



Stronger Communities Committee held on Thursday 25th July 2024 At 6:30pm in the Parish Office MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Y Barker, P Barker, Wiffen, Gathern, Paula Cowperthwaite (Deputy Clerk) and 2 members of public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sullivan, McClintock

2. Declarations of Interest

To hear declarations of interest, relating to

2.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

2.2. Other Significant Interests

None

2.3. Other Interests

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The committee resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Gathern	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Community Fridge project

4.1. To discuss results of fridge surveys

The results of the fridge surveys were shown to the room and discussed. It was noted that there were 88 respondents, many of whom were low income and 1 or 2 person households but that there were respondents from all incomes and household sizes. It was also noted that the vast majority of respondents were grateful for the fresh fruit and vegetables, but that these were the items most likely to be thrown away after spoiling. There were many comments about what a good idea and resource the fridge was.

4.2. To receive an update on progress and agree next steps

After a discussion about various volunteer experiences, it was agreed that the current way of working is not sustainable due to misuse by a minority of users who are taking more than is fair, and intimidating some volunteers. Following discussions with all volunteers prior to the meeting, it was suggested that the fridge moves to a 'manned hours' project – the logistics of which will be tested

and agreed over the next few weeks.

The following ideas were proposed for future working and the committee resolved to accept them:

- From w/c 12/08/2024, manned hours will be introduced on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday based on current volunteer availability. If more volunteers are found, then more hours will be added.
- Drop the Wednesday collection but remain at 20 trays for the Monday delivery. As the collections for 31/07 and 07/08 are already cancelled for other reasons, this will be effective immediately.
- Only 1 or 2 trays of any one item will be accepted in the delivery to reduce the amount of food waste generated.
- After a manned hour has finished, the volunteer will leave out any food items going out of date that day, along with any fresh fruit and veg which needs to be taken rather than spoil. All other items will be removed and taken back to the storage cupboard. The fridge and pantry cupboard will remain open at all times for donations.
- The storage cupboard will be locked, with the key placed in the hall's key locker and the relevant volunteers only will be given access.
- A better trolley will be purchased to assist volunteers in moving food in and out of different areas.
- A shopping list of items will be given to the Deputy Clerk to set up an area that will work for the manned hours.
- How the system will work will be regularly reviewed and changed if necessary.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Y Barker	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

5. Christmas Projects

This agenda item will be postponed to the next meeting.

6. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting details will be agreed at a later date.

The meeting closed at 20:15pm

Signed as a true record by;

Cllr Yolanda Barker: _____

Date: _____