



## High Wycombe Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 10 February 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue:

### Membership:

K Ahmed, Z Ahmed, M Asif, A Baughan, H Bull, L Clarke OBE, M Clarke, M Davy, R Farmer, S Graham, T Green, M Hanif, M Hashmi, D Hayday, A Hill, A Hussain (Chairman), M Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain JP, M Knight, W Mallen, B Pearce, R Raja, S Raja, D Shakespeare OBE, N Teesdale and J Wassell

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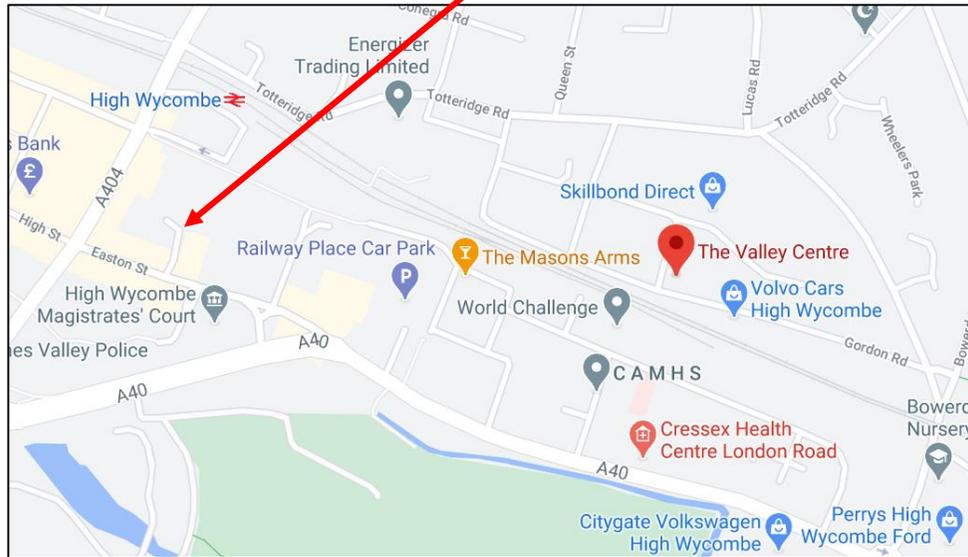
# South Buckinghamshire Community Mental Health Hub

a state-of-the-art mental health hub at  
Easton Street, High Wycombe

Care to make a difference locally



# Teams currently based in South Bucks are to move to Easton Street, High Wycombe.



## The new hub means a move for teams *(indicative dates)*

In May/June 2021 teams will move from

- The Valley Centre
- Albert House

By June/July 2021 teams will move from

- Harlow House
- Shrublands



# Improvements for patients and public

- ✓ Services will be zoned with a separate entrance for our young people.
- ✓ Improved accessibility and facilities
- ✓ Improved parking
- ✓ Centre of excellence for mental health in south Buckinghamshire
- ✓ Reducing mental health stigma by greater visibility of services locally



# Improvements for staff

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- Better opportunities for joint working, promotion and learning
- Creating a centre of mental health excellence for South Bucks
- Improved parking
- Accessible site and bathroom facilities
- 24/7 refreshments
- Pioneer of trust's green strategy



## Co-production with patients & staff to:

- ✓ name the centre and design reception
- ✓ design artwork and gardens
- ✓ Communications such as newsletters and leaflets



# What does this mean for our estate?

- Four buildings into one
- Modern design
- New housing created
- Leasing from local authority and forging new partnerships
- A more efficient estate
- Future proofing



# Thank you joining us today

Further questions?

Want to share your views?

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**High Wycombe Community Board**

**Community Cohesion Sub Group Meeting**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**The action notes update from last meeting**

- ESOL project to promote classes around women’s health issues. Working in partnership with the Healthy Living Centre and a meeting is arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the logistics of the program. All going ahead for a January/February start. If the project is successful at The Hive other venues to be considered.
- **Action: Cllr Raja to put ESOL team in contact with The Hive.**
- **Action: If any of the attendees know of partners who should link up with the Healthy Living Centre or Bucks Adult Learning to be able to identify cohorts who would benefit from these courses, let Teresa/Helen/Claire know.**
- Reducing inequalities for BAME communities. Benson captured experiences/feedback from young people on what it was like growing up in High Wycombe. He will feedback his findings at the next meeting.
- Youth provision. A contact has been obtained for a staff member at High Crest School who is interested in supporting young people and having their voices heard and she would be interested in the project Benson is running. Karen, Transitions UK also indicated that there were Care Leavers who could be contacted.
- **Action: Monica to contact High Crest School member of staff.**
- Ideas for who else should be invited to these meetings. Nicola Workman, Wycombe Youth Action was invited but couldn’t make it, but is interested in attending future meetings. For future meetings, either share the invite or let Fay know or put them in touch with her and she will share some information with them.
- Application received from Karen, this will be turned into a funding report, this will then be sent to sub group and then to the wider board.

**Agenda Items**

**Action4Youth – Safety Net Project**

- Emily shared a presentation with the group.
- The project is a multi service drop in centre for people aged 13-18 years (up to 25 in exceptional cases) working together with organisation to provide the best possible

service for young people in High Wycombe. There is currently a bid in to run this from a centre in Green Street. A bid has been put into the HW Community Board for £40,000 for Health and Wellbeing community pots. This amount will pay for a member of staff for a year, to get the project up and running and setting up the links with local communities.

- **Action: Fay to forward contact details of Charmaine at Khepera CIC to Emily and Monica.**
- The project was initially to start in January, but due to COVID-19 and not knowing the outcome of Green Street, they are realistically looking at April, in line with the new financial year.
- Working with other organisations in the area is critical to the project to get people through the door to take advantage of the help and support this is available.
- Agreed to add a table of email addresses to the minutes for contact among the group.

This is attached as a separate document.

#### **Any other business**

Action4Youth are trying to engage young people in the Safety Net Project if anyone is working with any groups of young people 13-18 years Emily would like to arrange to have a Zoom meeting or come and speak with them about their plans, so let her know. They would like to get feedback and ideas from young people.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 6:30-7:30pm



## **Community Cohesion Sub-Group report for High Wycombe Community Board meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Cllr Rafiq Raja (Chair) and Cllr Andrea Baughan (Vice-Chair)**

The Community Boards are not entirely a new concept introduced by Buckinghamshire Council, but in a short time (since September 2020) we have found ways of engaging with the public and come up with small and manageable projects which we hope will make a difference for some residents.

My name is Rafiq Raja and I am chairman of the Community Cohesion Working Group. Despite the fact that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have not had a proper face to face meeting since the new Unitary authority was set up on 1 April 2020, we have nevertheless adapted ourselves to the new situation and managed to have really fruitful meetings and sifted through a number of ideas and have come up with a few feasible projects; which hopefully have the potential to make a difference:

As you may have gathered from the name of the Community Cohesion Sub Group we are interested in improving the cohesion among our residents and have come up with the following projects:

### **Black lives Matter**

- By the way it may be better understood if we referred to this topic as “Black Lives ALSO Matter”, because the BLM title may be misunderstood by some people who assume that we are stating that other lives don’t matter.
- Most of you would be aware of the BLM campaign which resulted from the continued unequal treatment of Black American citizens in the United States. This coupled with the disproportionate impact on the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities of Covid-19 made it a relevant topic for our group to see how we could improve understanding of the issues relating to discrimination, institutional racism and racism at large in our society; I would only refer to the recent racist outpourings on social media against the Manchester United footballer, Marcus Rashford, who has been lauded for spearheading the campaign for free school meals being provided out of school term. In fact, the young footballer has been trying to lessen the impact of poverty on the lives of many young children.
- The best way, with the current pandemic in our midst, is to have a few talks (by people who understand the issue and have been speaking about racism) in our focused meetings

which would be open to our fellow members of the council and local residents via Zoom or Teams.

- We are hopeful that we can set up a series of talks which will help to increase our understanding of the historic wrongs visited on the Black people (slavery, colonialism and institutional racism) and making people aware of how discrimination still impacts the lives of our Black and Brown citizens in our country.
- The Covid 19 Pandemic is going to be with us for some time to come, despite commendable efforts being made to improve our combined (herd) immunity by the vaccinating the population.
- Analysis so far has shown that the pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, which is indicative of social and economic deprivation as well as the fact that the government's message may not have been fully understood by people with English as a Second Language (ESL). Members of the group have been helping efforts to spread the message by producing literature and video clips in different community languages.
- A leaflet was issued before Christmas which was sent to the Community Midwifery Managers for Bucks Healthcare Trust, who were very pleased, with its message.

### **English as a Second Language (ESOL)**

- Another area where we can make a practical difference to lives of some of our residents is to help them to learn to communicate in English.
- You may think that this is not a problem, but we have felt that there are a number of youngish people in High Wycombe, principally female, from Pakistan and Eastern Europe, who could benefit.
- We have found some enthusiastic partners in the form of Bucks Adult learners, who will be able to offer course work and tutors and a facility (The Hive) in the Bowerdean area, has already been identified as a venue. The Hive would welcome the opportunity to host these sessions; with social distancing rules.
- The second lockdown put a stop to our plan for small, ESL groups of women to learn English speaking skills with an emphasis on women's health issues. The aim of this is twofold. As well as having the confidence and language skills to ensure women's physical and mental health is addressed and the women have the confidence to discuss their concerns with Health Care Professionals, it is hoped this will help women make friends and contacts within their local community. The Healthy Living Centre is currently running an online women's language course which has been circulated to teams in Buckinghamshire Health Care Trust. It is hoped we can progress the live lessons as soon as practically feasible.
- Coupled to this would be making the students aware of other issues regarding general health, mental health, childcare, obesity and diet as topics for discussion. The feedback we have had suggests that if the first course is successful then we will need to have it rolled out to other parts of High Wycombe and indeed Buckinghamshire.

### **Youth provision**

- We are also interested in looking at the problems faced by the young people, especially those who fall into the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) category.
- Action4Youth delivered a presentation and have submitted a funding application for their new initiative Safety Net. This is a project which will provide a package of holistic support

for disadvantaged young people initially in Wycombe, and then wider Bucks in future years. The overall aim of the project is to improve the wellbeing of the local youth population and their communities, reducing anti-social behaviour by providing positive activities, ongoing support and pathways to additional provision if required. Action4Youth propose to collaborate with a wide range of groups and organisations supporting young people in High Wycombe to deliver this project.

### **Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Another issue we wish to consider in due course is to understand the nature of crime and what forces people to drift into crime. We hope to have a few talks to improve our understanding of this wide topic and the related Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Our aim is not only to involve our adult residents but our young people, especially school children who can not only take messages home but can also teach us about the economic, social and peer pressures which govern their daily lives.
- 7Roadlight have submitted a draft proposal for a project to work in schools with young people - their mentoring and therapeutic model has been well received <https://www.roadlight.co.uk/about-us/testimonials/>

### **Other Ideas**

- It is our desire to make the work of the Community Board relevant to the people and here we hope to launch awareness of keeping your neighbourhoods clean and tidy and taking pride in the areas we live in. So we are hoping, in the Summer months, Pandemic permitting, to promote a light hearted competition to give people an incentive to tidy up their gardens and take pride in their area across the Wards.
- Our group has made contact with the Wycombe Museum about an art trail across Wycombe or exhibits in the Arts Centre (and more unusual venues) - possible themes to be the massive and invaluable contribution by the people who settled in Wycombe from the Windrush Generation, but will be a celebration of BAME artistic talent and will be a fun, uplifting low/no cost idea for later in the year. Local artists - particularly those from the BAME community will be invited to display their work in cafes and other locations across town - where would you least expect to see an Art Exhibition? Cllr Andrea Baughan (vice chair of the group) is meeting with colleagues from the Culture & Leisure Development Service and the museum. This will depend on when Lockdown Regulations lift.

We trust this gives you a flavour of what we have been engaged in the last few months.

**Cllr Rafiq Raja**  
**Chairman**  
**Community Cohesion Sub Group**  
**High Wycombe Community Board**  
**Buckinghamshire Council**

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## Meeting Minutes

### Covid-19 recovery, resilience and regeneration sub-group

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### Apologies

Tony Green

#### What is currently being carried out and what are the future needs in the community?

Updates:

One Can Trust – December was a difficult month with parcels rising to 366 and January is currently at 242 parcels. Very busy operating with 140 volunteers each week. They are well funded with good food stocks.

Downley Covid Action Group – All 5 service lines (pharmacy support, paid food, free food, listening ear service and vaccine transport) running well.

Wycombe Food Hub (WFH) – 150 people are being seen per day. WFH is open 3 days per week. Working with other foodbanks in the area. More people are becoming reliant on these services. Preparing hot food and prepared meals with local residents in Downley. WFH supply the ingredients and residents prepare the meals for school children. WFH have also distributed hot food with Wycombe Mosque

Helping Hands support via Local Support Hub - helping local schools with fresh food and meals.

High Wycombe Mutual Aid – Support for people who can afford their shopping but are shielding, so need assistance collecting their shopping or prescriptions or just a friendly chat. No increase in demand during this latest lockdown. There is a possibility that another drop of fliers will be sent out to let the community know they are still able to help and maybe this can be in conjunction with other similar groups. There are discussions in place with the Local Support Hub to do some publicity at the vaccination sites.

Marsh and Micklefield Big Local – Haven't noticed any significant increases in demand this lockdown, other than online tutoring due to schools being closed. Maddie highlighted that Wycombe Sound Radio would be happy to give airtime to any of the groups.

East Side Youth Centre – Unfortunately they have very little facilities to run anything online so are not actively undertaking anything at the current time.

Wycombe Wanderers Sports and Education Trust – Current priorities are educational provision for local children, employability and food provision.

The Claire Foundation – Assisting various organisations with project funding. They organised the hot food delivery pilot over Christmas with the Community Board, WWSET, One Can Trust, Khepera, the African Caribbean network and other partners. The Clare Foundation often provide free online events for charities or not for profit organisations interested in grant funding. If anyone is interested in joining the hot meals project or is looking for funding or support, please contact Helen Mee [helen.mee@theclarefoundation.org](mailto:helen.mee@theclarefoundation.org)

SV2G – 46 young people registered on their books. They are supporting 10-11 families from their adult group. They have circulated Caribbean treat boxes to young people and delivery online tuition which is still available.

In summary, the feeling is these groups seem to be on top of people’s needs and generally people have the resources they need. The common theme is that people need to understand what support is available and how they access it.

Economic need – there seems to be confusion about the benefits available. Could one of these sessions be devoted to raising awareness of economic poverty? A suggestion would be a leaflet that could be made available at vaccination stations pointing people to Citizens Advice and other organisations that are available to help. Fuel poverty is also a course for concern. **Action: Julia Walsall to email information she has to Fay Ewing/Matt Knight in readiness for the leaflets should they go ahead.**

Information leaflets signposting residents to support are being developed with BC Comms to be given out at vaccination centres. They could also be given to One Can Trust, Wycombe Food Hub and other organisations that are delivering food parcels or prescriptions. Could other leaflets from Citizen Advice for example about financial support also be distributed at the centres.

### **Actions**

Each organisation to promote what they are doing, where they would be able to assist to get the information out or help in producing a leaflet with lots of helpful information.

**Action: All to send information to Fay**

It was suggested a map of High Wycombe with all the different areas and the service lines which need to be provided, mapped across the organisations that are providing them for each area of High Wycombe. This could ensure that we are more joined up and not duplicating services and we would have the knowledge of who to turn to.

### **IT equipment for school children**

Wycombe Rotary have delivered some laptops to junior schools and would like to raise money to deliver more. Other groups are also doing some work around supporting this need. Oakridge School have a need for approximately 80 laptops for school children. Discussions with Buckinghamshire Council Education team has taken place where they are identifying what the needs are. Schools should contact the Education Team in the first instance as devices should be provided by Central Government DofE

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-laptops-and-tablets-for-children-who-cannot-attend-school-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

#### **Action: Arif to report back**

The Clare Foundation and the Rothschild Foundation may have funding available for laptops/digital devices/internet connection. They are happy to explore a wider campaign to address digital exclusion, the Rothschild Foundation are also keen to help if there is an unmet need.

BBC South news reported on their "Make a Difference" campaign accepting 2nd hand laptops, netbooks etc for school children [BBC - Give a laptop](#)

PASS IT ON a voluntary led organisation is refurbishing old laptops and making them available to families who need them. They do not need any funding but are limited by the amount of equipment coming in. 60+ donated devices have been cleaned and re-purposed for free issue to families who need them. Can we promote this?

Suggestion to promote with WWSET and local media.

The Cloudy Foundation are also supporting the digital education needs of families in Buckinghamshire with donated devices

<https://cloudyfoundation.co.uk/projects/donate2educate/>

There is also the Devices Dot Now campaign There's also the Devices Dot Now campaign:

[DevicesDotNow | Good Things Foundation](#)

There are affluent people in the community who are keen to give something back to the community. Could an appeal be put out and how can they donate in a reputable way?

Internet connection, broadband access and affordability are also issues for families and children home schooling. Central Government have information about support for internet connections <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

The Clare Foundation have an ongoing pilot supplying digital devices and prepaid mobile data SIMs to older adults who are isolated (over 70 years).

### **Vaccination Programme**

Carers Bucks have a fund where carers can apply to cover any costs associated with getting people to vaccinations, whether that be for taxis or respite care.

The Bucks Council website is a good place to go for info:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/community-hub/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

Refi Shafi from WISE did a post on Facebook about myth-busting for Covid and the vaccine.

<https://www.facebook.com/refi.shafi/posts/10157620613156406>

It would be useful to know if there are a lot of concerns over the vaccine. Community Engagement and Development team are working on trying to alleviate fears or anxieties around the take up of the vaccine in the BAME communities. **Action: Fay to possibly invite Joanne Fowler to the next meeting or report back on any update.**

Next meeting to have a more economic development, town centre business theme.

**Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 18.30 – 19.30



## High Wycombe Community Board

### Environment & Climate Change Subgroup Meeting Minutes

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Attendees:** Arif Hussain, Rebecca Nutley, Fehzan Mehdi, Jean James, Stephen Morton, Penelope Tollitt, Ellen Hawes, Bill Chapple, Lesley Clarke, Tony Green, Charmaine Fyffe, Ray Farmer, Alan Hill, Sarfaraz Raja, Sally Jay, Rafiq Raja, Brian Pearce, Alan Hill, Fay Ewing

<b>Apologies</b>
John Shaw – Chiltern Rangers
<b>Actions/Issues from last meeting</b>
<p>Jacqueline Ford, Economic Development Officer and High Wycombe Bidco to be invited to next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action: Fay Ewing</b></li> </ul> <p>Recycling bins were a cause of concern. These can be processed through Buckinghamshire Council web site, where a survey will be carried out of the area. Sarfaraz or Fay can be contacted if assistance needed with this.</p> <p>David Rowley is keen to work on prevention work for fly tipping. If there are any areas that are still an issue, if these could be highlighted, we can go back to David who will support us. They have Community litter pickers and bags which groups can request. When group activities can be done again this is something, we can organise with the waste team. There is an opportunity for the Community Board to fund some litter grabber pickers and potentially the Waste Team would match fund this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action: Fay Ewing</b></li> </ul> <p>Link for Keep Britain Tidy campaign <a href="https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/network-conferenceawards/awards#:~:text=Litter%20Initiative%20of%20the%20Year,improvements%20to%20local%20environmental%20quality">https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/network-conferenceawards/awards#:~:text=Litter%20Initiative%20of%20the%20Year,improvements%20to%20local%20environmental%20quality</a>.</p>
<p>Application from John Shaw at Chiltern Rangers is still being processed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action: John Shaw</b></li> </ul>

Penelope Tollitt presented a proposal which aims to help residents, businesses and other organisations make changes to cut carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, boost biodiversity and enhance the environment. It was advised that anyone interested would be involved in weekly meetings to move this forward.

It was suggested that schools and youth groups be involved with this incentive as they were not included in the original listing. These groups are often the keenest and it is a route into the family life. A poster competition would be a possibility to get children involved. Also, the religious element of environment should be brought in. The group supported the proposal.

In recognition of Frances Alexanders commitment to the environment and all her efforts with the Environmental Centre it was suggested that an award for schools, best front garden, etc be awarded in her name.

- **Action: Penelope Tollitt to look at tying this incentive in with the Great Marlow School Eco Conference, Bucks Food Partnership and Public Health Initiative.**
- **Action: Penelope Tollitt to revise and prepare the document to a one page vision.**
- **Action: Penelope Tollitt/Fay Ewing to determine those who want to be more active on this group, have a meeting and report back on what is being done.**

Ellen Hawes asked the group if they would consider supporting or endorsing the Solar Streets Scheme in High Wycombe? The scheme is solar domestic PV installations based on economies of scale, so costs of surveys and installations are reduced by delivering several installations in one go. Green Group organise the scheme in a local area and work with an installer who carries out the installations. What is needed is an umbrella group to endorse it across an area and the suggestion is that this group could be part of that. Next steps are to ask the Green Group to give a presentation on how the scheme works and how it might work for High Wycombe.

- **Action: Sarfaraz Raja to take away and discuss with colleagues and respond to Ellen Hawes**

Next meeting

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## **Environment and Climate Change Sub-Group report for High Wycombe Community Board meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Cllr Sarfaraz Raja (Chair) and Cllr Alan Hill (Vice-Chair)**

### **Proposal by Penelope Tollitt, Environment and Climate Change sub-group member**

The Environment and Climate Change Sub-Group is proposing an implementation team – WE: Wycombe Environment. The note below sets out how WE might describe itself, with some back-ground information on pages 2 - 4.

#### **WE: Wycombe Environment**

Wycombe Environment is responding to the joint climate and wildlife emergencies. It is a group of volunteers who are willing to put in some time each week to help people take practical steps to reduce their carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, to increase opportunities for wildlife, and make other improvements to the environment.

#### **Our purpose**

- Cut carbon
- Boost biodiversity
- Enhance the environment

#### **Our ethos**

- Politically neutral, a broad church, welcoming everyone interested in our purpose
- Build motivation for action through action, explaining why it is an emergency, because we need to get action on climate, biodiversity and the environment to be 'normal' in society.
- Find practical solutions to problems, to see if we can, rather than think that we can't and not try...
- Persuasion is good, understanding is better, respect is essential, and to take what people do as a gift, not expect or demand, not 'ought' or 'should'
- Professional, not to come across as the 'green volunteers'.

## **Our status**

WE is the implementation team of the High Wycombe Community Board's Environment and Climate Change Sub-Group, so covering the unparished area of High Wycombe

## **Our way of working**

- Organising behind the scenes so that it is as easy as possible for local residents and businesses to make changes, using informal networks
- Progressing projects at the speed of the resources available to the group with priorities chosen based on
  - The commitment of group members to carry out necessary activities.
  - A 'common-sense' appraisal of their effectiveness in cutting carbon &/or boosting biodiversity &/or enhancing the environment, in that priority order
  - A 'common-sense' assessment of whether they fit the 'local' remit and are therefore deliverable by the group
- Working with relevant council services, schools, religious groups and others, town wide, or in specific areas
- Keeping notes of meetings to act as a record of the action taken, which will be available to the public.
- Use virtual meetings to co-ordinate once a week for no longer than 45 mins

## **Background information**

Following discussion at Town Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> November, there is widespread agreement that helping 'to make things happen' is an important part of addressing the linked climate and biodiversity emergency, and that some group is needed to drive this. This will need to draw on volunteer effort, with the aim of stimulating wider action.

This paper sets out the background to the proposal which is summarised in the one page above.

Who would form this group? What would its 'status' be? Should it be inside the Council or a separate group?

There are already many voluntary groups tackling different aspects of the crises. A new group could be established, but it may lack credibility with the wider public. There is also a strong need for the new group to be a broad church.

The Buckinghamshire Council's motion on climate change [Meeting of Council Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Item 9] identifies that proposals that contribute to net zero include:

- *Encouraging Community Boards to lead in their localities for carbon reduction.*
- *Working with partners and local communities to identify local schemes that can contribute to this ambition.*

Buckinghamshire Council has set up 16 community boards to help the Council respond to local needs by working in partnership with residents, town and parish councils, community groups, police and healthcare organisations.

**The proposal therefore is that the existing Environment and Climate Change Sub-Group of the High Wycombe Community Board is the ideal vehicle for this action.**

It would comprise those from the formal sub-group – councillors and members of the public – who want to contribute a few hours a week to addressing the ‘emergency’. Further members of the public would also be encouraged to join in order to help provide voluntary capacity, along with the BidCos and businesses, schools and religious groups and others interested in assisting.

As the ‘High Wycombe Community Board’s Environment Sub-Group’ is not a very snappy title, the short form ‘WE’ – Wycombe Environment is proposed.

In terms of resources, the key resource that is needed is time (see below for examples of activities). This would need to be through voluntary effort (not council officers). However, depending on what the activities are, some funding will almost certainly be required.

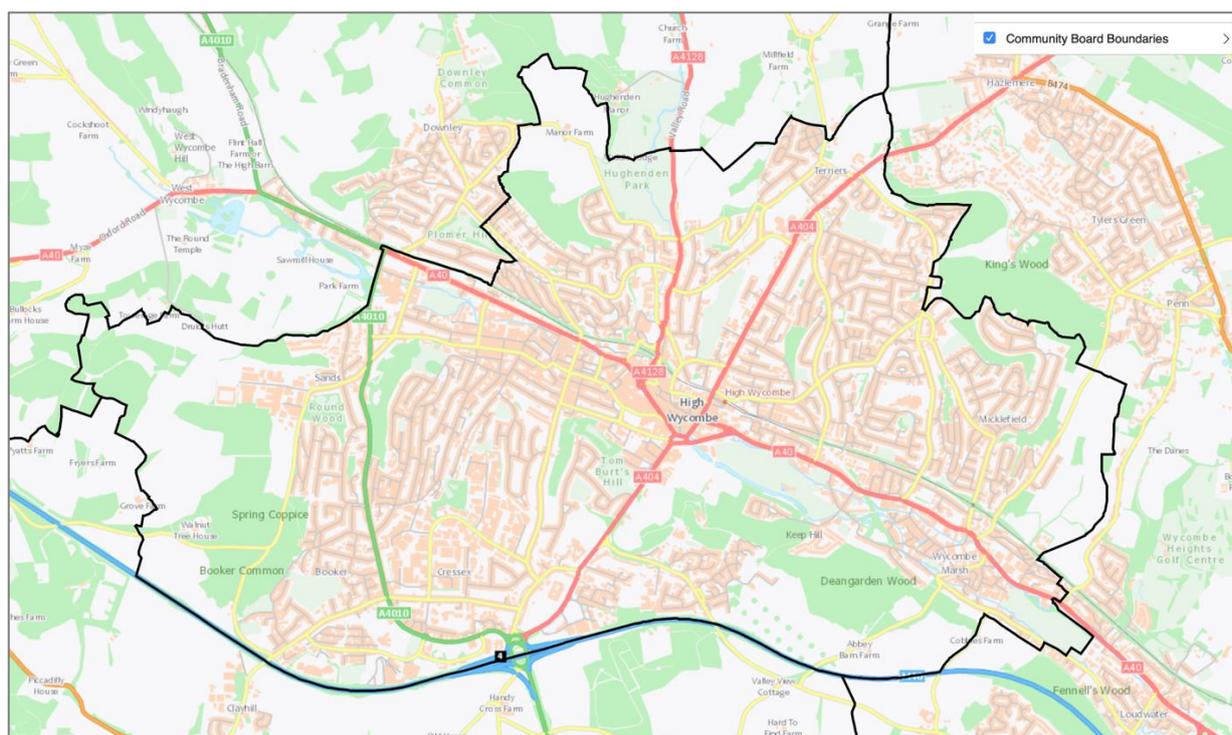
The Community Board has a delegated budget with which to address agreed local priorities and issues. Some of these resources may be able to be made available to the group, following a funding bid.

There is a long list of potential projects. The list below is indicative, and will be kept under review by the group.

- Solar High Wycombe – a company is offering 20% off installation of solar PV prices if they can get a good take up within a local area – they need local help to promote the scheme..
- Helping people understand the alternatives to gas boilers as there will be no installation after 2026.
- Local energy efficiency/retrofitting schemes
- Rewilding – working on changing areas of mown grass to wild flowers, linking to the work of Chiltern Rangers and Local Nature Recovery Networks and Friends of the Earth greenspace mapping
- Encouraging local residents to plant a flower pot or 1m2 (or more!) of wild flowers, along a street, to allow bees to more easily travel
- Use the Woodland Trust ‘free tree’ opportunity to get small trees planted in many gardens
- Setting up a ‘tool share’ ‘library of things’ (or more than one) across the town
- Connect with teracycle on collection points for things that are hard to recycle
- Working with the council on waste collection issues in local areas
- Rewilding parts of our parks
- Establishing a network of electric car clubs across the whole town
- Installing electric charging points for taxis in the town centre.
- Working out routes for cycle super-highways (off road at first).
- More allotments and review current allotments – should we reduce them in size?

- Grey water recycling
- Rainwater collection for use in the garden.
- Help to communicate ‘facts’ to counter the ‘myths’ eg “recycling just goes into the general rubbish”
- Run competitions and award prizes
- And when we’ve done that, we can see what else we can do!

A plan showing the area covered by the High Wycombe Community Board is below.



**Penelope Tollitt**  
**Environment and Climate Change sub-group member**

## **Infrastructure Working Group Report**

Because of the lack of interest there have been no meetings of the Infrastructure Working Group since the last Community Board Meeting.

I have been involved in the following infrastructure activities:-

- Reviewing the High Wycombe Transport Strategy
- Reviewing the High Wycombe Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan (LCWIP)
- Commenting on infrastructure plans
- Reviewing TTROs for accuracy and impact
- Monitoring the e-Scooter Trial

The draft High Wycombe 2050 Transport strategy looking forward for the next thirty years contained sufficient inaccuracies and issues that it has been withdrawn for revision. The next draft will be reviewed by a local member working group and this working party before being submitted to the Executive for its review.

Cycling and Walking. The LCWIP has been modified to show that the east- west cycle route will follow the extant cycle route with some small extensions. It was unfortunate that the maps used to present the routes were out of date and omitted the changes due to the 'Alternate Route' and did not show Suffield Hill.

The strong views of Members caused the officers to review their initial route suggested for travel from the West which would have closed Abercromby Avenue and Eaton Avenue at their union. This led to the officers agreeing with the Members' suggestion that the extant route should be used.

The only significant infrastructure project commented on was changes to the Horns Lane – Cressex Road Junction and I enclose my report to the Chairman of the Community Board.

I have had a good meeting with Jo West about the junction of Cressex Road and Horns Lane.

The land to be developed has been earmarked for housing in the Local Plan and is currently suggested for the development of 50 – 60 residences, including some affordable homes. The land is owned by the council.

There are two other sites linked with this one in the transport departments view. If all three sites are to be developed then they would give significant consideration to providing a mini roundabout at the junction. There are currently no plans for the other two sites to be developed, thus there is no support from the transport officers for a mini roundabout.

The TRICS transport model indicates that there is likely to be 30 traffic movements generated by the development during peak hours.

There are no grounds, based on accident data, for the installation of a mini roundabout. Also the installation of a mini roundabout at this junction will impede

HGV traffic to and from High Heavens and Booker Airfield. The High Heavens site generates a significant number of 40 tonne vehicle movements each refuse collection day.

From accident data there is no need to provide a footpath along Horns Lane from the NW edge of the development to the junction with footpath HWU/110/1 which has been requested by a local councillor.

Other options were identified, namely:

Provide peak hour traffic lights. This would require evidence from traffic surveys to justify the costs. It would also provide the opportunity to put a pedestrian controlled crossing over Cressex Road by the junction to facilitate and improve waling provision as there is no pedestrian crossing over Cressex Road between Holmers Farm Way and Horns Lane.

Increase the width of Horns Lane on the carriageway approaching Cressex Road to allow for two lanes of traffic and reduce the delays caused to traffic wanting to turn left by traffic turning right.

There is always the do nothing option or to delay until there is evidence to identify the appropriate improvements needed to the junction.

The only currently planned major infrastructure project in the unparished area is the creation of a three legged roundabout at the junction of Abbey Barn Lane with Heath End Road. This development is a planning condition place on Berkeley Homes. Work is due to start on this in April with closure of Abbey Barn Lane for c.a.12 weeks as priority is being given to maintaining traffic flow on Heath End Road.

TTROs. As a member I get the TTROs affecting the unparished area and its environs. I review these to ensure that they seem to be reasonable and do not conflict with other TTROs. Two recent examples are :

Closure of Daws Hill Lane with a diversion route of Marlow Hill, London Road Station Road, Treadaway Hill and Heath End Road, was scheduled at the same time as works to repair a retaining wall on Station Road which would necessitate single lane working with traffic light control. The Station Road works were rescheduled.

Work to resurface Bellfield Road which advertised a closure of the road from the mini roundabout with Belfield Road Way and the railway bridge preventing access and egress from Premier Way. This would have significantly affected Sainsburys, McDonalds and Premier Inn. The road closure permit was reviewed to enable access to and egress from Premier Way thus removing the potential impact on Sainsburys, McDonalds and Premier Inn.

E-Scooter Trial. The latest usage figures are set out in the tables below.

High Wycombe	16/11/2020 - 22/11/2020	23/11/2020 - 28/11/2020	29/11/2020 - 06/12/2020	06/12/2020 - 13/12/2020	20/12/2020 - 03/01/2021	11/01/2021 - 17/01/2021
<b>Total Number of rides</b>	642	1014	1028	877	1859	521
<b>Total distance travelled (miles)</b>	1350	2243.8	1898.21	1572.5	3275.2	889
<b>Average trip length (miles)</b>	2.1	2.21	1.84	1.79	1.76	1.65
<b>Average trip duration (minutes)</b>	27:06	28:29	20:05	20:11	22:23	14:28
<b>Total time spent on scooters (hours)</b>	291:40	481:21	344:04	295:02	693:23	133:33

High Wycombe	Total
<b>Total Number of rides</b>	6636
<b>Total distance travelled (miles)</b>	12392.71
<b>Total time spent on scooters (hours)</b>	2434:56

These are the comments extracted from the Officer's report:

**Is data available on any accidents/near misses/prosecutions?**

- We are aware of a small number of incidents where pedestrians have reported pavement riding and near misses. In particular, an incident with an elderly gentleman was reported to Thames Valley Police in the town. We are waiting for some further feedback from Thames Valley Police on this incident. The proposed 3 month review will provide further analysis of any incidents and general feedback received from residents, whether positive or negative.
- In response to reports received, the operator has issued 12 final warning notices between Aylesbury and High Wycombe and have banned 3 users in Aylesbury and 4 in High Wycombe.
- We have consulted regularly with organisations such as Bucks Vision, RNIB and Guide-Dogs UK. At our last review meeting in January, no specific incidents had been reported to these groups about the Buckinghamshire trial. We are not aware of any prosecutions in relation to Aylesbury or High Wycombe. We are waiting for further feedback from Thames Valley Police and will share any details and lessons we can learn from other trial locations that may have experienced more incidents.

**Feasibility of the trial**

- Buckinghamshire Council are not funding the service and therefore are not aware of the full business case details the operator works within. However, a key criteria would be the availability of scooters and bays for use. From a BC viewpoint we want the service to work as a mobility option for residents, but we also want to be able to control numbers and not be overwhelmed. The operator works with BC and other

stakeholders to agree locations, restricted routes or slow zones. This level of local control was expressed early on in the procurement process and all potential operators would have had to take this into consideration when considering the viability of the trial in the town. Safety and the fact that a number of routes have been excluded due to steepness would also have been another consideration in their business planning.

### **The Geo-fencing needs to be reviewed at the Rye**

- This request was passed to the operator for action.

### **Enforcement**

- The operator has provided the following response to the query over enforcement: *In order to reduce misuse we have done two main things:*
  1. *Improve riders education on the rules*
    - a. *We have printed the rules onto the scooter*
    - b. *Improved our safety related social media content*
    - c. *Regularly remind users of the rules in the app through notifications and pop ups*
  2. *Punish users reported to be misusing our scooters*
    - a. *We have printed reg number stickers on the rear fender of the scooters to make it easier for members of the public to report misusers to us – e.g. a report of ‘ user on scooter 100-235 at 2pm on Oxford Street riding recklessly’ will enable us to identify the account holder and take appropriate action.*
  3. *Reports can be made directly at [bucks@zippmobility.com](mailto:bucks@zippmobility.com)*

Reports of mis-use or other queries can be made directly with Zipp Mobility on their web site [bucks@zippmobility.com](mailto:bucks@zippmobility.com)



## High Wycombe Community Board

### Mental Health & Community Subgroup Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Attendees: Julia Wassell, Arif Hussain, Zia Ahmed, Khalil Ahmed, Lesley Clarke, Ann Williams, Jaqueline Roberts, Lewellyn Headley, Ros Hodgson, Lisa Kelly, Charmaine Fyffe, Matt Knight, Megan Cheshire, Fay Ewing**

- The Mental Health committee nomination for the Samaritans to receive additional funding was agreed. Feedback from Sally Ward of the Chiltern Samaritans was shared with the group. She thanked them for awarding the funding to promote their service to try and reduce suicide in the High Wycombe area. 24 volunteers have come forward to help support the project from the local Samaritan branch and they will be starting with the Bucks Free Press feature, signage and posters in strategic places in High Wycombe, Fire and Rescue and the Police will be assisting with this. The Wycombe Facebook page will have a sponsored advertisement, but the Wycombe Wanderers element of the bid may be implemented later, due to lockdown being announced and the situation regarding spectators is unclear.
- Sally from the Samaritans sent her apologies for not being at the meeting, but she was doing a shift. They are very pleased to extend their profile in the Wycombe area and extend their reach to a more diverse population. She will be working with the treasurer to monitor the budget and will attend a future meeting to report back on expenditure.
- There is concern regarding the lack of respite for carers in HW, apart from Hairoun Day Centre and Safe Haven there are no places for respite for carers for the elderly. With agreement from the group this will be referred to the Health and Social Care Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, so we can try and stimulate some funding to get desperately needed places to relieve carers.
- There is an ongoing consultation about a proposed new mental health centre in Easton Street, High Wycombe it will cover children and adult mental health services and older people which hopes to end the transition difficulties between age groups. If any of the group would like to be involved, an arrangement can be made for their involvement with the consultation.

- Hairoun Older Day Centre require core funding. They are looking for the Community Board to agree to fund a Fund Raising Business Manager, part time for approximately 12 hrs a week which will be £8,000 per annum, the belief is that the post will pay for itself. This position will enable connections to be made and formed and preparation of bids to go forward. Also, they are looking for some assistance/funding for transportation as their mini bus is 13 years old and is unlikely to pass it's MOT this time round. It was thought that once the Fund Raising Business Manager is in post, that through public appeal and other sources they will be able to get the money for the new minibus. It was proposed that a bid be put forward to the main committee for £10,000.
- Youth Enquiry Service provide an all inclusive package for young people aged 13-35 years, who are at risk or homelessness or are homeless which meets their mental health needs through counselling and homelessness needs through supporting them to the right agency and making the application and doing the benefits if necessary. The funding bid which they would like to put forward is for a one year project costed at between £8,000 - £10,000. It was recommended by Cllr Clarke that the bid be for £10,000, the rest of the sub group supported the bid.
- Future plans - Black Mental Health Matters bid and the shortage of respite care within Wycombe town.



## **Mental Health and Community Sub-Group report for High Wycombe Community Board meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Cllr Julia Wassell (Chair) and Cllr Wendy Mallen (Vice-Chair)**

The Mental Health, Older people and Homelessness sub-group was formed in the summer of 2020. It was renamed Mental Health and Community in September 2020.

Widespread discussions were held with the community resulting in a paper identifying some urgent priorities for Wycombe. These were:

- Suicide Prevention Awareness
- Youth Homelessness
- Black Mental Health support groups
- Respite Day Services for carers

Two events have been held as well as four sub-group meetings. These activities have been understandably impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 a Suicide Prevention Awareness event was held in Wycombe High Street. On October 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 a World Mental Health Day event was held also in the High Street.

The sub-group have agreed funding bids for;

Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness 6 month project £6,500

Youth Enquiry Service - Youth homelessness support service 1 year project £10,000

Hairoun Day Centre - 1 year part time business manager post £10,000

The Samaritans project has been approved by the High Wycombe Community Board. The Youth Enquiry Service and Hairoun Day Centre funding applications are being processed and will be circulated to the Community Board for approval.

In addition, a Black Mental Health Matters support group is under development and discussions have been held with Cabinet Member regarding the gap in respite day services in High Wycombe town area.

Thank you to all who have taken part and to the Community Board Co-ordinator Fay Ewing.

**Cllr Julia Wassell**  
**Chairman**  
**Mental Health and Community Sub Group**  
**High Wycombe Community Board**  
**Buckinghamshire Council**