



Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 3 March 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: MS Teams. This meeting will be recorded and subsequently available to view via the Buckinghamshire Council website.

Membership:

A Wight (Chairman), P Cooper (Vice-Chairman), A Bond, N Glover, S Jenkins, C Poll and D Town

Aston Abbots Parish Council; Cheddington Parish Council; Creslow Parish Meeting; Cublington Parish Council; Edlesborough Parish Council; Hardwick Parish Council; Ivinghoe Parish Council; Marsworth Parish Council; Mentmore Parish Council; Pitstone Parish Council; Slapton Parish Council; Watermead Parish Council; Weedon Parish Council; Whitchurch Parish Council; Wing Parish Council; Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council

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1 Chairman's Welcome Cllr Anne Wight and Cllr Peter Cooper	7pm	
2 Apologies Members to hear any apologies.	7:05pm	
3 Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th November, 2020.		3 - 8
4 Declarations of Interest Members to declare any interests.		
5 Watermead Walkway Sue Severn and Noreen Shardlow	7:10pm	
	7:20pm	9 - 10

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| 6 | Voting on Current Projects
Cllr Anne Wight | | |
| 7 | Supporting Local Businesses and Resident Confidence as we Reopen
Jacqueline Ford | 7:35pm | |
| 8 | Vaccination/Covid-19 Update
Katrina Kelly | 7:50pm | |
| 9 | Summary of Spend
Cllr Peter Cooper | 8:00pm | 11 - 12 |
| 10 | Future Ideas and Engagement Opportunities
Katrina Kelly | 8:10pm | |

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Agenda Item 3
Buckinghamshire Council
Wing & Ivinghoe Community
Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board held on Thursday 19 November 2020 in MS Teams (remote), commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.34 pm

Members present

A Wight, A Bond, P Cooper, N Glover, S Jenkins, C Poll and D Town

F Blakeman, P Brazier, M Crutchfield, K Curry, G Hillary, D Kellner, L Lear, S Lott, R McCarthy, N Palmer, M Perry, J Walmsley

Others in attendance

C Adams, J Austin-Lavery, E Denley, C Farrow, K Kelly, C Martin, C Saunders, H Thomas

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Wight welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the virtual meeting procedures.

Councillor Cooper reminded Members of the recent launch of the Bucks Business Grants for eligible local businesses to apply for financial support if they were suffering hardship as a result of the second lockdown. Funding could be sought from one of two grants - the Local Restrictions Support Grant offering financial support for the duration of the current lockdown period, or the Additional Restrictions Grant, a one-time payment. Further information about the grants was available on the council website.

2 Apologies

Members heard apologies from Bob Sainty, Trish Owen, Alan Williams, John Wilkinson, Penny Pataky, Noreen Shardlow and Sue Severn.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED: -

that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September be approved as a correct record.

4 Declarations of Interest

Peter Brazier, Margaret Crutchfield and Kate Curry each declared a personal interest as each of their Parish Councils had submitted a funding application for ratification at item 7.

5 COVID-19 Hub Status

Members received a presentation from Emma Denley (Localism Manager) updating them on the work of the Council's Covid Support Hubs and the response to the second lockdown across Buckinghamshire.

Emma reminded Members that the Support Hubs were set up to provide help to self-isolating residents, the 20,000 people across Buckinghamshire now classified as 'Clinically Extremely Vulnerable' and lastly, economically isolated/vulnerable residents who were struggling to make ends meet.

Those who had been asked to 'Shield' in the first lockdown had now been reclassified as 'Clinically Extremely Vulnerable' (CEV) and advised to work from home and remain indoors unless for exercise, to attend medical appointments or to meet with members of their support bubble. Those in this category unable to work from home could be entitled to Statutory Sick Pay or Employment Support Allowance using the letter they received from the Government (dated 4th November). Children classified as CEV were exempt from attending school during the lockdown.

People could contact the Support Hub through the Council's website, the Customer Service Centre (01296 395000) or the Bucks Online Directory (directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk). The Hub had made 1,400 calls to CEV people and 1,100 calls to Vulnerable Adult Social Care clients. These calls enquired as to the client's general wellbeing, and ensured that they had access to food, prescriptions/medical treatment or financial help where necessary.

Local supermarkets were better prepared for the lockdown than had previously been the case, and priority supermarket deliveries had replaced weekly Government food parcels. Partnerships with volunteer groups and food banks were also being utilised to supplement deliveries where residents had limited or no internet access. Some grant funding (up to £1000) was available, however most financial aid provision centred around signposting to other sources.

Emma clarified that the Support Hubs would not cease to operate over the Christmas period and would look to utilise the Government's Winter Grant Scheme in addition to the continued work of local community groups and partners to provide support to those in need during the Christmas break.

Reports of vulnerable people being removed from supermarket priority lists when not stating their vulnerability during a booking would be investigated by the Support Hub, though this should not be the case for CEV people who were identified to supermarkets by Central Government and would not need to disclose their vulnerability when booking a delivery. Emma advised that people try to book deliveries through multiple supermarkets to mitigate the risk of being unable to secure a delivery through their usual supermarket alone. The Support Hub could assist with the delivery cost.

Emma encouraged those wanting to donate food to take them to food banks as opposed to Council Food Hub collection points, as there had been a move away from purchasing and distributing food directly through the second lockdown.

Members thanked Emma for her time and presentation. Those with further questions were

encouraged to contact Katrina, who would pass them on to Emma following the meeting. A copy of Emma's presentation containing the latest figures for those needing help from the Support Hub and numbers of CEV people in the Community Board area would be appended to and circulated with the minutes.

6 **Bucks Online Directory**

Jaqueline Austin-Lavery gave a brief presentation highlighting the ongoing Bucks Online Directory service (directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk), which had accumulated over 2700 assets identified across Buckinghamshire. This would soon increase by 800 following the addition of the Active Bucks entries.

It was stressed that while the service was a useful tool for those seeking help from local groups or services during the current health crisis, it also served a wider purpose for those new to the area wanting to discover nearby activities, or who have a hobby and wished to seek other enthusiasts. Those seeking COVID-19 related support were advised to tick the 'Support with Health and Wellbeing' box in addition to the 'Coronavirus' box for a more holistic range of available services.

Jaqueline clarified that those wanting to find information concerning services exclusively in the Community Board area (as opposed to the local area in general) should direct enquiries via email to: communities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk with the word 'BOD' in the subject header. This would enable an in-depth search against their data to be conducted, the results of which could be compiled into a spreadsheet and returned to the user.

Anybody with contact information for a local group, organisation or service not currently listed on the directory was encouraged to pass on the information to Jaqueline, who could get in contact to explore their future inclusion on the directory.

Jaqueline confirmed that out-of-area services could be included on the directory for those residents living along county borders, but that these services could not be assigned to a specific Community Board area inside Buckinghamshire if they did not fall within the county and would be listed as 'out of area'. Nevertheless, the directory was happy to hear about any services that could benefit residents.

Members were grateful to Jaqueline for her work and presentation and again stressed that Katrina would be happy to forward any further questions to her following the meeting.

7 **Voting on Current Projects**

Katrina and Councillor Cooper briefly outlined four funding applications that had been submitted for ratification by the Buckinghamshire Council Unitary Members of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board. These were as follows:

- **Traffic Calming Scheme** - £39,989.13 (submitted by Ivinghoe Parish Council)
- **Traffic Calming Scheme** - £7699.58 (jointly submitted by Cublington Parish Council and Aston Abbotts Parish Council)
- **Play Area Equipment** - £3959.15 (submitted by Mentmore Parish Council)
- **Crisis Counsellor** - £2,139 (submitted by the Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service)

The full funding recommendations for all above projects had been published with the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda report packs and made available to view on the Council's website.

Owing to their familiarity with the proposals, Members agreed to vote en bloc and

RESOLVED: -

That the above applications be approved.

8 Sustainable Cheddington

Jennifer Seddon gave a verbal presentation to the Board highlighting the work of the Sustainable Cheddington group, a community-led initiative seeking to make Cheddington a more sustainable and environmentally friendly place to live. Members were informed that the group had a monthly segment in the village newsletter, and a Facebook page to keep residents updated and in touch.

Work began in August with an outdoor public consultation meeting to engage with residents and begin priority setting. This had subsequently led to the development of numerous projects and initiatives including a wild flower planting project in collaboration with the Parish Council and College Lake, a community orchard on the allotment to promote the traditional identity of the village, and a 'Hedgehog Highway' project as part of the Charles Church housing development. Funding was also being sought to install bicycle racks at key points throughout the village including the Village Hall and tennis courts. These projects were still under development, but it was hoped that they could be approved and implemented in the future.

Jennifer also informed the meeting that a member of the Sustainable Cheddington group had joined the Wing and Ivinghoe Environmental Action Group and was working collaboratively with them on their efforts to promote the use of electric cars and installing more electric car charging points in the locality.

Anyone interested in working on the above projects or wanting to contribute new ideas to the group was encouraged to contact Sustainable Cheddington on their Facebook page, or via email at sustainablecheddington@gmail.com

Members thanked Jennifer for her presentation and highlighted that many of the initiatives shared at the meeting could be taken up by other groups across the County.

9 Action Groups Update

Councillor Cooper gave an update on the work of the Action Groups.

Environment (led by Trish Owen)

Had been discussing improvements to electric car charging infrastructure locally. This discussion had been made pertinent by the recent Government announcement that conventionally powered vehicle production would be phased out by 2030.

The group was also exploring the development of new wild meadows and promoting natural biodiversity.

Finally, the group was seeking ways to tackle littering problems across the Community Board area, especially at the Ivinghoe and Watermead lakes. The Cottlesloe School had expressed an interest in this area through the Youth Council.

Transport (led by Peter Brazier)

Edlesborough Parish Council had expressed an interest in a project involving the installation of MVAS devices. Councillor Cooper highlighted the success enjoyed by the neighbourhood Speedwatch programme across the Community Board area.

Local parking issues had developed where restrictions had been introduced and was now causing problems in some rural areas, as opposed to being predominantly seen in the larger towns. Councillor Cooper drew attention to the Traffic Calming Schemes that had been approved for funding at item 7 of the agenda as part of the efforts to resolve this developing issue.

The group noted that cycleways were in place along all major routes from rural areas into Aylesbury Town except along the A418. Wingrave residents had proposed a new cycleway to remedy this which would join onto those coming from the Kingsbrook estate. A continuous cycleway could then be seen from Wing to Bierton and on towards Leighton Buzzard. The Council had recently secured £1.2 million in Government funding to conduct major repairs to the A418 during the second quarter of 2021 and it was hoped that a new cycleway could be considered as part of that work.

Health and Wellbeing (led by David Kellner)

David Kellner had been attempting to contact The Cottlesloe School and Overstone Primary School but had not yet received a response.

The group had been exploring ways to encourage a 'dementia-friendly society', to promote awareness of dementia locally, encourage people to learn about spotting the early signs of dementia and how to care for and support those suffering from it. Councillor Poll suggested that lessons could be learned from the 'Safe Places' scheme in operation within the towns across Buckinghamshire. Katrina also highlighted 'Dementia Champions' who could deliver dementia friends training.

Councillor Wight outlined her suggestion for a 'Fun, Food and Fitness Fete' to be held when social restriction eased. The event could serve a multifaceted purpose by connecting those wanting to improve their health and lifestyle post-lockdown with local businesses (martial arts/fitness instructors, healthy food catering from local restaurants etc) who had been hit hard by the pandemic to help rejuvenate the local economy.

(General)

Councillor Cooper drew Members' attention to the Action Note Template included on page 23 of the agenda documents pack. Action Groups considering proposals were encouraged to utilise the template during meeting discussions in order to organise their thoughts and encourage further action to be taken on the proposals suggested.

Councillor Town highlighted that money which had previously come through the New Homes Bonus scheme would now be part of the Community Board Infrastructure Fund and it would be appropriate to consider other sources of funding for the Community Board in the future such as grants.

10 Facebook Pages and Future Communications

Katrina drew attention to the Community Board Facebook page. Members were encouraged to submit photos of the local area to Katrina for use on the page. The page would be monitored daily and post updates from the Council about events happening in the Community Board area and updates from the Action Groups.

At the time of the meeting, the Facebook page did not allow public posts, however those wishing to put something on the page were encouraged to contact Katrina with the text and relevant image if necessary.

To ensure that the page remained up-to-date, Katrina would be joining Parish Council Facebook pages to keep abreast of news across the Community Board area. Once lockdown was lifted, Katrina would begin visiting groups and organisations wherever possible to gauge public priorities for future Action Group meetings and to steer the Community Board towards addressing the priorities of residents.

Councillor Wight thanked Katrina for the update and encouraged Parish Councils to share the link to the Community Board Facebook page to promote engagement with the page. It was also stressed that whilst Facebook would be a convenient way to communicate with Katrina, email should still be used in addition to this, especially for funding application-related matters.

Clare Farrow Announcement

The Chairman invited Clare Farrow to make a brief impromptu announcement to Members, encouraging them to get involved in the Independent Action Group (IAG) run by Thames Valley Police every six months. The meetings were designed to promote community engagement with the Police through the Super Intendent and the local Inspectors and hold them to account. It had been noted that the previous meeting held in August had been largely attended by Aylesbury residents and it was hoped that more rural engagement could be found at subsequent meetings.

Anyone interested in attending was advised to contact Katrina to be added to the mailing list.



Katrina Kelly Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21

Date of Decision 03/03/2021

Organisation Name	Whitchurch Wildlife Community Group
Project Name	Community and Wildlife Improvements
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities - Environment
Total Cost of project	£500
Amount being applied for	£250
Amount suggested	£250

Project Summary

Whitchurch Wildlife Community Group would like to encourage and involve the wider community to help improve the surrounding environment for both the residents and wildlife. Not only will this produce, improve and maintain habitats, the project will likely improve the mental health of local residents. Areas of the village are in need of improvement to create a better environment for wildlife and insects. The participation of volunteers will support their health and wellbeing and build on community spirit witnessed during the lockdowns. Encouraging people to talk and work with each other on joint efforts. To be able to make a start, it is important that the wildlife group have access to/ownership of the correct equipment/tools such as gloves, shears and bags. BBOWT are also involved to offer guidance and support on what can be developed so that the tools are used appropriately and safely whilst delivering tangible outcomes. The tools can then be used for a variety of jobs and should last well to support other initiatives and the maintenance of green spaces and habitats.

How does the project address local priorities?

The project does link with our health and wellbeing priority, providing a space for people to come together over a shared interest. This will enable residents to learn new skills as they participate which may lead on to new opportunities in the area or for them personally. It will help to create spaces for families and individuals to be proud of and enjoy. The project also links with environment which will be enhanced. Wildlife and pollination etc. will increase in the area which is very much within scope of the green initiatives locally. It also supports Covid-19 recovery as people begin to socialise again whilst providing an outdoor setting for interactions as the public begin to reintegrate.

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

The project sits well with the priorities of Buckinghamshire. Particularly the following;

- Strengthening our communities - Encouraging Community Spirit by getting volunteers involved. Creating pride, positivity and encouraging team spirit with an interest in nature.
- Improving our environment - Creating nicer areas to look at and for wildlife. By creation, planting and maintenance.
- Protecting the Vulnerable - Getting people to come out and take part as volunteers. Giving them

purpose and positivity.

- Increasing prosperity - Making a better place to live in, more attractive and organised.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The proposed option is a low cost and will provide a group of residents within the community with necessary tools needed to be able to create spaces that can be enjoyed, maintained and preserved in line with council and community board priorities relating to health, environment and covid-19 recovery.

The board will be receiving 50% match funding from the wildlife group.

Community Board Coordinator comments

It is recommended that members consider this project for funding noting the above comments.

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.

Funding Summary 2020/2021

Funding Stream	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
Community Area Priorities	£ 86,563	43,281.50	£43,281.50
Health & Wellbeing	£ 26,879	14,699.15	£12,179.85
Local Infrastructure	£ 39,536	8,363.86	£31,172.14
Total	£ 152,978	£ 66,345	£ 86,633

Up to 50% of the Community Area Priorities can be allocated to Transport in the 2020/21 financial year which has been allocated.

The funds remaining will be reserved and can be allocated in 2021/22 however we will not be able to allocate them towards transport projects (we will be able to allocate up to 50% of the Community Area Priorities 2021/22 element).

We have been able to fund the following: (can this be a table that says how much we've allocated to each project and match funding for each? So 4 columns, name, CB funding, match funding and total)

Scheme	CB Funding	Match Funding	Total
Mentmore Cycle Feasibility Study	£3,956.65	£3,956.65	£7913.30
Aston Abbots and Cublington Joint Scheme	£7699.58	£7699.58	£15399.16
Ivinghoe - Traffic Calming (Maud Jane Close)	£39,989.13	£39,989.13	£79978.25
Mentmore Play Area for younger children	£3959.15	£3959.15	£7918.30
Joint community board project AVMKSAASS	£2139.00	£19252	£2139.00
Crisis Funds Covid-19	£8601.00	£0	£8601.00

Covid – 19 Crisis funds distributed amongst:

- Watermead Volunteer Army Project
- Cublington Neighbours Scheme
- Marsworth Neighbours Scheme
- Edlesborough, Dagnall and surrounding villages via the EB Good Neighbours Scheme
- Chedderoo
- Wing Parish Council - Covid-19 Support Community Group
- Ivinghoe Parish resident support
- Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council resident support