



North West Chilterns Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 10 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm (please register at 6.15 pm)

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If you have any questions please email Jackie Binning on jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or telephone 01296 585495 by Monday 7th February 2022. This will allow our Chairman, Gary Hall, to prepare.

I look forward to seeing you at our Community Board meeting.

Item No	Item	Time	Page No
1	The Chairman's Welcome	18:30	
2	Apologies for Absence		
3	Declarations of Interest		
4	Notes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2021 as an accurate record.	18:40	5 - 12
5	A Presentation from Thames Valley Police Inspector Stephen Bobbitt and PC Nathan Davey will provide an update on the latest data/statistics on crime in the North West Chilterns Community Board area.	18:45	
6	Transitions UK Karen Ironside and Charlie Dixon will present an update on the Aspire project which the Board funded during 2021/22 which mentored young people who have offended or were at risk of offending.	19:05	
7	Petition - Warrendene Road The Chairman will provide an update on the latest developments.	19:25	
8	Action Group Updates The Chairman will provide an update on the key activities of the action groups.	19:35	13 - 20
9	Community Board Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding applications - Jackie Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator, will provide an update on the applications received and the 2021/22 budget. • Community Board Action Plan – To see the latest plan go to the NWC web site North West Chilterns Working Groups Buckinghamshire Council 	19:40	
10	Community Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question time: The Chairman will respond to any questions received. • Buckinghamshire Council update – to be presented by Sophie Payne, Service Director, Culture, Sport and Leisure. • For information purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Live countywide and local consultations can be viewed on the Your Bucks website Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space 	19:50	21 - 24
11	Date of the next meeting 21 July 2022	20:00	

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North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Wednesday 3 November 2021 commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.47 pm.

Committee Members present

Cllr G Hall (Chairman), Cllr S Adoh, Cllr S Broadbent, Cllr R Carington, Cllr D Carroll, Cllr D Hayday, Cllr O Hayday, Cllr M Hussain, Cllr M Smith, Cllr A Turner, Cllr P Turner, Cllr J Cripps (Great and Little Kimble Parish Council), Cllr C Davies (Lacey Green Parish Council), Cllr W Monroe-West (Downley PC, Council), Cllr S Breese (Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council), Cllr M Lazenby (Downley Parish Council) Cllr S Cope (West Wycombe Parish Council) and Cllr P Nicholls (Hughenden Parish Council), Cllr C Campbell (Princes Risborough Town Council), V McPherson (Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council), Cllr A Capey (Hughenden Parish Council).

Others in attendance

J Binning, J Stevens, H Stearn (Street Association), S Taylor and S Payne, Sgt N Davey (TVP), Superintendent E Burrows (TVP), D Cope, S Thompson, M Bryant (owner, Country Supplies), S Wareham, S Biggs.

Residents in attendance for Item 5, Petition – Warrendene Road

E Merrilees, J Bromwich, K Allen, K Bacon, P Brand, R Hewitt, D Hackling, D Ranson, R Brand, J Armshaw, P Gerrard, J Stafford, E Haynes, P Cannon (Chairman, Hughenden Valley Residents' Association), M Taylor, G Card, S Jones (Chairman, Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group), A Shipley, J Beveridge.

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Gary Hall, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Community Board's primary focus was to provide funding and support for community projects.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Jane Rogers, Longwick Parish Council; Councillor Carl Etholen, Councillor Matthew Walsh, Colin Courtney, and Jaaganroop Marshall.

Notes:

Councillor Paul Nicholls, Hughenden Parish Council, left the meeting at approximately 7.10 pm.

Councillor Robert Carrington left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Councillor Moyra Lazenby, Downley Parish Council left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Notes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

5 Petition - Warrendene Road

The Chairman advised that the Warrendene Road petition had come to the attention of the Community Board and that, luckily, one of the Board members, J Stevens, was a qualified expert in highways and transportation and had taken the lead, at the request of the Community Board. Councillor David Carroll, on behalf of himself, Councillor Steve Broadbent and Councillor Clive Harriss, requested that the idea to 'Build a new access and a small customer parking area' should be discarded immediately as it involved the use of Green Belt land which would not be supported. The Chairman stated that it was a local matter, and it was agreed that this idea would be discounted.

J Stevens provided a presentation, appended to the minutes and highlighted the following key points:

- Country Supplies operated from two sites: Oakleaf Farm, Warrendene Road and Shana in Walters Ash.
- Lorry parking was a daily occurrence and at peak trading times there could be as many as nine lorries parked along Warrendene Road waiting to access the Oakleaf Farm site. The lorry parking had been an issue for more than twenty years.
- The residents submitted a petition in February 2021 which requested that a large part of the business be moved from Oakleaf Farm to the Shana site. The Community Board (CB) considered the petition in March 2021; the role of the CB was not to make decisions but to find possible solutions.
- The petition and suggested ideas for possible solutions were discussed with key parties.
- The petition report was written by the Service Director, Communities, Highways and Technical Services, Buckinghamshire Council (BC) and stated that BC had no powers to require Country Supplies to change its business operations.
- The recommendation in the report stated that the petition request could not be supported due to displacement and adverse traffic impact on Walters Ash. The report recognised the residents' concerns and also recognised the work

undertaken by J Stevens and J Binning that looked at other ideas that might solve the lorry parking issues. The report stated that no decisions had been made on any of the suggested ideas identified in the work conducted by J Stevens and J Binning.

- The report stated that the Director was aware that J Stevens was an experienced highways engineer and he (the Director) had no reason to question the quality or content of the work that J Stevens had carried out,
- The detailed report, written by J Stevens and J Binning, was an 'ideas' report; no decisions were made by the CB and written feedback was invited.
- The supplementary report was the most recent report, also written by J Stevens and J Binning and looked at the residents' feedback. The report provided an initial technical response from J Stevens and input from BC's Head of Legal Services had been sought to help formulate the responses. It did not make any decisions or recommendations.
- Approximately 40 comments had been received which had been grouped together into themes.
- J Stevens provided the following summary information on each theme, based on the more detailed explanation set out in the supplementary report:
 1. Major objection to the idea of a new access and customer parking area – *this was omitted due to the Board's agreement that this idea be discounted.*
 2. Concerns with road safety at the Cross Roads and Bryants Bottom Road – *this was omitted due to the Board's agreement that the idea of a new access and customer parking was discounted.*
 3. Lack of knowledge of a public consultation and lack of time to respond – *there had not been a public consultation. Any consultation would need to be advertised and properly conducted.*
 4. Country Supplies should be forced to move away from Oakleaf Farm – *BC had no powers to force the business to move to another location. The owner was looking for another site but this would be in addition to the two existing sites.*
 5. Status of the author (J Stevens) of the Detailed Report and Terms of Reference – *the supplementary report contained part of J Stevens' CV. J Stevens stated he felt he was adequately qualified. The Terms of Reference were set by the CB. J Stevens used his experience to shape the workplan to deliver the Terms of Reference requirements.*
 6. Concerns that meetings have been held in secret – *no meetings had been held in secret. All meetings had been arranged by BC and attended by J Stevens and J Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator. J Stevens had asked that they be confidential as he felt it was appropriate as potentially sensitive issues would be discussed and he wanted a free and open discussion which may not have happened had they not been in confidence. The work was shared with the Residents' Association at the appropriate time.*
 7. Request for parking restrictions in Warrendene Road – *parking restrictions would not reduce the number of lorries visiting the site and*

would result in displacement to other local roads and was therefore not a solution.

8. *Control on the number of lorries by imposing a daily limit - the Road Traffic Regulation Act does not include provisions for applying restrictions on traffic generation numbers from a legitimate business. The Council, as the local planning authority, has the power to impose Planning Conditions on planning permissions granted for new development and this could include restricting the number of vehicle movements and hours of operation. But, imposing such Planning Conditions could only be considered as part of the statutory planning process and could not be imposed retrospectively.*
9. *Rebalancing business operations between Shana and Oakleaf Farm – BC had no power to pursue this option. It would be down to the owner to consider; any changes could have a consequences on the other site and would need to be fully assessed from a number of perspectives.*
10. *Lack of site visits by J Stevens and the Community Board Coordinator – four meetings were held virtually due to lockdown during the pandemic. J Stevens advised he was familiar with the local network and had viewed each site from vantage points and he felt confident to write the report. Site visits would not have changed his views on the impact of the petition request or the suggested ideas set out in the detailed report.*
11. *Introduce the concept of ‘just in time’ delivery – J Stevens advised that this concept was more appropriate to production lines where demand was known in advance. It could result in less large lorries but increase the number of smaller vehicles.*

The suggested ideas that appeared to have a consensus of support were listed; J Stevens stressed that taking any ideas forward would require trust building and co-operation between all parties.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- In response to a query on the source of the vehicle data; J Stevens advised that the owner had collected the data in March, April and May, and J Stevens had carried out the analysis and there had been enough relevant information to quantify the scale of the parking problem.
- J Stevens confirmed that this data had helped his work and that he had quantified the scale of the problem. He considered it unnecessary to collect data for the total traffic generation to and from the site because the issue was with lorry parking numbers on Warrendene Road and this had been quantified.
- Cllr D Carroll asked if the CB would monitor the suggestions? J Stevens advised that firstly, the appropriate decision makers at BC would need to decide which ideas should be taken forward and who should take the lead on the matters. Half yearly meetings could be monitored by the elected members and the parish council with the residents. J Stevens emphasised

that there was a large amount of momentum behind taking solutions forward and it would be disappointing if it was lost. It needed to be clear on who would monitor the progress and it could possibly sit within the Transport Service. This matter could be monitored within the Traffic and Road Issues action group or the CB itself.

- A resident stated there was data in the original report but advised that there was one date missing and that was when the police needed to be called. The resident felt the number of vehicles entering and exiting the site was relevant as the parking issue had escalated over the last 20 years as the business had grown; the site was not adequate. The resident stated that the issues were ongoing, and that more analysis was required.
- Cllr S Broadbent thanked J Stevens and everyone for their contributions and advised, as the local member, that if the CB were to contact the Transport Team to ask for a lining assessment related to the highway code, that this could be undertaken, possibly, without public consultation. However, other lining would require public consultation and the CB would need to provide funding for the relevant studies. The Chairman clarified that funding decisions were made by the CB and that an extra ordinary meeting could be held if a decision was needed quickly.
- Cllr D Carroll stressed that it was crucial that the Residents' Association (RA) was involved; it was agreed by the Chairman that the RAs should have representation on all the action groups.
- D Ransom advised he had submitted a statement on behalf of the RA. D Ransom welcomed Cllr Carroll's comments and requested that BC found holding areas for the vehicles. The RA supported the initial findings and would like to see regular meetings held before the end of the year and requested additional data analysis before ruling out the idea of movement of some of the business to the Shana site.

It was agreed that the Traffic and Road Issues Action Group would initially take forward the next steps on the suggested ideas for a solution.

6 Action Groups

The Chairman advised there were four action groups which all held regular meetings and there were a number of projects ongoing/pending e.g. speeding problem areas, Christmas lights in Princes Risborough, solar panels for various community buildings, a defibrillator in Ilmer and a new initiative for mental health training in schools from Bucks Mind. Funding applications needed to be received by the end of February 2022 to allow time for approval.

7 Exploring Opportunities to Work in Partnership with the Community Board

Daniel Cope, Programme Manager, Low Carbon Workspace team provided a presentation, appended to the minutes, and highlighted the following key points:

- The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was available until the end of 2022 to businesses and charity organisations with a revenue trading element e.g. hall hire.

- It was a match funded grant programme with grants available of £1,000-£5,000 for heat pumps, double glazing, solar panels, and specialist products to cut carbon emissions, save money and minimise waste.
- D Cope emphasised that he knew there were more businesses that he could connect with. There was an excellent website - <https://www.lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk/> which provide examples of the breadth of the programme.
- The application process was quick, with just one quote required.
- There was a team of environmental specialists who provided advice or an audit free of charge.
- The programme was supported by key partners e.g. Buckinghamshire Council.
- Members of the Community Board were asked to follow the scheme on Twitter/social media and spread the word. D Cope stressed that it was not possible to claim for a grant after the work had been carried out; it had to be carried out beforehand.

The Chairman thanked Daniel for his presentation and emphasised that the area had many halls for hire and numerous businesses that could benefit from the programme.

The following key points were raised in discussion.

- A member of the Board stated that 50% of emissions were from transport, and asked if a grant existed to help people change their vehicle or fleet of vehicles? In response, D Cope advised that, unfortunately, the scheme did not provide any funding towards electric vehicles. However, he noted the request and stated he would feed the comment back to Bucks Business First who oversaw the programme.
- In response to a query on why only one quote was required; D Cope explained that he used the experience of having assisted approximately 600 businesses. Checks were carried out on the qualifications and value for money aspects along with independent measurements on the carbon savings.
- In relation to the amount of match funding provided; D Cope confirmed the scheme covered a third of the cost of the project and this would be provided within two weeks of the evidence that the work had been carried out being submitted and their portion being paid. It did not matter where the other funding came from as long as it was not from the European Regional Development Fund.

Jackie Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator, confirmed that the Low Carbon Workspaces Scheme met the priorities and objections of the Environment and Climate Change Action Group and hoped they would obtain some leads.

The Chairman thanked Daniel for his presentation.

8 Community Board Updates

Funding Update

Jackie Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator, provided an update on the funding situation. As of 26 October 2021, the total board fund was £353,324; the total project costs was just over £41,000. £22,346 had been allocated so there was a large sum of money available. J Binning had been working hard to encourage people to apply for funding and advised that any 'not for profit organisations' who had projects which would help the community, and met the criteria, should apply. Funding applications needed to be received by the end of February 2022 to enable the funding to be allocated by the end of March 2022. There were currently two pending projects; Bucks Mind, a multi-board application recommended by the North West Chilterns Community Board, and the Princes Risborough Town Council Christmas light switch on. The Chairman stated that one of the local football clubs had put in a request and suggested that other people contacted their local sports clubs and community organisations.

There were three transport applications from Hughenden Parish Council, but these would come out of next year's budget as the Project Initiation Documents needed to be completed.

J Binning agreed to email the funding criteria to all the residents' associations within the community board area.

ACTION: J Binning

Community Board Action Plan

The Community Board Action Plan had been included in the agenda pack. It was a high profile, evolving plan which would be updated regularly with the work undertaken on the agreed objectives. The plan had been approved by the Chairman and the action group leads and would be available on the North West Chilterns Community Board webpage. The Chairman added that it had been agreed the Board would have a branded marquee/gazebo to take to local events and raise the profile of the Board.

9 Community Matters

The Chairman advised that no questions had been received.

J Binning signposted the live county-wide [consultations](#) and highlighted the information included in the agenda pack concerning the [Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#) webpage available. Cllr S Broadbent added that any road closures for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee would require a road offer and that it would be beneficial if multiple road orders were submitted in one batch as it would save money. Contact J Binning with any queries or requests for road orders.

The Chairman stressed the need to find projects to benefit the community.

The Chairman thanked J Binning and everyone for their support.

10 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 10 Feb 2022 not 3 February as stated in error at the end of the meeting and on the agenda.

**North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 10th February 2022**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 3rd November 2021.

Priority Objectives: As a reminder the Action Group is combining the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes, looking across the broad range of ideas which will connect both boundaries. The group will focus on:

- Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).
- Drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.
- Matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.
- Solutions around coms and scams.
- Matters around rural crime. Farms or small holdings having machinery or animals stolen. Dogs off leads causing huge problems.
- Training and educating young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.
- Issues around social isolation and loneliness.
- Issues for young children from deprived families.
- Any ad hoc funding application in relation to Community Resilience.

Action Group – works carried out: Meetings are held every two months, the last one was held on 17th November 2021. During this meeting, the group agreed a number of project initiatives they would like to pursue. Progress to date is as follows:

- **Projects around disability:** A meeting was held with Road Farm in Great Missenden to discuss the sort of projects/events they hold on the farm as well as the open countryside. It is thought that these sorts of activities have a number of health benefits and help to improve people's understanding and appreciation of the countryside.

The discussions from this meeting inspired a concept of walking in the countryside during the different seasons, which could potentially be enjoyed by young and older people, including those with learning difficulties who may benefit from this sort of venture. Those that attend could learn about the countryside, the wildlife, and flowers, which could possibly be combined with other farming activities.

To move this forward we require evidence that this endeavor would be helpful and something people would want to do, so we contacted Town and Parish Council's to ask their views and to find out if they knew of organisations/groups that would be interested in partnering with the Community Board. Through this a link was made with the Chiltern Society and we have a meeting coming up soon to discuss our proposal.

- **Grow to Give:** Further to various meetings and conversations, Orchard View Farm have agreed that the Community Board can have a piece of land to grow fruit and vegetables. The idea is to grow food to give to families in hardship and food banks etc. and to sell some of the produce to put back in the land to make it sustainable. A potential gardener (volunteer) is also being pursued and this resource should be finalised in the next couple of weeks.
- **Projects around Knife crime:** Junior Filmmakers (JF) attended our meeting on 17th to present their project around knife crime. JF produce films with young people from junior and secondary schools, which includes the process of script development, script writing, pre-production, (which involve casting who is going to act, crewing, filming, and editing). Four films will be created and shared with all schools within our board area. The aim of the project is to dissuade young people from getting involved in knife crime.

Junior Filmmakers have submitted a funding application which is currently being reviewed in-line with our funding procedures.

Inspector Stephen Bobbitt and PC Russell Hawkins from Thames Valley Police and Pei-Ling Harper from Trading Standards also attended the Action Group meeting on 17th and gave an update on the NWC.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 10 February 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 3rd November 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are to seek schemes and initiatives that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area through improving the built or rural environment and identifying and promoting methods of reversing environmental damage or climate change. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group continues to meet monthly. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Continuing to identify suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Encouraging involvement in the Jubilee and Queens Green Canopy.
- Built relations with the Low Carbon Workspaces team who are helping promote the groups project on planting wildflowers in brownfield sites and meadows.
- Continuing to link in with Buckinghamshire Community Energy. We are currently supporting their leaky homes roadshow project.
- Supporting Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ in their project to install solar panels.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting in meadows and brownfield sites
- Looking at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.
- Supporting joint community planning and community resilience trough planned education programmes in areas like flood management.
- Supporting pond and habitat restoration

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Had a presentation from Beaconsfield Recycling Centre on the recycling of lithium batteries and have agreed to discuss at the next meeting how to use their templates and publications to promote awareness in this area.
- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.
- Exploring support for the Prince's Centre's plan to install solar panels on its building.
- In discussion with Chiltern Rangers on their Pollinator Patches proposal which includes planting wildflower seeds from school, then to home and a public space.
- Researching other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington

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North West Chilterns Community Board
Economic Regeneration Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 10 February 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 3rd November 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group have updated their objectives which are as follows:

- To seek schemes and initiatives that support local businesses (urban and rural).
- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.
- To consider any adhoc application in regards to Economic Regeneration,

Action Group: The group continue to meet regularly, the last meeting being on 2nd February 2022. Recent work and projects planned has included:

- Meeting with the operator of the Community Bus to agree a project opportunity in funding free travel on a Saturday and market days, to promote the bus and increase footfall into Princes Risborough High Street. A proposal is being drafted and a funding application will follow.
- Investigating sources of data that evidence the needs of local business, organisations and individuals.
- Reviewing the issues and needs of gigabit broadband within the Board area.

A detailed analysis of the fibre provision is currently being created. This includes mapping out a proposed consultation scheme with the addition of build out opportunities. For example, the installation of a Swish fibre network into Princes Risborough creates a spine network that could enable faster full fibre rollout in the Board area.

- Approval of funding applications received from Buckingham Business First on multi board projects . These include:
 - Net zero project to help small businesses understand their carbon footprint and how to reduce it.
 - Helping businesses (particularly tourism and hospitality) to make adaptations to improve accessibility.
 - Working with Visit Buckinghamshire on marketing and promoting tourism within the North West Chilterns.
- Research into other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Matthew Walsh

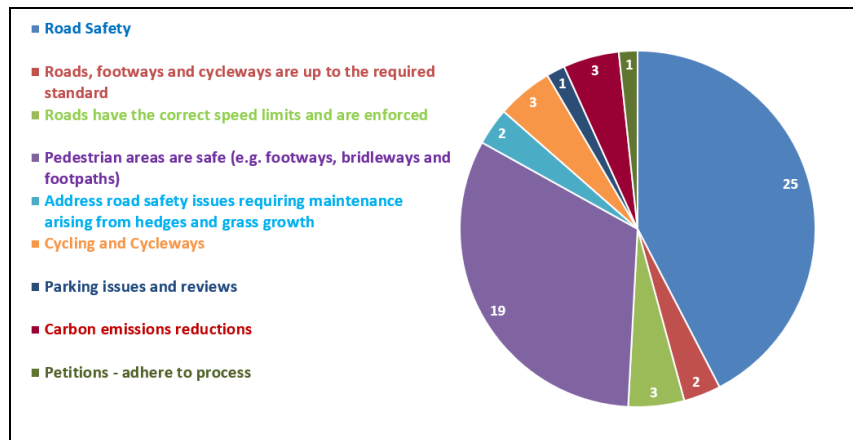
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Community Board – North West Chilterns Transport and Road Issues Action Group Briefing Report for the Community Board - 10 February 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting held on 3rd November 2021.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group’s priority objectives are listed opposite. The pie chart shows the number of requests (by category) that the Group has discussed since 1/4/2021.

Meetings: The Action Group meets monthly. It’s agendas cover local and policy related matters raised by members of the Group, local councils, the public or the Community Board itself.



Recent work has included:

- Responding to BC’s public consultation on ‘Princes Risborough Relief Road’ Phase 1.
- Providing input into the proposed ‘Hughenden Greenway’ cycleway project.
- Supporting the concerns raised separately by residents of North Lee Lane and by Kimble and Marsh Parish Council with (a) the lack of noise barriers on the Kimble side of the proposed, HS2 funded, Stoke Mandeville Relief Road and (b) the road safety impact in North Lee Lane arising from HS2’s permanent closure of Marsh Lane, Stoke Mandeville.
- Low noise surfacing for the A4010.
- Securing vegetation removal at West Wycombe Rail Bridge to improve road safety.

Projects being contemplated (if any):

- An area transport strategy for the North West Chilterns.
- An assessment of rural severance issues and how transport solutions might help.
- A wider ‘turn off your engine off when stationary’ initiative.

Actions going forward:

- The Action Group will continue to meet monthly to discuss locally identified road and transport issues, consider potential solutions and projects that might help and liaise with BC Local Members and Highway Officers.

Chairman: Jim Stevens

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Buckinghamshire Council Updates for Community Boards Jan – Feb 2022

1. 98 councillors proposed for Buckinghamshire

A public consultation completed by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) on proposed council size for the authority, has decided that the number of councillors in Buckinghamshire should be **98**.

A consultation is now open for residents to provide information on local areas to help the LGBC complete proposals for new ward boundaries – it closes on 4 April.

consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857

2. Local Plan

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. A Local Plan sets out where new development will be located and what we will need to protect within Buckinghamshire.

We want to involve all of our communities in the first stage of producing a new local plan for Buckinghamshire and would like to have your views on the proposals. More information is available on Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan-2021/>

3. A helping hand for those struggling financially this winter

If you know of any residents who may need some extra help to cover food, heating and other essential costs, please put them in touch with us The Household Support Fund (HSF) is available until 31 March 2022 and could help.

The funds are available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

For more information, residents can contact the Helping Hand team by calling 01296 531151 or visit the council website.

In addition if you need support with money problems, there's many organisations available, who will not only help with making ends meet today but also with long term solutions to get #backontrack. Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/backontrack

4. Children's Service updates

Ofsted reinspection

At the end of 2020, Ofsted conducted their reinspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. As part of the inspection, inspectors will make the following graded judgements:

- overall effectiveness

- the experiences and progress of children in need of help and protection
- the experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers
- the impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families

Inspectors will make their graded judgements on a 4-point scale:

- outstanding
- good
- requires improvement to be good
- inadequate

The findings and outcome of the inspection will be published on Ofsted's website on Friday 11 February 2022.

5. Buckinghamshire Online Directory

At <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk> you can find activities, groups, organisations and services for adults in Buckinghamshire - from yoga and walking groups, to lunch clubs and social groups to advice and support. An exciting new feature is the ability for community groups, organisations and activities to add and keep up to date their own information about services and activities. You can log in or create an account at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-safety/bucks-online-directory/create-an-account/>

6. Community Cafes

One of the underlying principles we have in adult social care is working with our residents and partners close to where they live. *Community Cafes* was an idea developed by staff which means that adult social care is more visible in the community. We hold 8 *Community Cafes* a week in council-run day opportunity centres across the county. The aim is to provide a space for people to come to a booked appointment to meet with social care face to face in a warm and friendly environment. Other partners have joined us such as Occupational Therapists and One Recovery Bucks to help where people have other areas of support that they want to discuss. We hope that this will grow and that other partners will join the *Community Café* approach.

Adult social care uses *Community Cafes* if, after an initial phone discussion, the resident feels they need further information, advice or signposting. Booked appointments are used to have meaningful discussions with the person and their family which can prevent, reduce, delay the need for specialised care. They are also used to undertake care act assessments for social care and for carer assessments.

7. Jubilee Celebrations

There are many different ways in which everyone can mark the Jubilee and we'd like to encourage people of all ages across Buckinghamshire to come together and make it a special event that is remembered for years to come.

Communities can get involved in the Big Jubilee lunch or hold their own celebration event on/ around 5 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

[How you can get involved – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#)

For anyone wishing to hold a Jubilee street party, the Council has waived the temporary road closure fee. You can request an application form for a temporary road closure by emailing events@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 6 May 2022.

You can find out more about what we are doing at the council and how to apply for street party road closures on our website. [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

As a council, we are working towards a number of projects that will enable the community to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and provide a legacy for future generations.

In particular, we are supporting [The Queen's Green Canopy \(QGC\)](#), unique tree planting initiative created to mark the occasion which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Tree planting is a great way to get involved in Jubilee celebrations and enhance the environment for future generations. We have offered trees to all schools, nurseries and care homes in the county. The first of these trees were planted during National Tree Week at the start of December.

We have also updated our tree planting guidance which details what to consider before deciding to plant a tree, as well as sources of funding that you may be able to claim to offset any costs, which includes applying for Community Boards funding:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-and-hedges/tree-planting/>

Find out more about what's going on nationally and locally for the Jubilee Weekend on our website

[Plans announced for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022](#)

[Guide to taking part in a beacon lighting ceremony](#)

[HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee- Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy website](#)

8. 70 trees for 70 years

As part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we're looking to compile a list of the the 70 best-loved trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire to celebrate celebrate 70 years of her Majesty's service.

We would like to include nominations from every Community Board area in Buckinghamshire, and ask Community Boards and people across the county to nominate trees or woodlands, as well as encouraging partners, family and friends to submit their own.

To take part, take a photo of your chosen tree or woodland, tell us where it is and why it is meaningful to you, and send it to us via social media @BucksCouncil or email 70trees@buckinghamshire.gov.uk Find out more on our website: [70 Trees for 70 Years | Buckinghamshire Council](#)