

Community Fair Working Party meeting

Event at Orwell Hotel, 14th March 2024.

Various booking of stands and speakers trickling in

Separate room booked for speakers - so far - Jon Neal of Suffolk Mind, Kecia Harris on Parkinsons and Wendy Chard on Dementia. All three have also booked information stands along with East Anglian Driveability, a charity supporting people with their mobility and driving needs - website - eastangliandriveability.org.uk
Event management plan in place.

Chloe Lee now back from maternity leave, returning to role as Communities Officer. Monday to Wednesday.

Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation

Points discussed focussed mainly on Leisure Centres

Tim Snook, Business partnership manager ESC - gave update on new Leisure Centre, including -

Cost risen from £25 million to £35 million

Floor and business plan in place

8 lane pool to include floor of pool to move up/down to cater for different needs

Entrance to centre to include cafe, small quiet cafe area, treatment rooms etc.

Land purchase - as under 3 separate ownerships this remains under negotiation.

Current Leisure Centre on sea front - New spin room equipment to be installed plus

Rufurb entrance, new flooring and equipment in gym.

Brackebury Sports Centre - capital funding request made to improve hard standing at centre. Netball Club keen to return once work done.

Seashore Village on South seafront - climbing wall, table tennis, petanque court, outdoor gym - all well used.

Suffolk Disability Forum

Minutes of recent meeting sent to Trimley St Martin Councillors. Information included -

Information from Sarah Shinnie, Corporate Events and Commercial Projects Officer, ESC, regarding her role, CIL funding for playgrounds and five year consultation plan involving accessibility of play areas.

Michael Bardell, Lead for Disability Sports Partnership, a County wide initiative involving a number of organisations including Active Suffolk and Sports Centres in Suffolk

Travel Watch AGM

Cllr D'arville and myself attended meeting.

No representative for bus travel but assured there will be at February meeting.

Rail travel rep spoke about ticket offices changes Assurance rail staff will be available to assist with machines.

Later - announced ticket offices now not being closed, all will remain as currently operated

Cllr D'arville is in communication with Simon Bennett, Integrated Transport and Enhanced Partnership

Manager, regarding frequency of buses/no show/ crowded buses with some passengers with wheelchairs or baby buggy being left behind.

Simon has responded and will update in her own report

Bus survey improvement plan survey

Cllr D'arville and myself, being users of buses, have assisted Parish Clerk with response

Thank you Cllr D'arville for your diligence regarding public transport. Also thanks to Travel Watch keeping me informed of various matters. Bryan Frost has also been great help with a variety of concerns.

Public rights of way

Morston Hall Farm track - following storms a large gully has opened up just beyond farm. Photos taken by me and sent to Parish Clerk and other members of Working Party. I will monitor and report subsequent repair accordingly.

Waterworks Lane - concern expressed by Cllr Owen about erosion of footpath. I have since been advised by a resident in the area that Bidwells have visited site to inspect the problem with original pipe/gully carrying water away from footpath.

