



Buckinghamshire Council

High Wycombe Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community Board held on Wednesday 27 October 2021 Via SM Teams commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.20 pm

Members present

A Hussain, A Alam, M Ayub, K Bates, L Clarke OBE, T Green, O Hayday, I Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain, M Knight, S Raja, N Rana, M Smith, N Thomas and J Wassell

Others in attendance

Louise Hurst Tracy Evans, Mimi Harker, Gemma Brooks, Michael Allington, Gill Harding, Nick Braisby, Elliot Hooson, Louise Lord, Mike Dean, Colin Hingston, Hilda Stearn Chris Woodman, Joanne Montague.

Officers Present:

Fay Ewing, Simon Garwood, Nick Graham, Andy Sherwood, Iram Malik.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Baughan, D Hayday and Wood and Sophie Philips (Red Kite) and Tahir Aziz (Family Support Service).

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community y Board held on 14 July be confirmed as a true record

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4 PINE TREES PETITION (15 MINUTES)

The Chairman gave a brief explanation with regards to the background of the petition which had originally been submitted for consideration by the Board and had then been referred to the High Wycombe Town Committee for its input. Subsequently this had been brought back to the Board for final determination.

Members were requested to consider whether to approve the officer response in relation to the petition which was to confirm that the children's play area in open spaces 7a and 7b at the Pine Trees be maintained by and remain with the developer's management company which would maintain other elements of the site. In the event that Members rejected this recommendation the petition would be referred to the Cabinet Member (Culture & Leisure) for further consideration/decision whilst taking into account the Board's and the Town Committee's comments on the matter. The report before Members also stated that officers had met with and undertaken further discussions with Taylor Wimpey as instructed by Members and confirmed that the developer would not provide a commuted sum.

Steve Gill representing the Residents Association provided an update on the activity that had taken place in the interim. He informed the meeting that in collaboration with Steve Baker a parliamentary petition had been sent to government and that he hoped to wait for the outcome of this prior to taking any further action.

It was proposed that any decision by the Board should be withheld whilst the outcome of the parliamentary petition was awaited, the result of which could impact other/ future developments. This proposal was seconded and it was therefore

RESOLVED: That the decision on the petition to be taken by the Board be delayed until the outcome of the parliamentary petition is known.

5 RECOVERY & REGENERATION ACTION GROUP (40 MINUTES)

Recovery & Regeneration Action Group – Cllr Knight

Feedback was provided on the work that had been undertaken to date. There were over 50 people assisting with this group and the focus was very much on promoting partnership and collaboration. The aims of the Group were highlighted which included how to best assist residents and businesses to recover from the pandemic and assist with town centre regeneration.

Town Centre Regeneration – Chirs Woodman/Mike Dean

A presentation was conducted with regards to town centre regeneration in particular with an emphasis on how to improve the street scene within High Wycombe. It was highlighted that the increased level in anti-social behaviour had prevented progress on some fronts.

Financial / Food Insecurity – Gill Harding

This was also reported upon, and members received an in depth presentation on how this was being addressed. It was stressed that relevant agencies were working hard to ensure that those most in need and silent whilst suffering from food poverty, were identified and helped.

6 CHILTERN RAILWAY UPDATE (10 MINUTES)

This item was withdrawn

7 COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE (5 MINUTES)

A report was submitted which provided a summary of the funding applications received,

considered and approved since the last meeting of the Board held on 14 July. The table laid out at page 19 of the report showed the current budget position for the projects within the Board's remit. The total Board fund for 2021/22 was £628,086.89 and £286,387.32 had been allocated to date. This left the remaining budget as of 27 October at £341,699.57

The Co-ordinator took the opportunity to thank all the groups and organisations that had made contact and approached the Council for funding and helped in working through the applications, which played a key role in allocating the funding wisely. The meeting was also informed that the deadline for applications was February 2022 which would provide sufficient time for processing of applications prior to the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted

8 COMMUNITY MATTERS (15 MINUTES)

Public Health Profile

Louise Hurst from the Public Health Team reported that it had been decided that in the current year it team wished to allocate some additional resource to work with the Community boards that had the greatest health needs. As such the recommendations had been formulated with 3 areas of focus. These were

- (a) Preventing diabetes/heart disease/stroke
- (b) Improvement in mental health
- (c) Provision of support to children in the area of making healthy lifestyle choices

It was also requested that people be encouraged to receive their booster vaccines along with vaccines for 12-15 year olds.

Intensive Engagement Project

Michael Eddington from TVP also conducted a short presentation on the intensive engagement project with the residents of Castlefield in which they had collaborated with over 1000 residents to establish the main causes of concern. Over 80% had identified that tackling speeding was the priority issue needing to be addressed. Parking matters, littering and fly tipping were also major causes of concern.

The meeting was informed that the matters raised could not be resolved through visible policing alone but required enforcement and participation of local members of the community. It was reported that following a productive meeting recently held, a working group had been formed in order to look at the problem in more detail at each of the 4 areas.

This would be reported upon further at the Board in due course

Bucks Adult Safeguarding Campaign

Nick Graham gave mention to the campaign to raise awareness of all types of adult abuse. Members were informed that there had been over 12000 reports of suspected abuse in 2021 alone, and that this was a serious cause of concern for the council with regards to the impact on vulnerable people and ways in which the issues should be addressed. Details were provided within the meeting chat as to how to go about reporting any such issues that may occur.

9 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Information was provided on the meeting chat regarding the live public consultations, which included the budget consultation and a consultation regarding children and young people's mental health services. The presenting officer stated that the consultations provided an opportunity for residents to have their say and to be able to express an opinion on what they considered to be priority areas and how the funding should be spent.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed