Boar’s ‘welcome home’ meal for those returning from the war will be on display.

On Sunday, November 11th, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony by local organisations at St. Cuthbert’s at 9 am – Ashley Williams will play the last post. The Remembrance Day service at St. Mary and St. Margaret’s would be relayed to a marquee outside the church in case there was not room in church for everyone.

4. Future projects.

The possibility of planting a community orchard with heritage trees was discussed Mike Ellard advised that trees of local varieties could be obtained at a cost of about £85 for 5 trees. The meeting was in favour of pursuing this and it was agreed that Town Councillors would arrange for this topic to be placed on a council agenda and that Mike should be invited to the council meeting. Mike agreed to get in touch with Norfolk Heritage apples for more information for councillors.

Kirsty reported that an ecumenical group were willing to put on Praise in the Park in 2019 and would be happy to involve appropriate local groups.

5. Any other business.

Claire reported that SYEP would be launching their 3-year business plan at the Annexe on Tuesday, 20th November at 6.30pm

6. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th November at 10am. at the Hub.