



Beeches Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

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Beeches Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beeches Community Board held on Thursday 17 September 2020 Via Microsoft Teams, commencing at 2.00 pm and concluding at 3.32 pm.

Present

D Anthony (Chairman), M Bezzant D Dhillon, T Egleton, B Gibbs, L Hazell, N Naylor, D Pepler, G Sandy, Carey (Burnham Parish Council), J Hall (Farnham Royal Parish Council (Clerk)), K Harris (Dorney Parish Council), S Lynch (Stoke Poges Parish Council), and S Moffat (Dorney Parish Council (Clerk)), J Ellis (Thames Valley Police), Rachel Dale (Thames Valley Police), Aleksandra Turner, Keith Greenough, George Chapman, Paula Prince, Helen Mee and Marie Hammon

Officers in attendance

Tom Fowler (Democratic Services Officer), Roger Goodes (Service Director Policy & Communications), Simon Garwood (Localism Manager for the South) and Jack Pearce (Community Board Coordinator for Beeches)

Apologies

R Bagge, P Kelly and M Lewis

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and Introductions

The chairman welcomed the members and guests to the Beeches Community Board meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Bagge and Kelly.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

5 Introduction to Community Boards

The Community Board received a video message from Council Leader, Martin Tett which introduced Community Boards.

6 Senior Officer Community Boards Update

The Service Director Policy & Communications, Roger Goodes, gave an update on the aspirations for the Community Board. It was noted that representatives from the Police were in attendance and would be eager to attend future meetings.

Action:

- **Jack to liaise with Police to organise continued attendance**

7 Updates from Sub-groups

Members considered the Sub Group updates.

- Councillor Egleton provided an update for the Supporting Older and Vulnerable sub-group. The establishment of street associations were proposed to check up on the elderly and vulnerable. The detrimental effect of isolation on mental health and increased vulnerability was noted.
- Councillor Dhillon gave an update for the Young People sub-group, it was noted there was no Youth Council in the Beeches area. Further research into a 1-1 scheme for youth with anti-social behavioural problems was being pursued.
- Councillor Sandy gave an update for the Infrastructure and Highways sub-group. The effect of child shaped mannequins on speeding outside schools had been considered ineffective by Transport for Buckinghamshire. The sub-group recommended approval for the 3 applications being considered at the Community Board meeting. It was noted that a representative from TfB would be invited to attend a future sub-group meeting.

Actions:

- **Jack to enquire about traffic mannequin usage**
- **Jack to meet with Parking Manager**

8 Highways Applications 2020/21

The Community Board discussed the 3 Highway applications being considered for funding.

- The application from Stoke Poges Parish Council for waiting Restrictions on Rogers Lane for £6024.09 was approved using the Community Area Priorities funding stream.
- The application from Farnham Royal Parish Council for A355 Farnham Common Infant & Junior Schools road traffic installations for £5001.49 was approved using the Community Area Priorities funding stream.
- The application from Burnham Parish Council for Dropped Kerbs on Burnham High Street for £3984.86 was approved using the Community Area Priorities funding stream.

Resolved:

- **That funds from the Community Area Priorities Funding Stream be allocated as detailed above.**

9 Community Matters

The Community Board considered matters arising from the Community Board area.

- The quick response to move travellers on from Broadway Car Park from the police was noted and praised.
- Dorney Youth club had requested funding for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and repair costs. A formerly Buckinghamshire County Council scheme for PPE provision was identified as a line of enquiry.
- Brownfield sites were being built upon in the Beeches area and it was queried whether this would affect the funding for the Local infrastructure fund. These calculations were based on previous versions of the Local Plan. Planning Officers were looking into this and calculations for the Local Infrastructure Fund may change.

Actions:

- **Jack to look into PPE scheme for Dorney Youth Club.**
- **Simon to update the Community Board on changes made to Local Infrastructure funding**

10 Funding Update

Jack gave an update on funding for the Community Board.

- Community Area Priorities Fund budget was confirmed as £86,513.
- The Health & Wellbeing Fund budget was £27,506. Of which, £17,757 remains to be allocated for 2020/21.
- There was no funding from the Local Infrastructure Fund, but this is currently under review.
- Funding criteria were laid out specifying what was permissible for applications.

Action:

- **Jack to circulate funding criteria information.**

11 Beeches Community Board Action Plan

The Community Board Action Plan was noted.

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Beeches Community Board – Infrastructure & Highways Sub-Group

Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 2pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Ralph Bagge – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Carol Linton – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Jill Dax – Dorney Parish Council

Councillor Roger Home – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Spencer Norton – Taplow Parish Council

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Trevor Egelton – Stoke Poges Parish Council

Councillor Roger Worthington – Taplow Parish Council

1. Notes and actions from previous meeting

- Burnham and Taplow Parking Scheme: A meeting had taken place with the Parking Manager to explain this scheme in more detail. The proposal would involve a review of parking restrictions around Taplow station and some other residential roads, as well as in Burnham. Some concerns were raised by the group about funding being spent in one particular area of the board, although it was noted that due to the nature of applications some areas may receive funding in certain years and other areas in others. Concerns were also raised about a possible public consultation; however, it was noted that no public consultation would take place until meetings had been held with the relevant parish councils and funding for the project was agreed by the Community Board.

2. Update on highways applications for 2021/22

- It was noted the deadline for applications to the Community Board to fund highways schemes in 2021/22 was 31st October. The application form was available online at: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/apply-community-board-funding/>

3. Open discussion

- Drainage and flooding issues: The sub-group raised several issues with flooding in various locations within the board area, and expressed concern that issues reported with TfB had been consistently ignored. It was agreed that precise locations of flooding and drainage issues should be collated and raised with TfB.
- Process for identifying essential highways improvements: The sub-group discussed how significant infrastructure projects which were beyond the budget of the Community Board could be identified and progressed. It was explained that the Community Board would be the most appropriate forum for identifying these projects even if they were beyond the Board's budget. It was suggested that members of the sub-group could discuss with their respective parish councils where the areas with significant issues were, so that the Board could produce a list of major highways schemes. These could then be communicated to Cabinet and potentially taken forward as part of the development of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. There would also then be a list of locally identified priorities for the board area which could be referenced if any major infrastructure funding became available.
- Communication of discussions and decisions by the Community Board: It was explained that minutes of the Community Board were published online, together with the recordings of the virtual meetings: <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=855&Year=0> . It was also explained that the Board was in the process of setting up a Facebook page and considering establishing a newsletter in order to improve communication.
- Funding for projects where no match funding is available: A discussion was held around funding projects where organisations are not able to provide match funding. This mainly related to larger projects as there was no requirement for Community Board projects to be match funded. It was agreed that a list of priority issues should be compiled by the Board so that when funding connected to development became available there would be clearly identified schemes which money could be allocated to.
- Infrastructure projects: The sub-group discussed infrastructure projects, particularly relating to sustainable transport for cyclists and pedestrians. Concern was expressed around the method for identifying infrastructure needs, although it was noted that now the highways and planning functions were part of one Council this should improve going forwards.

4. Actions and next steps

- All to send precise locations where drainage and flooding is an issue to Jack. Jack to forward these to TfB for action.

- All to speak to their parish councils and identify a list of highways issues which would require significant infrastructure improvements. Jack to work with Ralph and circulate a template to capture the issues.
- Jack to ensure that all Board attendees receive minutes of the meetings by email.
- Jack to follow up on the Active Travel Strategy and explore how this could be taken forward locally by the Community Board.

5. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 2pm

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Beeches Community Board – Supporting Older & Vulnerable People Sub-group

Tuesday 15th October 2020 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Trevor Egleton – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Marlene Lewis – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Paul Rowley – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Tereena Davies – Age Concern SABE

Dr Chris Herman – Age Concern SABE

David Alder – Chiltern Neighbourhood Watch Representative

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Jacqueline Austin-Lavery – Community Links Officer – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Matt Bezzant – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Age Concern Slough & Berkshire East – Potential befriending scheme

- Tereena Davies, CEO and Dr Chris Herman, Trustee, of Age Concern Slough and Berkshire East gave the sub-group an overview of the befriending service provided by their organisation in Windsor and Maidenhead. Points raised included the following:
 - The service included visiting residents in their own homes
 - Needs assessments were carried out by trained professionals in residents' homes and all staff and volunteers were fully DBS checked
 - Referrals came from GPs and organisations as well as families
- It was noted that the Burnham Resilience Group was operating a buddy up system calling elderly people in the Burnham area by phone.

- The sub-group agreed that a befriending service would be beneficial to residents in the area, and it was felt that a service which brought professional experience together with volunteers would be preferable. A query was raised over cost given the Board's limited budget, and it was explained in response that due to the bespoke nature of the service it was not possible to provide an estimate of cost without further discussion. It was agreed that this should be explored further with Age Concern to get a clearer set of requirements and an idea of cost.

2. Updates and Actions from previous meeting

- Street Associations: David Alder, Chiltern Neighbourhood Watch, explained that the organisation was looking to encourage residents who had volunteered during the pandemic to join their local Neighbourhood Watch groups. It was noted that Neighbourhood Watch had a broader community aspect, similar to Street Associations, which was not just limited to preventing crime but also reducing isolation and improving community resilience. The sub-group recognised that there were also other groups such as the Stoke Poges Good Neighbour Scheme and Burnham Resilience Group who had a number of volunteers and were working to keep them engaged. It was suggested that these groups could work with Neighbourhood watch and possibly explore forming Street Associations in areas where these did not exist.
- It was noted that plans were in place for colocation of services at a local medical centre, particularly services for elderly residents, and it was suggested that this could be something to explore across the board area.
- Supporting isolated residents through technology and digital training: The Clare Foundation were delivering a scheme to offer devices (Kraydel Connect hubs) to older people which could convert televisions into video calling platforms. It was agreed that this was something which should be explored further with a view to funding the delivery of devices in the Beeches area.
- Dementia initiative: Discussions had taken place with Making Marlow Dementia Friendly (MMDF) to find out how they had taken their project forward. Ideas included providing training for local businesses/organisations to make high streets more accessible. A price for providing training from the Dementia Tour bus had been obtained and this would be £1,050 for one day. It was agreed that this should be explored further.
- Christmas support for isolated residents: It was noted that the Monday Club in Burnham were looking to provide hampers to vulnerable residents at Christmas and the group agreed that this was a good initiative. A roundtable event with organisations across Buckinghamshire was taking place on 23rd October, and any ideas from this event would be fed back to the sub-group to take forward.

3. Discussion

- A discussion took place around safe re-opening of community clubs for older people. It was noted that due to the Covid-19 regulations it was very difficult

for these clubs to run in person, and older people also tended to be less confident in using technology to socialise. It was suggested that as part of a Christmas scheme carol singers could visit isolated residents, perhaps using local parks and open spaces as a base to operate in a socially distanced way. This could build upon the idea of clapping for the NHS which did encourage residents to socialise from their own gardens/doorsteps.

- Hospital transport: With many volunteer drivers in the vulnerable category, there was a shortage of available hospital transport. The Chairman agreed to look into what the Council could provide locally and report back to the sub-group.

4. Actions

- Jack to meet with Age Concern to explore the befriending service and possible costs
- David to send Neighbourhood Watch poster to Jack. Jack to circulate to the sub-group.
- Paul to follow up with Jack on conversations with the PCN and CCG around colocation of services.
- Jack to explore with the Clare Foundation potential for taking the Kraydel Connect project forward in the area. Jack to circulate information to the sub-group.
- Jack to circulate information on dementia training initiative.
- Jack to circulate ideas from the Clare Foundation Christmas initiative roundtable event.
- Trevor to look into options for hospital transport provision.

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Beeches Community Board – Young People Sub-group

Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 10am via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Barbara Gibbs – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor John Carey – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Stuart Parker – Community Youth Development Manager, Family Support Service – Buckinghamshire Council

Debbie Hulme – Community Coordinator, Family Support Service – Buckinghamshire Council

Becca Nutley – Community Youth Ventures CIC

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Notes and actions from last meeting

- Youth Councils: The group supported setting up a Youth Council and discussed how to take this forward. It was agreed that local scout and guide groups should be approached, as well as local schools and youth clubs. Consideration would need to be given to how the youth council was set up and how representatives would be chosen. It was noted that other Community Boards had invited young people to their sub-group meetings and it was agreed that this should also be done in Beeches. It was agreed that youth representatives should be identified and invited to the next meeting of the sub-group.
- Youth outreach work: The group agreed that there was a need to engage with young people who were not part of youth clubs or other organised activities. It was suggested that the Council's youth workers could carry out a scoping exercise to find out what the needs of young people in the area were and what activities or provision they would want. This could then be fed back and opportunities for outreach work with external partners could be explored. It was noted that LEAP had provided funding for a boot camp in

Denham in response to the wishes of young people, similar activities could be provided in Beeches if young people felt that they were needed.

2. Items submitted for discussion

- Lack of secondary education provision in Burnham: The group discussed this issue which had arisen following the closure of Burnham Park Academy in 2019. This had meant that children from Burnham were attending a variety of schools outside the area, leading to a fragmented youth society in Burnham. There was some support amongst the group for a new school in Burnham however it was acknowledged that pupil numbers would pose a significant challenge. For a new school to be viable it would need to be successful enough to attract both pupils from Burnham and children from outside the area.
- Mental health and wellbeing for young people: It was noted that lockdown had led to a lack of face to face contact amongst young people which had a negative impact on mental health. Schools had noticed more pupils with mental health issues and behavioural issues since returning after lockdown. Organisations such as the Burnham Resilience Group had been providing activity packs to schools during the pandemic but it was felt that additional resources were needed. It was noted that the Council did have an early help forum which was solutions focused and provide support and advice. Often services for young people were available but they were not always well publicised. It was noted that there was a national initiative to provide help to parents with children suffering from anxiety which could be explored. It was also recognised that teachers at Bourne End E-Act Academy had received training on mental health first aid and this could be explored for other schools in the area. The group queried whether mental health first aid training could be funded by the Community Board, and it was agreed that this should be explored and brought back to the next meeting.

3. Actions and next steps

- Jack to approach local youth clubs to discuss representatives for a youth council. Paula to contact Burnham Scouts/Guides, Dev to contact Burnham Grammar School and John to contact Bourne End School.
- Jack to arrange a meeting with Stuart and Becca to discuss youth outreach.
- Jack to circulate FOI information on Burnham Park Academy pupil numbers once received from Dev.
- Debbie to send info to Jack on early help which would be circulated.
- Jack to explore national initiative for parents of children with anxiety.
- Jack to find out whether the Board could fund mental health training first aid for teachers and youth club workers.

4. Date of next meeting

- Jack to identify a date in early December for the next meeting and circulate to the group



Beeches Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21 Date of Decision 18/11/20

Organisation Name	Dorney Playground Management Group
Project Name	Leisure Activities and Youth Restart
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£2509.51
Amount of Match Funding	N/A
Amount being applied for	£2509.51
Amount suggested	£2509.51

Project Summary

Repairs to Dorney playground following lack of maintenance and vandalism during the Covid-19 lockdown at a cost of £2109.07. This will ensure that play equipment is safe for children to use and allow the playground to fully reopen.

Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to enable the volunteer run Youth Club to operate safely, at a cost of £400.44

How does the project address local priorities?

Young People: This project will benefit young people in the Dorney area, by allowing both the playground and youth club to reopen fully. The playground is managed by a volunteer committee which has fundraised to install both a playground and a Multi-Use Games Area in Dorney in the past decade. Some pieces of play equipment have been damaged due to lack of maintenance and vandalism during lockdown. Repairs to this play equipment will allow the playground to fully reopen, providing a vital facility for children and families in the area.

Pre Covid-19 Dorney Youth Club attracted at least 25 youth members on a weekly basis with 40 children on their register. The Youth Club has had to pause its activities as they could not be run safely without the purchase of PPE equipment to keep volunteers and children safe. Purchasing this equipment will enable the youth club to re-open in a Covid secure manner.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Strengthening Our Communities: Ensuring that playground is safe and accessible for all will allow the community to use the facilities to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Involving local volunteers in the project ensures that local people are playing an active part in their community, building a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Protecting the Vulnerable: Given the difficulties presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, including increased loneliness, vulnerability and reduced activity, there is an even greater need for community projects such

as this which provide recreation facilities. There are children from low income families who rely on the youth club to meet others, enjoy activities and be an active part of their community. Volunteers also benefit from a sense of achievement and involvement.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Dorney Playground Management Committee paid for an inspection by an approved playground inspector which identified the works needed to bring the playground back into safe use. The Committee requested a quotation for these works which has been provided with their application.

In relation to the purchase of PPE equipment, the applicant has made enquiries with suppliers to obtain costings for the equipment required. Costs provided are: £18.99 x6 (113.94) for masks, £118.80 for a hand sanitiser station, and for hand sanitiser refills £27.95 x6 (£167.70)

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application was discussed in principle at the Beeches Community Board meeting on 17 September. Members were supportive of the application, provided that no other sources of funding within the Council were available. The revenues team subsequently confirmed that no Covid related grants were available to Dorney Youth Club.

The Management Committee have previously fundraised to provide new play equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area for the village. Costs are usually covered by fundraising events, however these have not been possible in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Committee need to secure other sources of funding in order to keep the facilities operational and safe this year. This application fits with the Community Board's priority for Young People, as it will enable vital facilities that improve mental and physical wellbeing to re-open safely.

The application makes reference to maintenance costs for Dorney tennis courts, which are managed by the Playground Management Committee. The tennis courts are free to access and provide a much needed recreation and exercise facility for adults and children in the village. Unfortunately, the funding criteria makes it clear that funding should not be used for maintenance costs of organisations, and the applicant has been advised that funding provided by the Community Board cannot be used for this purpose.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.

Beeches Community Board Budget – 18 November 2020**Community Area Priorities Fund**

Budget: £86,513.00 (up to 50% can be spent on transport/highways projects)

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Type
Farnham Common A355	£10,002.98	£5,001.49	50%	Transport
Burnham Dropped Kerbs	£7,969.73	£3,984.87	50%	Transport
Rogers Lane Stoke Poges	£12,048.19	£6,024.10	50%	Transport
Total Committed to Date		£15,010.45		
Total Committed on Priorities		£0		
Total Committed on Transport		£15,010.45		
Transport Budget Remaining		£28,246.05		
Total Budget Remaining		£71,502.55		

Health & Wellbeing Budget

Budget: £27,506 (£2,751 was added to the budget from the Rothschild Foundation for Covid-19 response)

Project Name	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Type
Farnham Parish Council - Covid 19	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
Burnham Parish Council - Burnham Resilience Group	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
Woodstocks Café - Covid 19	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
Woodstocks Café - Covid 19 #2	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
One Can Trust - Covid 19	£500.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
May's Chocolate/Burnham Foodshare - Covid 19	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
Thames Valley Adventure Playground - Covid 19	£2,000.00	n/a	Cllr Crisis Fund
Total Committed to Date	£12,500.00		
Total Committed to Cllr Crisis Fund	£12,500.00		
Total Committed on Health & Wellbeing	£0.00		
Health & Wellbeing Budget Remaining	£17,757.00		

Local Infrastructure Fund

Budget: £21,873.00

Total Committed to Date	£0.00
Infrastructure Fund Budget Remaining	£21,873.00



Beeches Community Board Action Plan

November 2020

Author: Jack Pearce

Date: 9 November 2020

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Introduction

The Beeches Community Board covers the parishes of Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Taplow. The aim of the Board is to improve outcomes for residents through ensuring strong connections between Buckinghamshire Council and the local community. This will be achieved by ensuring that Board members are able to make recommendations on local issues, and that they can influence the Council's service design and delivery in the local area. The Board will also work in partnership with a range of local stakeholders to find solutions to local concerns.

Funding

The 16 Community Boards across Buckinghamshire have been given a collective budget of £3.9 million. The budget is split into three funding streams:

- Community Area Priorities Fund
- Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Local Infrastructure Fund

The Community Area Priorities Fund is to be used to support local projects which will help improve outcomes for residents that address the area priorities determined by each Community Board, as well as support the delivery of Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan. The overall budget is split between the 16 Boards with a top-up based on population.

The Health and Wellbeing Fund is to be used to support local projects which will help improve the health and wellbeing of residents. The overall budget is split between the 16 Boards with a top-up based on deprivation.

The Local Infrastructure Fund is to support community infrastructure needs. It can be used to support the upgrading of existing and/or new physical and/or social infrastructure. The overall budget is allocated based on the number of new homes proposed for each Board area according to the draft or published Local Plans.

For the Beeches Community Board, the levels of funding for 2020/21 are as follows:

Community Area Priorities Fund	Health & Wellbeing Fund	Infrastructure Fund	Total
£86, 513	£27,506	£21,873.00	£135,892.00

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of the Health and Wellbeing Fund was allocated to the new Councillor Crisis Fund, which provided a source of funding for organisations and

groups responding urgently to the pandemic. £12,500 was given to various local organisations from the Councillor Crisis Fund.

In November 2020 £20,000 was made available as part of the Community Board Crisis Fund. This funding was opened in response to the second national lockdown to support local organisations providing assistance to vulnerable residents. Any unspent funding will be re-allocated to the overall budget.

Local Infrastructure Fund allocations were reviewed in October 2020 and Beeches was subsequently allocated £21,873 for 2020/21.

Local Priorities

The Community Board has identified some initial broad priority areas which will form part of the criteria for assessing applications to the Local Area Priorities Fund and Health and Wellbeing Fund. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Board has not been able to consult with a wide range of partners and members of the public in setting its local priorities. The priorities can be reviewed by the Board at any time and it is expected that a review of these initial priorities, including engagement with stakeholders, community groups and residents, will take place within a year.

Infrastructure and Highways

The Board has identified infrastructure and highways as key priorities for the local area. This includes the provision of infrastructure to support increased development and the maintenance and improvement of the highway network. It also includes road safety and improvements of footpaths and pedestrian accesses.

Although major infrastructure projects and highways schemes are out of scope as the Board can only spend up to 50% of its Community Area Priorities Fund (£43,256.50 for 2020/21) on highways, the Board can still play a major role in influencing decisions in these areas.

Current areas of focus for the Infrastructure and Highways sub-group include:

- Drainage and flooding
- Identifying key local infrastructure needs
- Active travel

Supporting Older and Vulnerable People

The Beeches area has a higher proportion of residents aged 65 or older than the Buckinghamshire average. There are also a significant number of residents suffering from long term illnesses which make them more vulnerable and in need of support. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the needs of older vulnerable people, and it is clear that they will need ongoing community support whilst the recovery from Covid-19 is underway and

possibly beyond. The Board has therefore identified supporting older and vulnerable people as a key priority for the local area.

Current areas of focus for the Supporting Older and Vulnerable People sub-group include:

- Setting up/expanding Street Associations and/or Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Supporting isolated residents, including through technology
- Improving the local community for Dementia sufferers and their families
- Supporting isolated and vulnerable residents at Christmas

Young People

The Board has also highlighted supporting younger people (aged 25 and below) as a key priority for the local area. Employment and debt are likely to be issues affecting this group, as a larger percentage of young people work in industries which are more adversely affected by Covid-19 such as the hospitality sector. There will also be issues with children who have fallen behind at school due to the pandemic and may need extra support going forward.

The public health profile for the Beeches Board showed that there are a higher percentage of overweight and obese primary school children in the area than the Buckinghamshire average. Projects which focus on healthy eating and promoting physical activity in young people may be encouraged in order to address this issue. The Board area also has a higher proportion of physically inactive adults than the county average, and intervention in childhood could be an effective way to prevent a new generation from following this trend.

Current areas of focus for the Young People sub-group include:

- Setting up a Youth Council for the Beeches area
- Commissioning Youth Outreach work, to identify the needs of Young People in the area and engage with young people who are not involved in existing clubs and activities.
- Improving mental health and wellbeing

Actions for 2020/21

Action	Due Date	Status	Notes
Identify initial priorities for 2020/21	31.07.20	Complete	Initial priorities agreed, noted that these would be reviewed within a year
Establish sub-groups for each priority area	31.08.20	Complete	Sub-groups established for Infrastructure & Highways, Supporting Older & Vulnerable People, and Young People
Develop and support sub-groups	31.03.21	Ongoing	Each sub-group has a Chairman and established membership, along with ad hoc attendees. Sub-groups meet at least once between each Community Board meeting, to discuss issues in detail and explore ideas for projects. They are attended by a range of internal and external partners to provide expertise on specific issues. Sub-groups will also discuss applications received ahead of a decision being made at full Community Board meetings.
Build and develop connections with partners in the local area	n/a	Ongoing	Initial introductions made with Parish Council clerks. Introductions made with a number of community organisations and VCS partners through Community Board Coordinator stakeholder sessions. Partners have been invited to attend sub-group meetings where relevant. Discussions ongoing and Community Board is open to conversations with any local stakeholders.
Advertise Community Board funding opportunities and encourage applications from local organisations	31.03.21	Ongoing	Funding presentation delivered at Board meeting on 17.09.20. Criteria and process information circulated to all Community Board members by email. Funding information, criteria and process published on Buckinghamshire Council website. Updates and information also discussed during sub-groups.
Assess applications as they are received and agree funding allocations	31.03.21	Ongoing	Highways/transport applications for 2020/21 assessed and agreed at September CB meeting. Coordinator has held several conversations with potential applicants for CA Priorities fund, and has offered

			advice on criteria and process. 2020/21 budget must be allocated by 31.03.21.
Set up Facebook Page and Newsletter	31.11.20	Ongoing	Facebook page set up and active. Newsletter in development, waiting for template and platform to be provided by Communications Team. Newsletter will initially be published quarterly.

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**Consultation and Engagement Activities
Community Boards Update - November 2020**

Current county-wide consultations

Title and description	Status	Start	Finish
<p><u>Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Statement 2021/22 Consultation</u> We are asking for views on proposals to update the content of the Policy and Statement by providing clarification and more detail to some areas. This is based on feedback we have received over the last 12 months and aims to provide clearer information and guidance to students and families so they can make informed choices about their school transport. We are also asking people to respond on proposed options for how transport for eligible post-16 students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is arranged and paid for from September 2021. The consultation provides an overview summary, an Easy Read summary, associated documents, an online survey and a printed version of the survey. Everything is available on the consultation webpage and print versions are also available on request. We are also holding online consultation events where you can hear about possible changes to the Policy and ask questions. These will take place on Tuesday 10 November, 7-8pm or Thursday 19 November, 10.30-11.30am. Any changes implemented as a result of this consultation are planned to be published in April 2021 for the academic year 2021/22.</p> <p>Contact <u>H2STpolicyconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</u> or 01296 382891</p>	Live Countywide	12/10/20	07/12/20

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<p><u>Taxi Licensing Policy Consultation</u> Following a <u>public survey</u> in September this year, ongoing conversations with the taxi trade and discussions with Elected Members, the findings from these have helped inform the development of our Draft Taxi Licensing Policy. The public and stakeholder consultation will ask for feedback on the proposed content within the Draft Policy. It will include an online survey, printed survey on request and consultation direct with the trade.</p> <p>Contact <u>taxilicensing.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</u></p>	Live countywide	10/11/20	20/12/20