



Buckinghamshire Council Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm and concluding at 9.00 pm

Members Present

J Waters, M Bracken, T Broom, A Cranmer, R Gaffney, E Gemmell, D Johncock, J Ng, C Oliver, N Thomas, D Watson, A Wheelhouse and K Wood

Others in attendance

S Saunders, P Cogger, A Cecil, A Barron, D Sanders, J Westmacott, M Roker and R Scott

Officers Present

C Green, H Baldwin and I Malik.

1 CHAIRMAN`S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those who were present to the meeting and outlined online etiquette also providing a brief description of the role of the Board for the benefit of new members.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Broadbent, Ms Bewley, Ms Leaf, Ms Marriot, Ms McDonald, Ms Newton, Mr Ratcliff Ms Watts and Mr Skinner.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 4 May be approved

as a true record.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5 COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Chairman provided an update on boundary changes in Bucks reporting that the Commission had pushed back the date to 5 December for receipt of final submissions.

The Chairman also highlighted the recent information that had been sent by the Leader of the Council regarding the £2.4m support fund and how the monies were to be split. This was to be allocated to such things as digital food vouchers, arrivals from Afghanistan and Ukraine, care leaders, pensioners and to the Crisis Fund.

Members were urged to refer residents in desperate need to the Board website where a variety of help could be accessed.

Reference was also made to the petition on the A355 junction, which had received much concern and attention. It was confirmed that the pavement application had been taken further but that the junction itself was a major project and one which was too costly for the Board to be able to fund with its limited resources.

One Member put forward the suggestion that the junction be included on the Council's capital programmed and that Board write to Mr Skinner regarding this.

The Board Manager stated that she would clarify how to go forward with the matter.

The Board Manager proceeded to highlight some of the consultations that were currently underway or about to commence including the Community Safety Survey the date for which had been extended which emphasised concerns in the local area regards crime and anti- social behaviour.

She also gave mention to the creation of a network of welcoming spaces this winter, to assist when the weather turned colder. Starting with council libraries, these locations would provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone needing it.

6 UKRAINE SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

A presentation was conducted by Harriet Baldwin regarding the support on offer for the Ukrainian Refugees in the area.

It was emphasised that the work that had been carried out to date had been very positive with Bucks families having been very hospitable and generous. However, there would be a move into more difficult times as the end of the 6 month period was imminent and the cost of living crisis was still very much an issue with no extra financial assistance from the Government expected.

7 COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

This item was withdrawn

8 FUNDING REPORT & ACTION GROUPS

The Board Manager reported that funding at beginning of the financial year was £111,704. The confirmed spend to date amounted to £9,128.40. Projects in the pipeline were equal to £31,500 with earmarked spend for Highways expected to be £52,838. Therefore the forecast remaining budget was £18,237.

It was agreed that the full report containing the figures would be circulated with the minutes. The view was expressed that it would be beneficial to have more of the environmental projects come forward, and any such projects were encouraged.

Health & Wellbeing

It was reported that 2 meetings had taken place so far with excellent presentations having been conducted for the applications being put forward, from the SW Chiltern Action group and the youth Project Group.

Environment

The last meeting had been cancelled and progress on some projects had been slow, however people were encouraged to come along to the meetings with ideas and to provide some assistance in helping to move projects along.

Highways

The last meeting had been held in June, and last week progress on project applications received from the previous year had been reviewed. It was also reported that Cllr Thomas had agreed to step in as Vice Chairman of the group in the Chairman's absence.

Youth Engagement

Members were informed that there were 3 main objectives of the group. a) Establish the Youth Forum giving access to schools which would subsequently feed ideas thoughts and views into the Board. b) To provide support to school children in terms of developing jobs and skills and improving activities for the youths. c) Empowerment, targeting groups with young people.

9 TOPICS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

It was suggested that the terms of reference for the Board be reviewed which was central to the efficient operation of the work and role of the Board. Whilst working practices were similar with others there were also differences. It was therefore suggested that any ideas on this matter be referred to the Chairman in the first instance.

Another Member put forward the topic of parking enforcement for consideration and also took the opportunity to thank Paul Cogger who was due to end his membership of the Board.

Rhiannon Scott highlighted the issue of a funding application for assistance with a community project which was to produce mosaics in Beaconsfield. The project had received an enthusiastic local response with much support whereby anyone in the community could be involved in the making of the mosaics the first of which was to be shown this weekend.

It was advised that the matter be discussed with the Board Manager to establish further information on the project in the first instance.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 23 January 2023.

Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship scheme

- Public invited to 'sign up' if they are willing to host an individual or family for a minimum of six months (Homes for Ukraine scheme)
- Visa Scheme launched - allows Ukrainians to come to the UK for up to three years if they have a named sponsor under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- The visa scheme places requirements on the Council to provide co-ordinated support including education, housing checks and safeguarding. The Council will receive £10,500 per person

Council response

- 25 team members working full time within the central project team
- 100+ staff members undertaking the sponsor liaison role on top of their day job
- 750+ home safety checks undertaken by Environmental Health
- 1,500 + DBS checks requested by the business support team on adults within sponsor households
- Work being undertaken by a variety of teams across the council including education, Children's safeguarding, Adults, Housing, customer services, finance.
- ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk mailbox set up to answer queries on a daily basis

In Buckinghamshire:

692 sponsor households

1820 Ukrainian guests matched to sponsors

1354 Ukrainian guests arrived

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In Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board area:

51 active host families with 104 guests

10-12 guests in system, still to arrive

19 host families/35 guests where guests have moved on

rematch, returned to Ukraine, private rent, left area

Beaconsfield Community Board area

- Community welcome and support
- Good engagement with schools
 - The Beaconsfield School
- Community groups
 - Hazlemere welcomes
 - Marlow Ukraine Collective
 - Better Connected Beaconsfield
 - Employment workshops
 - Social gatherings
 - English lessons & conversation classes

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CAFÉ UKRAINE

Зустріч української громади
у Беконфілді

з метою соціалізації і надання підтримки,
особливо тим, хто приїхав нещодавно
з України



Gathering of Ukrainian community
in Beaconsfield

for socializing and providing support
especially for newly arrived Ukrainians

Every Monday
9:30-11:30 am

at the Dove Café, St Thomas Church,
Mayflower Way, Holtspur, HP9 1UF

Beaconsfield Community Board area

- All children in school (and 2 young people at university!)
- Many hosts extending for a year/academic year
- Jobs: locally and in London
- English classes – Adult Learning in Beaconsfield

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- Celebrating gifts and talents

Photography exhibition (right)

8 year old Ivan in Flackwell Heath won a poetry competition for a poem about peace



Helping Hand: Support for Ukraine

- The emergency appeal is administered by Heart of Bucks
- We advocate funding applications for guests, for up to £500 per family
- The types of things that have been funded are
 - Interpreter training courses
 - Exams for people to convert qualifications (e.g. nursing)
 - Clothes for children's school uniform
 - School trips
 - Conversion of qualifications



Current challenges: post sponsor housing

- Continuing with existing sponsors:
 - where this works for both parties
- Re-matching:
 - the Council team may be able to match guests with a new host family.
 - Thank you payments can last for 12 months from the guest arrival date
- Private rental:
 - support from Council team on affordability, benefits.
 - Challenging in the south of the county
- Social Housing (Bucks Home Choice):
 - Longer term solution
 - High demand and potentially a long wait

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Funding Summary Report: October 2022

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered, and approved this financial year.

Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the Chesham & villages Community Board.

Year	Budget	Allocated (POs Raised)	Remaining Budget	Pipeline Projects	Highways Earmarked	Forecast Remaining Budget
2022/2023	£111,704	£39,419.58	£72,284.42	£31,760	£22,324.49	£18,199.93

Funding Applications Status Summary

Funding applications that have been received by the Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board and their current status are detailed in the table below.

Funding Applications Received				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding agreed	Funding decision status
Experience Training Ltd	Interactive Dementia Bus Experience	£1,056.00	£0.00	Approved
Penn & Tylers Green Events	Jubilee Afternoon Tea	£1,350	£500	Approved
Winchmore Hill Residents	Jubilee Celebrations Big	£250	£1,500	Approved

Association	Jubilee Lunch			
Beaconsfield Town Council	Beaconsfield Sings Jubilee Event	£750	£2,250	Approved
Flackwell Heath Residents Association	Platinum Jubilee Heath Fest	£500	£10,936	Approved
TAP Creative	Music Masterclass	£5,000	£5,000	Approved
Creative Partnerships	Beaconsfield Mosaic Trail	£3,000 tbc	£25,000	Needs to go to funding panel/application amendments
Beaconsfield Town Council	Beaconsfield to Penn B474 30MPH Speed Limit	£8,737.06	£8,000	Funding earmarked for new contractor takeover
Chepping Wycombe Parish	Ashley Drive Junction Protection	£9,834.08	£0	Approved
Tylers Green First & Middle Schools	Tylers Green First & Middle Schools Parking Improvements	£12,298.16	£2,000	Approved
Beaconsfield Town Council	Wattleton Road & Walkwood Rise Waiting Restrictions	£8,381.34	£9,000	Approved
Beaconsfield Town Council	Zebra Crossing A355	£8,629.44	£0	Funding earmarked for

	Amersham Road, Beaconsfield			new contractor takeover
Chepping Wycombe Parish	Loudwater – street parking	£4,957.99	tbc	Funding earmarked for new contractor takeover
Community Board	Community SpeedWatch Additional Sign	£222.40	£0	Approved
Alfriston School	Alfriston Outdoor Learning and Habitat Development	£7,460	£4,485	Needs to go to funding panel
St Peter's Church, Loudwater	School Supplies Project	£6,000	£4,485	Needs to go to funding panel
The Clare Foundation	Talk Cancer	£300	£300	Needs to go to CBMT
Relatable Rolemodels/The Community Church	Youth Project - Music Production Classes	£15,000	£56,000	Needs to go to funding panel

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