



Beeches Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 17 February 2021

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 Wednesday 18 November 2020 via Microsoft Teams, commencing at 2.00 pm and concluding at 3.32 pm.

Committee members present

D Anthony (Chairman), R Bagge, M Bezzant, D Dhillon, T Egleton, B Gibbs, L Hazell, M Lewis, N Naylor, D Pepler and G Sandy, J Carey (Burnham Parish Council), S Moffat (Dorney Parish Council (Clerk)), A Purdie (Dorney Parish Council), M Rolfe (Farnham Royal Parish Council), P Prince, V Nicholas, R Worthington (Taplow Parish Council), C Owen, M Gallagher, J Hall (Farnham Royal Parish Council (Clerk))

Officers in attendance

Emma Denley (Localism Manager), Tom Fowler (Democratic Services Officer), Debbie Hulme (Community Coordinator) and Jack Pearce (Community Board Coordinator for Beeches) S James (Service Director – Education)

Apologies

P Kelly

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 Councillor Paul Kelly.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.

5 Support Hubs presentation

Emma Denley, Localism Manager, gave a presentation on the work of the Support Hubs.

- Advice had been given to the shielded group to follow similar guidance to the last lockdown, with the notable inclusion of allowing support bubble contact.
- Calls were being made to those who were classified as vulnerable to check on their wellbeing.
- Charities such as Carers Bucks were being enabled by the Council to provide support for care workers.

6 Sub-group Updates

The sub-group chairs gave their updates to the Community Board.

- Councillor Ralph Bagge gave an update of the Infrastructure & Highways sub-group. The Burnham & Taplow parking scheme would possibly go to the Community board at a future date, pending discussions with the Parish Councils. Flooding hotspots for the area were being compiled and Jack was to work with TFB on this issue. Potential transport schemes were being catalogued for potential funding in the future.
- Councillor Trevor Egleton gave an update of the Supporting Older & Vulnerable people sub-group. Street associations had been discussed, which would enable the welfare of vulnerable elderly residents to be monitored. Neighbourhood Watch had attended the subgroup and were also looking to work with existing Covid response groups in a similar way to Street Associations. The Clare Foundation were piloting a scheme to help elderly residents get online and communicate. A Christmas card plan for a local resident was raised and details were to be circulated.
- Councillor Dev Dhillon gave an update of the Young Peoples sub-group. It was reported there were at least 10 young people interested in joining a youth parliament in the area. There was also a school council being setup at Bourne End Academy which could then link in with a potential youth council for Beeches. Mental health of young people was a primary concern due to lockdown and employment concerns.

Actions:

- **Jack to work with TFB to compile flooding hotspots for the Community Board area and develop an action plan.**
- **Jack to enquire with the Parking Manager on arrangements to present Burnham & Taplow scheme to the Parish Councils.**
- **Jack to liaise with Paula Prince on funding routes available for Community Board applications.**

7 Covid-19 Response

The Covid-19 response for Community Boards was laid out.

- Crisis funding has been made available and members of the board were encouraged to contact Jack for this.
- Feedback was being collated from groups that had received previous funding, a breakdown was included with the Budget Update.

8 Proposed Roundabout on Lake End Road, Dorney

The application for the proposed Roundabout on Lake End, Dorney was approved for

funding.

9 Community Matters

There were no questions submitted.

10 Community Board Funding Applications for Approval

The application from the Dorney Playground Management Group was approved for funding.

11 Slough Multifuel Construction Project Liaison Group

No update available.

12 Engagement Update

Jack updated the Community Board on engagement.

- The Facebook page for the board was up and running, members were encouraged to like and share it to raise visibility.
- A newsletter was confirmed to be in the pipeline and a platform for this was to be arranged through the communications team. It was expected that the newsletter would be produced quarterly.

13 Budget Update

A budget update was provided to the Community Board.

- It was confirmed funds would need to be allocated to priorities by 31st March 2021.
- The Community Board had allocated £20,000 to the Crisis fund. The £17,000 from the Health and Wellbeing Fund would be used first for this Crisis Fund.

Actions:

- **Councillor Trevor Egleton and Councillor George Sandy to investigate Kissing Gate options and funding routes.**

14 Community Board Action Plan

The Community Board Action Plan was noted.

15 Ongoing Buckinghamshire Council Consultations

The Ongoing Buckinghamshire Council Consultations were noted.

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We the undersigned petition the council to find a solution to traffic problems immediately around Burnham Beeches

Residents of Farnham Common, are deeply concerned and unhappy about the increasingly dangerous traffic situation caused by inconsiderate parking on roads immediately around Burnham Beeches. Pedestrians are routinely forced into the road by pavement parking, often with pushchairs/wheelchairs/mobility walkers. Drivers are forced onto the wrong side of the road by illegal parking, and there have been many near misses, both with other vehicles and pedestrians. Residents are also faced with difficulty accessing their driveways because of inconsiderate parking, and visitors and tradesmen often cannot park because entire roads have been taken up by people who are not prepared to pay to park in Burnham Beeches or the village car park.

Please can the Council take a long term view of this situation, which has been getting worse incrementally and has been impacted, not only by Covid 19, but by a shifting demographic with more people moving to the area. Thank you.

This ePetition ran from 12/11/2020 to 10/12/2020 and has now finished.

195 people signed this ePetition.

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Beeches Community Board – Infrastructure & Highways Sub-Group

Wednesday 20th January 2021 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 Trevor Egelton – Stoke Poges Parish Council

Councillor Roger Worthington – Taplow Parish Council

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Notes and actions from previous meeting

- The notes of the last meeting were agreed.
- It was advised that any defects or maintenance issues should first be reported online via Fix My Street (<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>). If the issue is not resolved it can be escalated but the Customer Reference Number produced when an issue is logged on Fix My Street would be needed in order to follow up.

2. Update on 2020/21 applications

- The following applications had been agreed by the Community Board for 2020/21, purchase orders had been raised with TfB and an update on timescales for delivery was expected soon.
 - i. Farnham A355 road safety improvements outside Farnham Common Infant & Junior Schools
 - ii. Burnham High Street installation of dropped kerbs
 - iii. Stoke Poges Rogers Lane implementation of waiting restrictions

- The Community Board had agreed to provide funding towards the design and safety audits for the installation of a mini roundabout at the junction of Lake End Road and Court Lane, Dorney. TfB were currently undertaking these works with a deadline for completion of mid-February. Highways England would then be responsible for the delivery of the roundabout.
- The application for a zebra crossing on Gore Road, Burnham had been withdrawn by the Parish Council.

3. Update on applications received for 2021/22

- The following applications for highways projects in 2021/22 had been received:
 - i. Farnham Royal PC – installation of pedestrian and cycle crossing of Farnham Lane in vicinity of Bishops Orchard, and re-route of National Cycle Route 461
 - ii. Farnham Royal PC – resolution of flooding issues near ATS Tyres
 - iii. Dropmore Infant School – road safety improvements outside the school including installation of pavement and safe crossing to allow parents to park in Jolly Woodman pub and St Anne’s Church. Additional pavement on Wooburn Green Road and installation of electronic 20mph signs
 - iv. Dorney PC – installation of automatic flashing 20mph sign, or two standard 20mph signs on Oak Stubbs Lane and Harcourt Road. Installation of Children Crossing sign at entrance to Harcourt Close
 - v. Farnham Royal PC – relocation of dropped kerbs on Templewood Lane to enhance pedestrian safety
 - vi. Farnham Royal PC – Blackpond Lane footway extension, to achieve a continuous footway so that pedestrians can safely access the surgery and village centre
 - vii. Stoke Poges PC – Making Hollybush Hill pedestrian friendly.
- A petition had also been received regarding parking issues at Burnham Beeches. This would be presented to the next full meeting of the Community Board on 17th February 2021.

4. Beeches Active Travel Strategy

- The sub-group considered the Active Travel Strategy which had been produced by Farnham Royal Parish Council. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of producing and adopting an Active Travel Strategy for the whole Beeches Community Board, possibly including other neighbouring Boards.
- The sub-group agreed that active travel was an important issue. Encouraging and enabling residents to access local amenities via walking and cycling was vital, not only because of the health benefits that exercise would bring but also for the local environment. It was acknowledged that local shops and town centres were seeing increased footfall due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it was expected that this would continue with the shift to working from home. Providing safe, convenient access to high streets and town/villages centres was therefore key.

- To enable active travel, it was agreed that footpaths needed to be cleared and maintained so that safe walking routes were available. Improved cycle routes were also required.
- It was agreed that other Parish Councils within the Community Board area should be approached to gauge their interest in producing an Active Travel Strategy. Other neighbouring Boards should also be approached as many of the key routes in the Beeches area would link to other Board areas. If feedback is positive, a working group should be established to progress the strategy.

5. Open Discussion

- A discussion was held around congestion on the A4 Bath Road. It was noted that congestion on local roads and the resulting pollution were having an effect on air quality and it was felt that this should be addressed through an Active Travel Strategy.
- Maintenance of pathways was raised as an issue, especially as paths were often blocked by vegetation. Parish Councils were looking for support from Buckinghamshire Council when requiring residents to maintain hedges which were encroaching onto pathways. It was agreed that the procedure would be circulated.

6. Actions

- Jack to investigate how £2.261 million of government funding has been spent in Buckinghamshire on active travel and what proportion of this has been allocated to Beeches.
- Jack and Ralph to approach Parish Councils within the area and neighbouring Boards to gauge interest in producing a local Active Travel Strategy.
- Jack to circulate the procedure for Parish Councils when escalating issues with hedge cutting.

7. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 17th March 2021

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

Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Trevor Egleton – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Paul Rowley – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Jackie Slater – Burnham Royal British Legion

George Chapman – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Shirley Shaw – Burnham Intergenerational Programme

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Jacqueline Austin-Lavery – Community Links Officer – Buckinghamshire Council

Debbie Hulme – Community Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council Family Support Service

Apologies:

David Alder – Chiltern Neighbourhood Watch Representative

1. Updates and Actions from previous meeting

- Street Associations and Neighbourhood Watch:
 - i. In relation to the notes of the previous meeting, it was clarified that Neighbourhood Watch wished to work with support groups and volunteers who had been part of the Covid-19 response to create more permanent support networks. A campaign called “Stronger Together” was being launched to encourage existing volunteers to become part of Neighbourhood Watch to ensure that the community support would continue going forward.
 - ii. George Chapman and Paul Rowley were to work on bringing together volunteers in the Farnhams to be part of Neighbourhood Watch by contacting existing street coordinators. It was agreed that involving younger volunteers would be beneficial. This approach could then be used as an example for other areas such as Stoke Poges.

- iii. Due to the effects of the pandemic, which had lasted for almost a year, there was a sense of volunteer fatigue. It was suggested that January may be a good time to target new or returning volunteers.
- Supporting isolated residents through technology: The Clare Foundation pilot scheme was ongoing and it was expected that this would be expanded in future if successful. Age UK Buckinghamshire had also launched a scheme in November to help older residents access technology called the “Digital Connections Project”. Information on how to refer older residents was to be circulated. It was felt that this issue was particularly important given the drive to provide services online, which was excluding residents without access to the internet.
- Christmas support schemes for isolated residents: There were a number of support schemes in the Community Board area aimed at helping isolated residents and those in financial difficulty. The Board had agreed funding for various projects including the provision of Christmas parcels, hot food takeaway and restocking food banks. There were also other organisations in the area providing hampers and food vouchers.
- Colocation of medical services: The three medical centres in the area were forming a Primary Care Network to increase specialisation and capacity. It was suggested that the Chair of the new PCN be invited to a future meeting of the sub-group. Concerns were raised around elderly people being unable to have advocates with them at appointments, and it was agreed that this and other concerns could be raised with the PCN if a representative was able to attend a future meeting.
- Young carers: A discussion had taken place with the Young Carers service manager who had indicated that Christmas parcels with toys and games for young carers were already being produced centrally. There was potential for a pilot scheme to support young carers to be run in the Board area in 2021, although it was noted that there were difficulties for countywide organisations working with 16 different Community Boards and a coordinated approach was needed. It was noted that toys had been knitted to include in the Christmas boxes, and this would be followed up.

2. Open Discussion

- Royal British Legion anniversary: The Royal British Legion was celebrating its centenary in 2021 and there were a number of projects being considered to engage and support its members. This would be particularly beneficial to those who were isolated. It was suggested that the Community Board could be approached for funding towards these projects.
- Burnham Intergenerational Programme: Shirley Shaw shared information on the Burnham Intergenerational Programme which had been working with St Peter’s school and local elderly residents for a number of years. This had been a successful programme which had benefitted many children and older adults in the area, and it was suggested that it could be expanded. It was agreed that a presentation would be given at the next meeting so that other organisations could find out more and potentially take the project forward in other schools.

- Format of meetings: It was agreed that actions and next steps should be taken off the agenda and that more specific themed meetings would be useful going forward. It was also suggested that Taplow and Dorney Parish Councils should be approached to increase the representation on the sub-group.

3. Actions and next steps

- Jack to forward details of the Stronger Together campaign to sub-group members
- George and Paul to work on developing Neighbourhood Watch in the Farnhams
- Jack to circulate information on Age UK digital connections project
- Paul Rowley to approach the PCN to discuss inviting the Chair to a future meeting of the sub-group
- Jack to follow up with Carers Bucks on knitted toys for Christmas boxes
- Shirley to be invited to give a presentation on the Intergenerational Programme at the next meeting
- Jack to look at improving the agenda/format of meetings
- Jack and Trevor to approach Taplow and Dorney to encourage representation on the sub-group

4. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 26th January at 6pm

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

Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Trevor Egleton – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council
Councillor – Dev Dhillon – Buckinghamshire Council
Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council
Councillor Marlene Lewis – Buckinghamshire Council
Councillor Paul Rowley – Farnham Royal Parish Council
Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience CIO
Jackie Slater – Burnham Parish Council
George Chapman – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club
Shirley Shaw – Burnham Intergenerational Programme
Jade Kidd – Maidenhead Advertiser
Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council
Debbie Hulme – Community Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council Family Support Service

Apologies:

David Alder – Chiltern Neighbourhood Watch Representative
Jacqueline Austin-Lavery – Community Links Officer – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Notes of previous meeting

- The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.
- The “Stronger Together” initiative was promoted, which sought to make existing community support groups more permanent by setting up or joining with networks such as Neighbourhood Watch.

2. Presentation and discussion – Burnham Intergenerational Programme

- The sub-group received a presentation on the Burnham Intergenerational Programme from Shirley Shaw (presentation slides to be circulated with the notes).
- Following the presentation the below points were discussed:
 - i. A marketing campaign was in development to promote the programme and resources.
 - ii. The programme was currently funded by Burnham Health Promotion Trust, however it was hoped that the new website would develop some revenue through the sale of pre-prepared resources.
 - iii. The programme had been very successful in Burnham, however there had not previously been the resources and funding to expand more widely. Further funding and volunteers would be needed to expand the programme, but the model could be easily replicated in other areas with local volunteers taking responsibility to run projects.
 - iv. It was noted that Rotary could be a good option for taking the project forward, given their established network of contacts with local schools.
 - v. Plans were in place to publicise the programme during intergenerational week from 8th-14th March. It was suggested that Parish and local newsletters would be a good method of promotion, as well as through the Community Board channels. It was noted that schools were currently closed and facing significant pressures with teaching remotely. Raising awareness of the project in spring would be positive, with the anticipation that projects may be able to start in autumn.

3. Community Board Funding Application – Pen-Pal Project

- The sub-group discussed a funding application from Burnham Resilience CIO to set up a pen-pal project linking children from a local primary school with 30 older residents. It was clarified that the funding was for an initial pilot project with children from one primary school, but it could be expanded in future if it was successful.
- It was explained that older residents had been referred through local churches, Burnham Resilience and the Monday Club. It was confirmed that appropriate safeguarding measures were in place to ensure the welfare and confidentiality of the adults and children
- The sub-group supported the application, which would be taken to the next full Community Board meeting for decision.

4. Open Discussion

- It was suggested that planning for Christmas 2021 should begin shortly to ensure that all groups are adequately prepared and that there is coordination across the area. It was agreed that the relevant local support groups and voluntary organisations should be brought together to co-ordinate and ensure that funding is agreed well in advance.

- An update was given on the current Community Board budget. It was agreed that there was a need to be more proactive with funding, and to identify projects that the Board could support. The next meeting would involve a discussion on forward planning to help identify areas of interest or specific projects which the Board could support and fund.

5. Actions and next steps

- Sub-group to explore possibilities of expanding the Intergenerational Programme and developing projects in each Parish.
- Jack to circulate any further information from Shirley on the programme, and to share information via the Board's network.
- Jack to set up a meeting of local voluntary and charity groups regarding Christmas 2021 support
- To add an item on project scoping/forward planning to the next meeting agenda

6. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 23rd March at 6pm

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Beeches Community Board – Young People Sub-group

Thursday 10th December 2020 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor John Carey – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Colin Gash – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

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

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Barbara Gibbs – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Notes and actions from last meeting

- Youth Council: A discussion was held around plans for a Youth Council in the Beeches area. It was noted that external capacity would be needed to facilitate the Council, and it was suggested that Burnham Youth Club may be able to provide a youth worker to help with the initial set up. It was agreed that an initial scoping document and draft terms of reference be produced which could be sent to organisations to gauge interest. Issues discussed included:
 - i. Timing of meetings – this would depend whether pupils could take time out of the school day to attend
 - ii. Venues and possible rotation (although virtual meetings would be used during the pandemic)
 - iii. Number of participants and representation – schools (1 pupil from year 7 and one from year 11 or 12 at each school), youth clubs, scouts/guides, also children in the care system, pupils with SEN,

- young carers etc. to provide a broad spectrum. Question as to whether year 5 pupils from primary schools could be included.
- iv. How participants are chosen – ask all schools/youth groups to nominate representatives
 - v. First meeting – acknowledgement that schools are under pressure due to Covid and may have limited resources to help during the pandemic
 - vi. Eligibility – participants must live in the Beeches area, rather than just attend a school in the area. There is also a need to engage with schools outside the area which children from Beeches attend.
 - vii. Appeal – would need to consider how the Youth Council can appeal to young people. Good for CV, personal development etc. but also a chance to make a difference in the area. Council could make applications to the Community Board for funding towards projects which would empower young people to make changes in their local area.
- Youth Outreach: Discussions had taken place with the Council’s Community Safety team and Thames Valley Police, to gather information on where youth outreach work would be best targeted in the Board area. The Community Safety team were in the process of producing community profiles for each Board, which would highlight issues in each area and assist in deciding where and how to allocate resources. It was agreed that this item would be revisited once the profiles were available, which was expected to be in January 2021.
 - Mental health first aid training in schools: It was agreed that schools and youth clubs/groups should be approached to assess whether they would be interested in receiving training for their staff/volunteers. If there was interest, an application could be made to the Community Board to provide funding to cover the cost. It was noted that other Boards were also considering this, and there was potential for funding to be provided jointly by multiple Boards.

2. Items for discussion

- A question was raised as to whether Community Boards could provide funding for local schools. It was advised in response that Community Boards could not provide funding to schools for operational or maintenance costs, as these were funded already by Buckinghamshire Council/Department for Education. However, if there were one-off projects that required funding, particularly if they had a benefit to the wider community, then these could be considered.

3. Actions and next steps

- Jack to draft an initial scoping document setting out the intentions for the Youth Council. This document can then be shared with the sub-group, together with information from Stuart on other Youth Councils in the area. If these are acceptable, schools/youth organisations to be approached to gauge interest and capacity.

- Jack to work with Dev to draft a letter to local schools and youth organisations asking whether they would be interested in receiving mental health first aid training for their staff/volunteers.
- Stuart to send info to Jack on mental health first aid training providers. Jack to explore costs/arrangements.
- Jack to share information on Burnham Intergenerational Programme.

4. Date of next meeting

- 21st January at 6pm

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Beeches Community Board – Young People Sub-group

Thursday 21st January 2021 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor John Carey – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Colin Gash – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

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

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Barbara Gibbs – Buckinghamshire Council

1. Notes of last meeting

- The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Youth Council Setup

- A proposed scoping document setting out the aims of the Youth Council and options for the practical arrangements had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The sub-group discussed the document and raised the following points:
 - i. In order to keep the number of participants manageable it was agreed that participation should be limited to secondary school age pupils. It was also agreed that 1 young person should participate from each of the secondary schools identified in the document, and Priory School should also be included. Schools should be approached and asked to nominate a student from any year, living in the Beeches area, to

attend. They should also be asked to nominate a deputy in case the usual nominee is unable to attend.

- ii. It was clarified that the main aim of the Youth Council would be to give young people in the area a voice and allow them to participate in the wider Community Board. The Chair of the Youth Council would be invited to attend sub-group meetings and Board meetings, and a representative would also be involved in the Bucks wide Youth Voice Executive Committee.
- iii. An adult would need to attend meetings to support the council. Several options were discussed, including teachers from the relevant schools on a rotational basis, Councillors from the Community Board, or Youth Workers.
- iv. It was agreed that due to schools being closed and teachers being under a significant amount of pressure to deliver teaching remotely, it was not the right time to approach schools. It was agreed that the scoping document would be updated so that a finalised plan was in place. This could be brought to the next meeting to agree a plan for implementation once schools had more capacity for involvement.

3. Mental Health First Aid/Awareness Training

- A document highlighting existing mental health training courses was circulated ahead of the meeting. These may be of use to youth clubs or other voluntary organisations. It was noted that discussions were ongoing with other Boards as this issue had been raised elsewhere, and coordinators were working with internal Council services to explore potential options.

4. Community Board Funding Application – Pen-pal Project

- The sub-group discussed a funding application from Burnham Resilience CIO to set up a pen-pal project linking children from a local primary school with 30 older residents. It was clarified that the funding was for an initial pilot project with children from one primary school, but it could be expanded in future if it was successful.
- The sub-group supported the application, which would be taken to the next full Community Board meeting for decision.

5. Youth Outreach Update

- Community Board profiles were in development but had been delayed slightly. These would help to identify areas where youth outreach work would have most impact. Once the profiles were available, they would be shared with the sub-group.
- The County Lines Drug Disruption Group had been established, Paula Prince agreed to feed back on discussions at a future meeting.

6. Open Discussion

- It was noted that Burnham Parish Council had established a group to promote the use of Burnham Park Academy as a through school.

7. Actions and next steps

- Jack to update the Youth Council scoping document and bring a final implementation plan to the next meeting. Schools to be approached once they had re-opened and had capacity to participate.
- Jack to continue exploring mental health first aid training and bring this back to the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

- 18th March at 6pm

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Beeches Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21 Date of Decision 17/02/2021

Organisation Name	Burnham Resilience CIO
Project Name	Pen-Pal Project
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£670
Amount of Match Funding	None
Amount being applied for	£670
Amount suggested	£670

Project Summary

The pen-pal project is a collaborative project between Burnham Resilience CIO, St Peter's School, Burnham Health Promotion Trust (BHPT) and elderly people living in Burnham. This is an inter-generational project to help children learn and communicate more with the elderly members of our community and at the same time, help to combat loneliness and isolation that many of our elderly residents are currently dealing with.

It is hoped that if this project is successful it will then come under the already very successful intergenerational project overseen by BHPT and can be expanded to other schools.

How does the project address local priorities?

Young People: The project will benefit children who have been unable to spend time with their grandparents due to Covid-19, or those who do not have living grandparents. It will offer them an opportunity to develop their writing and communication skills, whilst also allowing them to communicate with older members of the community in a safe manner.

Supporting Older & Vulnerable People: The project will benefit elderly residents in the community by helping to combat loneliness and isolation. Elderly residents will have the opportunity to safely interact with younger children in the local area, which will hopefully foster good inter-generational friendships between younger and older residents in the local community.

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

Strengthening Our Communities: This project will strengthen the ties between younger and older residents within the local community. The project will bring immediate benefits, helping to enable children's learning and development and seeking to combat loneliness and isolation in elderly people, and it will hopefully also have longer term benefits brought about through improved communication between younger and older residents.

If the project is successful, it is hoped that it can be expanded to other schools and communities which would bring benefits across a wider area.

How does the project achieve value for money?

A financial breakdown has been provided with this application. For a class of 30 children and 30 elderly participants running over 12 months, the total cost is £670. Costs include 2nd class postage, and purchase of envelopes and writing paper.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This project is an excellent opportunity to help foster intergenerational ties within our community. It will bring benefits to children in terms of developing their writing and communication skills, and it will help to combat loneliness and isolation in elderly residents, which has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members of the Supporting Older & Vulnerable People and Young People sub-groups have considered this application and have unanimously recommended that it be agreed.

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 – 17 February 2021

Community Area Priorities Fund

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

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Funding Allocated	Type
Farnham Common A355	£10,002.98	£5,001.49	Transport
Burnham Dropped Kerbs	£7,969.73	£3,984.87	Transport
Rogers Lane Stoke Poges	£12,048.19	£6,024.10	Transport
Dorney Playground & Youth Club	£2,509.51	£2,509.51	Priorities
Bucks Business First - Business Start Up Training	£15,000.00	£3,000.00	Priorities
Total Committed to Date		£20,519.96	
Total Committed on Priorities		£5,509.51	
Total Committed on Transport		£15,010.45	
Transport Budget Remaining		£28,246.05	
CA Priorities Budget Remaining		£37,746.99	
Total Budget Remaining		£65,993.04	

Health & Wellbeing Budget

Budget: £27,506

Project Name	Funding Allocated	Type
Councillor Covid 19 Crisis Fund Mar-Aug 2020	£9,749	Cllr Crisis Fund
Stoke Poges Store Cupboard - Covid 19	£2,000.00	CB Crisis Fund
Thames Valley Adventure Playground - Covid 19	£2,000.00	CB Crisis Fund
Burnham Care & Share Foodbank Christmas Project	£2,000.00	CB Crisis Fund
Chilterns-Dial-a-Ride Covid 19 Transport	£500.00	CB Crisis Fund
Burnham Beeches Rotary - Christmas Food Parcels	£620.00	CB Crisis Fund
Woodstocks Café - Covid-19 Hot Meals Delivery	£2,000.00	CB Crisis Fund
Burnham Lions - Christmas Parcels Project	£500.00	CB Crisis Fund
Total Committed to Date	£19,369.00	
Total Committed to Cllr Crisis Fund	£9,749.00	
Total Committed to CB Crisis Fund	£9,620.00	
Health & Wellbeing Budget Remaining	£8,137.00	

Local Infrastructure Fund

Budget: £21,873.00

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Funding Allocated	Match Funding
Dorney Lake End Road Roundabout	£33,600.00	£13,600.00	£5,000
Total Committed to Date		£13,600.00	
Infrastructure Fund Budget Remaining		£8,273.00	

Totals

Total Budget	£135,892.00
Budget Allocated to Date	£53,488.96
Total Budget Remaining	£82,403.04
% of Budget Allocated to Date	39.36%



Beeches Community Board Action Plan

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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:

- Supporting active travel and developing an Active Travel Strategy
- Identifying key local infrastructure needs

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:

- Supporting the Stronger Together initiative to make neighbourhood support networks more permanent
- Developing and expanding intergenerational projects which address social isolation and develop ties between the younger and older generations
- Improving the local community for Dementia sufferers and their families

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. Unallocated budget for 2020/21 can be carried over to 2021/22.
Set up Facebook Page and Newsletter	31.11.20	Complete	Facebook page set up and active. Newsletter has been developed and first quarterly update circulated. Working through GDPR issues with wider distribution list.
Set meeting dates for 2021/22	31.02.21	Complete	Board meeting dates scheduled for 2021/22.
Develop Communications Plan	31.03.21	In Progress	A Facebook page and newsletter have been set up. The next step is to develop a more detailed communications plan to ensure that there is consistent communication with Members, Parishes, VCS organisations and residents. This will also involve encouraging more engagement with the Board.

Actions for 2021/22

Action	Due Date	Status	Notes
Review Priorities	2021	Not Started	Review the Community Board priorities to ensure that they are still relevant and reflective of the needs of the community. This could involve an online survey, in person engagement events, or discussion at Board meetings, dependent on Covid restrictions.
Develop Sub-Group Action Plans	2021	Not Started	Identify key areas of focus for each sub-group and develop an action plan for each group to track progress. Set sub-group meeting dates for whole year to enable better planning.

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