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Summary

The report provides an update for Members on the activities that are taking place under the remit of the Community and Health Committee

Main Report

Community Events

Discover Winter

Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone events – There was three late night shopping events in the three high street with entertainment at each over a three-week period. Two Brentwood High Street events on the 11 and 18 December and the Light Switch on at the Town Hall with invited guests on 27 November. There were also two Shenfield events on 4 and 12 December. The Elf Trail was 2 – 23 December which was available in all three high streets.

Community Connect Trailer

The Community Connect Trailer provides information on what's going on in the community plus advice and support from partner agencies such as Neighbourhood Watch, VitaMinds, United in Kind, Council for Voluntary Services, Mind, Fire Service and Community Agents. Dates and location up to June 2022 as follows all at 10am – 1.30pm:

Tuesday 15 March - Kelvedon Hatch, Deal Tree Centre

Wednesday 30 March - Blackmore, Horsehoe Green

Wednesday 13 April – Ingatestone, near New Folly

Friday 29 April – Ingrave

Wednesday 11 May – Warley

Thursday 19 May – Bishops Hill

Wednesday 1 June – Brentwood Community Hospital

Thursday 16 June – St Peters Church, Daily Bread Café

Saturday 18 June - Strawberry Fair, Shenfield Common

Community Support Network

On the 26 March the Community Support Network has been in place for two years continuing to support the most vulnerable. Currently there is also a working group supporting the Ukrainian response for aid.

Tea Dances return to the Nightingale Centre

Sunday 20 March will see the return of the popular tea dances at the Nightingale Centre. The event on the 20 is free and inclusive for Adults with Special Educational Needs and those who have dementia from 1-4pm with live music. There will be a monthly tea dance, and these have been organised with Chat 1st and the Council.

Community Halls update

Officers are currently working with a number of individuals and organisations who are interested in managing the Community Halls, and various proposals are being worked up.

King George's Playing Fields new development

Official opening of the new pavilion was on 11 March by the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Olivia Sanders. The pavilion has soft play, TAG Active, larger café, Hartswood Golf Club Lounge, a multi-use room, a new sensory room, Changing Places facility, football and rugby changing rooms and new golf pro shop.

On the 12 March Everyone Active who are managing the new facilities held a free taster day for residents to use the new facilities and also challenge the freestyle footballer Jamie Knight.

Phase 2 of the works is the demolition of the old pavilion building which will take place once the asbestos has been stripped out of the old building and works are due to be completed in April. Landscaping either side of the building will provide additional seating and picnic areas.

The Splash Pad and Outdoor Adventure Play are due to open on 9 April for the Easter Holidays.

Senior Play Area refurbishment in King George's Playing Fields

The senior phase of the play area completes the final phase of the play area refurbishment in King George's Playing Fields, and this was also opened on 11 March by the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Olivia Sanders.

Hutton Recreation Play Area

The play area was completed in November 2021. CCTV is due to be installed in March this year.

Event Programme for 2022-2023

See separate report

Football Hub development

The Council is continuing to work with the Football Foundation, Essex FA and local teams to develop the plans and business plan for the Football Hub Development. A soft market test exercise is in progress to obtain views on the site and floor plan from a leisure operator's perspective. Once the responses have been received and evaluated, together with the relevant surveys then a planning application will be submitted. There is a statutory 12-week consultation period on the plans, and it is due to go to a summer Planning Committee. There has been ongoing consultation with the local football clubs to ascertain the programme of use and the protected slots for partner clubs. The Business Case will be presented to Members for approval.

Brentwood Centre

Everyone Active (SLM) the new operators of the Brentwood Centre have produced a quarterly update report for Members on the Brentwood Centre contract, which is being presented tonight by Shaun Beagle, Area Contract Manager.

Dunton Hills Garden Village

The second artist commission for Dunton Hills Garden Village has launched, inviting proposals from creative practitioners to collaborate with nearby communities to create a 'gift' that could be presented to future residents of the Dunton Hills.

The commission is part of the community engagement and education programme and follows a successful first commission in 2021 with artist, Laura Malacart, who worked with local communities to create a collectively-owned, street name database that could be used by developers. The A-Z Guide to Dunton Hills Garden Village was compiled over a 6-month period, where the artist explored cultures, histories, ecology, folklore and personal stories to draw out words and phrases inspired by 'people and place' and connecting communities to the new garden village.

The current 6-month commission is an opportunity to generate and capture a spirit of generosity and welcome from existing communities, helping to create a sense of identity and belonging and articulating a shared vision for the future residents of Dunton Hills.

Reminiscence and dance project to begin this month

Starting next week, the Council is working with 2 nationally renowned arts organisations to deliver a project to support older people. The project is a 10 week, fully-funded programme, where residents from Kelvedon Hatch and Ingrave, will attend in-person sessions with Age Exchange and Green Candle Dance. The 2 groups will explore memories, social history and oral history artefacts, family and working life, sharing stories and creating a film and a piece of theatre to be performed locally around the Jubilee. The project is part of ongoing work to support community assets within the community hub network, tackling isolation and helping people to reconnect to their communities.

Social value programme - Axis

Delivery of the social value programme with Axis continues as the team visited Shenfield High School in February to deliver life soft skills and career readiness workshops for year 7.

Residents' training workshops will begin in April, where, using a void property, participants in key estate areas can gain useful DIY skills such as filling, bleeding radiators, changing locks. Other workshops will include sustainability and employability, to be delivered later in the year.