



Buckinghamshire Council Buckingham & Villages Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckingham & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 2 February 2023 via MS Teams commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.53 pm

Members Present: P Fealey, J Jordan, Cllr A Macpherson, F Mahon, H Mordue, A Osibogun, J Riches, R Stuchbury, P Hardcastle and M Taylor,

Others Present: S Thomas, A Waite, D Child, M White, T Cavender, A Lane, S Holland, R Sloan, G Ellis, P Wright and A Decent and I Haest.

Officers Present: A Williams, I Malik, N Surman, S Turnbull and C Martin.

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from T Lightfoot, Ms Cornell, Mr Chilver and Mr Harvey and Mr Whyte.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

4 Minutes/Actions from Previous Meeting

At the previous meeting of the Board Members had wished to establish how the change in Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) contractors would affect the ways of working with the community board. Alice Williams, Community Board Manager confirmed that although the contractors had been appointed, it had not yet been confirmed how they would work with the community boards going forwards. The board would be updated once the official process had been formally confirmed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

5 Buckingham Banking Hub Update

A presentation was delivered on the Banking Hub by Cash Access UK. Positive discussions were currently underway with the landlord regards a suitable property located in the area of Market Square. The Hub opening timeline would be subject to a number of further activities and actions and it was anticipated that the Hub would be functional within about 9 months.

Members were encouraged to get in contact if they were aware of any other suitable properties.

Members emphasised that they would like to be involved within the preparation for the launch of the new Banking Hub and that relevant Cllrs, the Mayor of Buckingham and MP should be invited to the event. It was also suggested that the university be consulted and liaised with as the service would be of considerable benefit to students.

ACTION: Alice Williams to act as the point of contact for the board regarding banking hub updates and liaise with Cash Access UK directly.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the officer presenter be thanked for attendance.

6 BART Bus Presentation

A presentation was delivered by Ashley Waite on the Bernwode Community Bus initiative which had been launched in 2018 in Waddesdon and Quainton with the primary objective of serving the elderly in the community. The project had gone from strength to strength and had merged with Buckingham Area Rural Transport (BART) in 2020. This meant that the service was able to offer 2 buses with wider coverage.

Members were informed that it was hoped that the same level of coverage could now be provided in the Buckinghamshire area but that assistance was required in order to make this happen. Mr Waite advised that more volunteer drivers were now needed to cater for the growing client group, in addition to help to publicise the service being offered.

All those present agreed that this was a fantastic initiative for the local community.

ACTION: Ashley Waite to share spec sheet with Alice Williams to be distributed to the board.

ACTION: Alice Williams to share Ashley Waite contact details with the board.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted

7 Corporate Update

Sara Turnbull, Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations highlighted points from the corporate update as circulated with the minutes.

Ms Turnbull also highlighted the press release issued on 2 February 2023 which highlighted the road repairs scheduled to be carried out by East West Rail in the community board area. The board asked for reassurance that the work would be monitored and for clarification of the

payment arrangements.

ACTION: Alice Williams to liaise with the appropriate officer and share an update on East West Rail payment arrangements with the board.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

8 Community Board Action Plan

The Community Board Action plan for 2022/23 was summarised on pages 13-19 of the agenda pack. Its priorities fall within the areas of economic recovery, green spaces and communities, road safety and youth.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9 Reflection of the year 2022/23

Alice Williams, Community Board Manager detailed all the main events, highlights and achievements of the year to date. As part of the presentation the Board Manager gave mention to the priorities which had been established for the year and the Task and Finish Groups which had developed as a consequence of the further work undertaken.

Reference was also made to the budget allocated to date, a total of £67,361 with a total of £49,665 remaining. However it was highlighted that this was not the final figure as the deadlines would not elapse until the following week. It was confirmed that the Board would be updated on the final budget status for the year end following the final budget meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10 Looking forward to 2023/24

Ms Williams emphasised the positive work that had taken place over the past year and gave an overview of the events that would take place in 2023-24. She also commented that she was very much looking forward to further success of the board which she anticipated would go from strength to strength.

11 Dates of future events / meetings

4 May 2023 – community engagement event

6 July 2023

12 October 2023

8 Feb 2024

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The Bernwode Community Bus

2022 update



Highlights

- Launched in 2018 in Waddesdon
- Originally a 16 seater Mercedes sprinter with a tail lift and the ability to take two wheelchairs
- With the primary objective to serve the old peoples groups in Waddesdon and Quainton
- Has gone from strength to strength
- Charitable status
- More usage and more variety in booked runs
- More Vehicles



Merging with Bart

- In 2020, we merged with BART, buckingham area rural transport to offer two buses and a wider coverage area
- So we now cover from buckingham in the north to haddenham and princes risborough in the south
- The new bernie is a 16 seater peugeot boxer minibus with a side door and loads of room inside for a variety of uses
- Bart has a 13 seater peugeot boxer minibus which is kitted to a high standard with a low user step, tail lift and a multitude of handrails making it ideal for the elderly



The Fleet - “ Bernie the Bus “

- A 16 Seater Peugeot Minibus
- Easy Access for the side door
- Can be driven on a standard car licence
- Plenty of space for luggage
- Based in Waddesdon
- Available with or without a driver



The Fleet - “ Bart “

- 13 Seater peugeot minibus
- With a Taillift
- Ability to take a wheelchair
- Low level side step
- Ideal for elderly groups
- Space for luggage
- Based in Buckingham
- Available with or without a driver

The Fleet - “ Bella “

- The newest member of the fleet
- A 16 seater Citroen minibus
- With overhead lockers
- Ideal for kids trips
- Based in Waddesdon
- Available with or without a driver



The Fleet - “ Bernadette “

- Wheelchair friendly car
- Can be hired with or without a driver
- Can take 3 passengers plus a driver plus a wheelchair
- Available with or without a driver
- Based In Buckingham



Bookings - What we do?

We cater to the following local groups

- Elderly day centres
- Sport clubs
- Wi
- Friendship groups
- Brownies
- Weddings
- Parties and celebrations
- And loads of other opportunities.....



Bernie's Food Appeal



During Covid

- During covid, Bernie and his team were key in supporting the work of the food banks by collecting across the aylesbury vale
- This process ran for close to 10 months and we collected over 2000 crates of food via a regular schedule
- We played music and collected in fancy dress to raise the mood at this difficult time
- We were also helping with the redistribution of government food boxes
- Bernie has become key in helping people gain access to food



Post Covid and the cost of living crisis

- Following covid, food sustainability has become a key issue as the country is locked in a cost of living crisis
- Bernie continues to collect on a monthly basis from 26 drop off points across the area.
- We regularly collect half a tonne of food each month which has become invaluable to the work of the food banks in Aylesbury and the surrounding area.



Souper January!
Help us fill the foodbank's shelves with soup this month.
Every month the foodbank uses approximately 840 tins of soup!

at
STOREHOUSE

The 5000 Can Challenge

- As a result of a grant from the Waddesdon & Stone Community board we were able to launch the 5000 Can Challenge in October to December 2022.
- Simply put, We set a target of collecting 5000 cans of food before christmas through our existing network as well as new opportunities.
- 9 Schools, 3 pubs, 2 gyms and several one of events all contributed to smashing the target and achieving an end of year total of 8293 cans collected

THE BERNWODE COMMUNITY BUS PRESENTS

The 5000 Can Challenge

DONATE

BERNIE'S FOOD Appeal

For more info call Ashley on 07977 401548 or check [facebook](#)

THE NEXT EVENT IS

GIVE A LITTLE TO HELP SO MANY TO HELP THE FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

WE NEED YOUR HELP

BERNIE THE BUS IS HOPING TO COLLECT 5000 CANS OF FOOD BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR AND WE ARE ASKING SCHOOLS TO HELP. THE CANS WILL BE DONATED TO HELP FOODBANKS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS.

AT OUR NEXT SCHOOL EVENT WE WILL BE ASKING YOU TO DONATE A CAN AS YOU ARRIVE TO ENJOY THE OCCASION. YOU CAN, OF COURSE, DONATE AT ANY POINT AS WELL.

ANY ORGANISATION TAKING PART WILL RECEIVE A UNIQUE BERNIE CERTIFICATE AND PHOTO. WE ARE VERY KEEN TO TALK TO ANY SCHOOL OR EVENT ORGANISER WHO WISHES TO GET INVOLVED.

www.waddesdonstone.com

Bernie's Eco Warriors



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- Bernie has constantly been working with a number of local schools and litter picking groups in order to keep our local area clean and tidy
- We provide transport services to ensure that volunteers can be transported safely to an area in order to litter pick
- We have also helped to get rid of the bags afterwards



Bernie's Buddies



What is bernies buddies

A social group of residents who use Bernie for trips to garden centres and local markets

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Bernie has become vital in reducing social isolation

With some grant funding we were also able to offer trips with a meal including our famous oxford mystery tour



Bernie at Christmas

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- Again with help from the Community board we were able to take the Bernie Santa Float to four villages in the Waddesdon Area.
- We collected food to help with the 5000 Can Challenge and
- Cash donations totalled in excess of £1200 which will be used to fund some Bernie's Buddies trips to help with social isolation at this difficult time



Our fleet in action

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Volunteer Drivers - Needed

- We need local people with local knowledge
- Happy to drive a big vehicle
- Physically fit
- Good Customer service skills
- Full Training available
- Drive as much or as little as you like
- Range of Shifts available

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Drivers needed for our wonderful fleet of vehicles based at our transport hubs in Waddesdon and Buckingham!

Choice of driving short or longer trips

Daytime, evening & weekend shifts available

Full training and driver induction available

Driver expenses paid (subject to trip)

Just a car license needed

Drive as much or as little as you like

Meet new people, see new places!

Help communities stay connected!

Contact Ashley for more information

 07977401548  @bernwodebus

The Future - What do we need? - Buckingham

- Help to publicise the service and what is available
 - Groups, organisations and businesses
 - Individuals
 - Stakeholders
- Social Media help
- Newsletters
- Driver and volunteer recruitment
- Launch of Buckingham Bernie's Buddies
- Official LAUNCH DATE for BUCKINGHAM will be the Pancake day race on Friday 17th
 - Bart and Bernadette will be in attendance
 - Discuss your needs and requirements





An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 1 2023 – January 2023)

Local Heritage Listing

Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

Sites were nominated by local communities and council staff and evaluated by the council's heritage and archaeology team with volunteers also working on the project.

The Local Heritage List is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g. Grade I, II and II* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

Local Plan update – sites to be published following call for sites

Following the 'Wider' call for sites last year, over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

A list of other sites which have been submitted as part of our wider call for sites will be available in the coming weeks. Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

Work has commenced on an Employment and Retail Evidence Study and a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (we expect to consult with the relevant statutory bodies on this shortly). We are in the process of appointing consultants for several other studies which are needed to inform the plan.

We are currently working to set out the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire which will shape our work going forwards. In accordance with good practice on community engagement, the team is working on a forthcoming public consultation which will enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.

Visitor Economy survey

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a new Tourism Survey which will help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The council is inviting input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders which it will use to help identify new opportunities and to support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire.

The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

The survey findings will be used to get a better understanding of where to focus support for the sector and explore what tourism businesses see as their main challenges and opportunities now and in the future.

Tourism is an important part of our local economy, as visitors spending their time and money in Buckinghamshire support more than 13,000 local jobs and over 2,000 small businesses. Responses from the survey will be used to develop a strategy and action plan which will help the tourism sector in Buckinghamshire to flourish and grow, supporting local jobs, workers and industries into the future.

The survey is live now and will be running until 17 February 2023. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).

Current and upcoming consultations

As well as the Tourism Survey, take a look here to view other current consultations:

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

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Reflection of the Year 2022-23

2nd February 2023



Flood Resilience Event

17th May 2022



Official Opening of Lace Hill Fruit Orchard 23rd May 2022



[Tree-mendous green initiative as fruit trees planted on Buckingham's Lace Hill | Bucks Herald](#)

Buckingham Banking Hub Survey



WHAT BANKING SERVICES DOES BUCKINGHAM NEED?

Tell UK Finance about your banking needs to shape their Buckingham Banking Hub

surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KFCBNMF



 **Community Board**
Buckingham and Villages

 **UK FINANCE**

 **Buckingham Town Council**

Village Walkabouts / Visits and Thursdays in Buckingham Library:



Priorities 2022-23

- Economic recovery
- Green spaces and communities
- Youth
- Road safety

Task & Finish Groups 2022-23

- Youth café
- Road safety
- Banking Hub

Youth Café

- High level conversations with local businesses at potential venues
- Engagement session with groups of students at the Buckingham School
- Plans to collaborate with Buckingham Town Council on tying project in with Youth Council
- Final engagement session in mid - February with the Royal Latin School
- Task & Finish group to be updated end of Feb / early March to plan next steps

Funding 2022-23

Buckingham & Villages Community Board Budget
2022/23: **£117,026.00**

Allocation to date: **£67,361.00**

Remaining budget: **£49,665.00**

(as of 2nd Feb 2023)

Projects Funded 2022-23

Ref Number	Project	Organisation	Total Project Cost	Match Funding	CB Funding
BUCK2223_01	Swan Trail	Buckingham Town Council	£8,280.00	£3,050.00	£4,750.00
N/A	Bringing the Skies to You	UK Astronomy	£39,000.00	26000 (12,500 across 8 boards)	£2,310.00
BUCK2223_03	Tuesday & Thursday Clubs	Parish of the Claydons	£2,000.00	N/A	£2,000.00
BUCK2223_04	Garden of Reflection	Parish of the Claydons	£54,628.00	£49,628.00	£5,000.00
BUCK2223_05	Playground Equipment	Maids Moreton Parish Council	£107,384.33	£95,840.51	£11,543.82
BUCK2223_07	Twyford Pavillion Refurb	Twyford Parish Council	£250,000.00	£235,000.00	£15,000.00
BUCK2223_08	Heritage Trail	Buckingham Canal Society	£5,152.00	£652.00	£4,500.00
BUCK2223_11	Industrial Dishwasher	Leckhampstead Parish Council	N/A	N/A	£1,000.00
BUCK2223_12	Inclusive Bowls Equipment	Slade Recreation Club	N/A	N/A	£1,000.00
BUCK2223_13	Florence Nightingale Lasting & Meaningful Legacy	Friends of Steeple Claydon Library	£2,003.00	£508.00	£1,495.00
BUCK2223_14	Buckingham Primary Outdoor Play Equipment	Buckingham Primary School PTA	£40,947.00	£26,500.00	£14,447.00
BUCK2223_15	Small Hall Refurbishment	East & Boltoph Claydon Parish Council	£3,503.20	£500.00	£3,003.20
BUCK2223_16	Westbury Community Shop & Cafe Welcoming Space	Westbury Community Shop & Cafe	N/A	N/A	£650.00
BUCK2223_17	Lace Hill Academy Orchard	Lace Hill Academy	N/A	N/A	£662.44

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Looking forward to 2023-24

2nd February 2023



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Calendar 2023-24

- ❖ Proud of Bucks Awards – nominations open until 12th Feb 23
- ❖ 21st March 23 - Flood Resilience Event
- ❖ 4th May 23 - CB engagement event
- ❖ 6th July 23 - CB Meeting 1 (in person)
- ❖ Summer 23- Attendance at Buckingham Town Council event
- ❖ Oct 23- North Bucks Careers Fair (community board project)
- ❖ 12th Oct- CB Meeting 2 (in person)
- ❖ 8th Feb- CB Meeting 3 (MS Teams)

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Community Engagement Event 4th May 2023

- ❖ Buckingham University
- ❖ Open to the public – combination of engagement and networking
- ❖ Interactive- Local community organisations, VCS groups and Bucks Council partnership organisations invited to hold stalls
- ❖ Decide on community board priorities for 2023-24
- ❖ Proud of Bucks Awards Ceremony



**Buckinghamshire
Community Awards:**

- ★ Local Community Champion
- ★ Young Community Champion
- ★ Community Group Contribution



Community
Boards



Nominations are open!

Over to you...

What would you like to see from the Buckingham & Villages Community Board in 2023-24?