



Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 13 September 2022

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership:

D Thompson (Chairman), M Baldwin, S Chapple, A Christensen, T Dixon, R Gaster, T Hunter-Watts, N Hussain, T Hussain, S James, R Khan BEM, S Lambert, S Morgan, A Poland-Goodyer, W Raja, D Summers, G Wadhwa and M Winn

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1 Chairman's Welcome and Appointment of Vice-Chairman	18:00	
2 Apologies for Absence		
3 Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or pecuniary interests.		
4 Housekeeping		
5 Actions from the last meeting To review and sign off the action notes from the meeting on 17 th February 2022.		3 - 8
6 Thames Valley Police Update To be presented by PC Nick Gent, PC Lauren Goodwin and PC David Grainger	18:10	
7 Community Board Priorities & Funding Update To be presented by Cllr David Thompson, Amy Jenner - Senior Community Board Manager and Priority Group Leads.	18:30	9 - 16

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| 8 | Regeneration in Aylesbury
To be presented by Lisa Michelson, Service Director - Planning Growth and Sustainability and Carla Galea, Area Generation Manager - Planning Growth and Sustainability. | 19:00 | |
| 9 | Community Matters including petition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address questions from the public. Questions to be submitted in advance of the meeting to aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk • Cambridge Street Petition
To be presented by Carla Galea, Area Generation Manager- Planning Growth and Sustainability | 19:30 | 17 - 22 |
| 10 | Chairman's close and date of next meeting
Thursday 22 November at 6 p.m. | 19:55 | |

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Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Thursday 17 February 2022 via MS Teams, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.53 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Winn (Chairman), M Baldwin, S Chapple, A Christensen, T Hunter-Watts, S Lambert, S Morgan, A Poland-Goodyer and D Summers

Others in attendance

A Sherwell (Aylesbury Town Council), A Poland-Goodyer (Coldharbour Parish Council), P Dey (Buckingham Park Parish Council), Insp. James Davies (Thames Valley Police)
A Morgan, B Russell, C Martin, D Furze, G Hobbs, J Seaton, K Hills, K Gray, L Lloyd, M Bergh, R Walker, S Rudiger, C Geen, M Heime, A Simone, C Older, M Dejoux, J Pearce, L Ashton

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's welcome & introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors T Dixon, S James and D Thompson. Apologies were also received from B Lasoye (Aylesbury Town Council), H Philips (River Thame Conservation Trust), T Burch (Public Health), H Asquith (Youth Concern), and K Ironside (Transitions UK).

3 Declarations of interest

None.

4 Actions from the last meeting

At the last meeting action plans were requested from Public Health, these were now available on the [Council's website](#).

It was asked whether the Board could fund the purchase of BP measuring machines for residents. This had been looked at by the Health and Wellbeing Action Group and there should be an update given to the next Action Group meeting in March following ongoing discussions with the Public Health team.

Resolved:

to agree the action notes from the last meeting.

5 Community Safety Update

Chris Geen, Community Safety Team Leader and Serious Organised/Violent Crime Lead was in attendance to present the update. Chris's presentation is appended to the minutes. In addition to going through the slides, the following points were highlighted:

- The importance of local Member engagement.
- The team targeted areas where the team could have the most impact, particularly in the town centre, Whitehill and Southcourt areas. Chris encouraged people to report issues to the team.
- The CCTV review was yet to be finalised and Chris was happy to discuss further with Community Board Members outside of the meeting.
- Safety of women and girls within the town centre during the night time economy was discussed. This would sit under the new Statutory Serious Violence Duty. The Police would also be running an awareness week during March. A sub group would be set up shortly to co-ordinate activities in this area and the Community Board would welcome being part of discussions. There were already some schemes within the town centre to provide safe spaces.
- A response would be provided on whether the Aylesbury Street Wardens would be centrally funded moving forward as they had initially been funded through the Board. **(Action: Chris Geen)**

6 Thames Valley Police Update

Inspector James Davies was in attendance to provide an update on the work of Thames Valley Police in the Community Board area. The following points were highlighted:

- Community Board boundaries differed slightly to the boundaries used by the police for Aylesbury Vale. Residential burglaries had increased 3% on last year and an increase in violence with injury offences of 21% had been seen. This had been a national trend. Overall there was a 20% increase on crime across Aylesbury Vale.
- Environmental audits were being undertaken, these included the areas of Whitehill, Alfred Rose Park, and Edinburgh Playing Fields.
- An operation was underway, funded by the Home Office which aimed to increase engagement with residents to focus on reducing violent crime. This included increased stop searches, building links with young people and making visits to people who were known to be involved in knife carrying.
- Members and residents were encouraged to report suspicious activities seen on Facebook to the Police as the force was unable to continually monitor social media channels.
- Street drinkers within the town centre were discussed, the Aylesbury Street

Wardens may be able to support in this area and the Board recognised that work with licensed premises within the town centre was required.

- In relation to the potential re-development of Kingsbury Square and Market Square, a Member commented that the police response to the consultation had appeared quite negative given that the redevelopment aimed to be built on garden town principles. Insp. Davies advised that the response would have been from a police perspective identifying risk areas, however recognised that improvements should encourage the anti-social elements away as more people used the areas.

7 Youth Views Survey Results Overview

Jack Pearce, Community Board Co-ordinator and Simon Rudiger, Aylesbury Youth Action reported the main findings from the Youth Views survey, produced by Aylesbury Youth Action, The Cloudy Foundation, and the Aylesbury Community Board. Presentation slides are appended to the minutes which detail the survey results, demographics of respondents and highlighted the themes identified. In addition to the information appended, the following points were highlighted:

- An action was to undertake the survey annually, to get more young people involved and benchmark responses. A smaller working group would be convened to go through results in further detail.
- Giselle Hobbs, Mandeville School offered support from her school to help more students become involved in the process and contact details were passed to Jack and Simon.
- Monica Bergh, Family Support Service advised that Youth Concern had been commissioned to do a piece of work around youth needs in the town, and were assessing the viability of a youth hub. Monica was happy to link in with Simon and Jack and bring the next steps back to the Community Board.
- A comment was made about the size of the survey, with the suggestion that the next one be reduced from 64 questions.

8 Priorities & Action Group Updates

Enhancing the Lives of our Youth – Jack Pearce

- The Action Group would be looking further at the results of the Youth Survey and taking youth views forward.
- A Health and Wellbeing Fayre had been held at the Grange School and was well received by young people and partners. A toolkit was being worked on to roll out across schools in Aylesbury.

Improving the Environment – Cllr Sarah James

- The Action Group explored ways to prevent littering across Aylesbury and the Aylesbury Wombles had been very active in this area and had recently received Board funding to purchase an electric vehicle.

- There would be a focus on tree planting as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative and a funding application to plant a living wall was in progress. Difficulties in identifying sites for planting were discussed, [information on tree planting was available on the Council’s website](#) and would be circulated to Board Members **(Action: Jack Pearce)**

Road Safety, Highways and Infrastructure – Cllr Mark Winn

- Installation of outdoor gyms in Fairford Leys and Buckingham Park were being explored as well as a BMX pump track which had been an area of need raised in the Youth Views Survey.
- Members, schools and road safety colleagues were looking at potential projects to address speeding traffic.
- Around 34 priority Highway Code and Parking projects had been put forward for agreement, these included double yellow lines, keep clear signage and improved accessibility such as dropped kerbs.

Health, Wellbeing and Community Safety – Cllr Susan Morgan

- Transitions UK had recently spoken to the group about their transgender treatment clinic at the Mandeville practice. The group was focussing on what could be set up with partners to address cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes.

Economic Recovery - Cllr Susan Morgan

- There were still places available on the ‘Be your own boss project’, run by Bucks Business First (BBF). This action group would be reviewed as it had not been working as well as had been hoped. Feedback on the next steps would be provided at the next CB meeting.

Members of the Board discussed funding cuts to Community Boards and the need to re-visit priorities as funding for the next municipal year became known. The Board also heard that a ‘levelling up’ working group had been set up by the Leader of the Council to look at ways to support areas of deprivation, particularly in Aylesbury and High Wycombe. This involved working with health partners and VCS groups.

9 Community Matters

- One public question had been received from Giselle Hobbs, Mandeville School which raised concerns around road safety around the school at the start and end of the school day. The Board would form a working group of local Councillors, road safety officers and school staff to discuss and take ideas forward. The school travel team had also offered to support the school

by looking at travel plans and other areas of help. A Member raised potential provision for a lollipop person and queried whether this would be a possibility (**Action: Jack Pearce**).

- The Chairman reported that as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations people could [visit the Buckinghamshire Council website to apply for street closures in their area](#).
- A [consultation on improvements to the Emerald Way cycleway](#) was open for people to comment on, the consultation would close on 9 March.
- The Helping Hand household support fund was also highlighted and Board Members encouraged to share [details](#) with residents in need of support.

10 Funded Projects

An update was received on funded projects. The Chairman highlighted a number of schemes funded and the following additional points were raised:

In terms of quality assurance, the board was advised that end of project evaluations were undertaken and those who received funding were required to provide reporting information on how funds were spent and provide feedback on their respective projects. As the end of the municipal year approached, organisations were being contacted and this information could be shared with the Community Board. Community Board Members were also welcome to visit projects and see them in action.

11 Chairman's close & date of next meeting

The Chairman advised that he hoped the next meeting would be in person and at this meeting the Proud of Bucks awards would be publicly awarded. The meeting will take place in April and a date and venue will be circulated as soon as confirmed.

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18:00- Welcome and Introduction
18:10 Thames Valley Police Update
**18.30 Community Board Priorities
and Funding Update**
19:00 Regeneration in Aylesbury
19:30 Community Matters
-Question Time
-Cambridge Street Petition
20:00 Thank you and Close



Welcome from the Community Board
Chairman - Cllr David Thompson



Item 7: Priority & Funding Update

Priorities – engagement in May 2022





Item 7: Priority & Funding Update

Priorities – refreshed in July 2022

Environment: Active Travel



Cost of Living



Education and Skills





Item 7: Priority & Funding Update

Active Travel- Getting around in Aylesbury

Uses car as son has autism

Nan drove- I broke my leg. I sold my bike to get some money.

Bus Routes are good

Meadowcroft- I have a bus pass so use buses. Have walked too. Can't cycle due to disability.

Disabled so taxi or bus

Stoke Mandeville- don't walk as roads too busy and doesn't feel safe

I drive- injuries mean I can no longer cycle. Have bus pass but usually only come to town to do bulk shop which is too much to carry



Crossing closure at Old Stoke Road means we can't walk to local shops and more.

Likes that a lot of children at Ashmead school walk but those parents who drive are inconsiderate.

E-scooters unsafe when walking. People park cars on pavements too.



Item 7: Priority & Funding Update

Active Travel- Getting around in Aylesbury

Bedgrove- number 7 bus is great- please don't cut service.

Walked from Bicester Road

Drives- buses not reliable from Aston Clinton

I walked from canal today. I like that I could get a bus if I needed to.

Almhurst- I walk. Overgrown Yew tree (private land) on Buckingham Road makes pavement too narrow though



Works at BC- likes cycle racks as secure. Also takes bus

Would use Greenway for walking if cheaper to get to Parkway (£4 on train from town)

Car shares to work and walks home

Lack of safe cycle racks prevents me from cycling. Need one on Market Square

Likes that Bucks has good public footpaths in countryside



Item 7: Priority & Funding Update

Budget: £207,127

Allocated to date: **£45,336**

£15,000 - Aylesbury Town Council- Flood Trailer

£2,190 - UK Astronomy Planetarium

£4,368 - Ukraine Friends and Family Hub @ The Vineyard

£23,778 - Active in the Community Youth Project

Remaining Budget: **£161,791***

What's new?

- Small Grants of up to £1,000
- Maximum value £15,000 for general funding
- Must have contributory funding for requests over £1,000
- Majority of projects to be grown from within board priorities
- New highways contract from April 2023



Item 7: Priority & Funding Update





Report to Aylesbury Community Board

Date:	13th September 2022
Title:	Report in response to petition – Cambridge Street
Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Strachan (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration)
Contact officer:	Carla-Louise Galea
Ward(s) affected:	Aylesbury North
Recommendations:	It is recommended that Community Board note the petition and current situation which prevents our taking the requested action at this point in time. Additionally it is recommended that there are further investigations on the opportunities to enhance Cambridge Street through place making interventions subject to funding becoming available.
Reason for decision:	Cambridge Street will be impacted by the public realm capital project in Kingsbury and Market Square

1. Executive summary

Buckinghamshire Council has received a petition (appendix A) from local residents and businesses requesting that the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Cambridge Street (in the centre of Aylesbury) is made permanent; allowing the street to remain permanently pedestrianised.

2. Content of report

- 2.1. The original Traffic Regulation Order was granted on 11th November 2020 expiring on 28th February 2022 prohibiting through traffic to proceed down Cambridge Street. An extended Temporary Traffic Regulation Order was granted on 28th February 2022 for a further eighteen months, expiring in September 2023. Buckinghamshire Council's rationale behind granting the order was to assist in the recovery of the local economy

(as set out in the Government emergency active travel fund) due to the Covid pandemic. It has widely been considered a successful road closure as the support for this petition demonstrates.

- 2.2. Buckinghamshire Council has been developing a public realm scheme adjacent to Cambridge Street for some time, this scheme was initiated by the Shadow Authority in February 2020.
- 2.3. It is anticipated that the scheme will address some of the current issues with town centre access and create a safe environment through the proposed landscaping and pavement treatments, together with a new traffic regulation order.
- 2.4. As part of the current proposals, it may become necessary to utilise Cambridge Street again as a part of the town centre road network. This is due to the objectives of the scheme together with the constraints on the local road network around both Kingsbury and Market Squares.
- 2.5. It is expected that the detailed scheme design will proceed to a cabinet decision in early 2023. The timing for the implementation of the public realm scheme is not yet been agreed.
- 2.8 At this stage of the design development of Kingsbury and Market Squares, we are unable to make the pedestrianisation of Cambridge Street permanent as requested in the petition. However the aspirations of the petition to improve the street are acknowledged and will be investigated as part of the project.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1. The council is committed to further investigations to retain the Cambridge Street road closure whilst still achieving the objectives of the Kingsbury and Market Square regeneration scheme. If this proves not to be possible options to enhance the environment of Cambridge Street will be investigated.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1. Finance

- 4.2. None identified however the petition requests improvements to Cambridge Street which would have a financial cost that is not currently budgeted for.

4.3. Legal

- 4.4. If Cambridge Street were to be closed to traffic permanently a traffic regulation order would need to be advertised and made under the provisions of ss1, 2 and 4 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with the requirements of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Reg 1996.

4.5. The temporary traffic regulation order granted on 28th February 2022 for 18 months will need to be revoked and/or suspended should the effects of the order no longer be necessary.

5. Local councillors' consultation & views

5.1. Views sought through this report.

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 Subject to approval of the Kingsbury and Market Square scheme, further engagement is planned with the residents and businesses of both Kingsbury and Market square together with other impacted local residents and business including those in Cambridge Street.

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Aylesbury HP20 1RS

To Ms. Diane Harrison

Aylesbury Town Council

22nd July 2022

CAMBRIDGE STREET PETITION

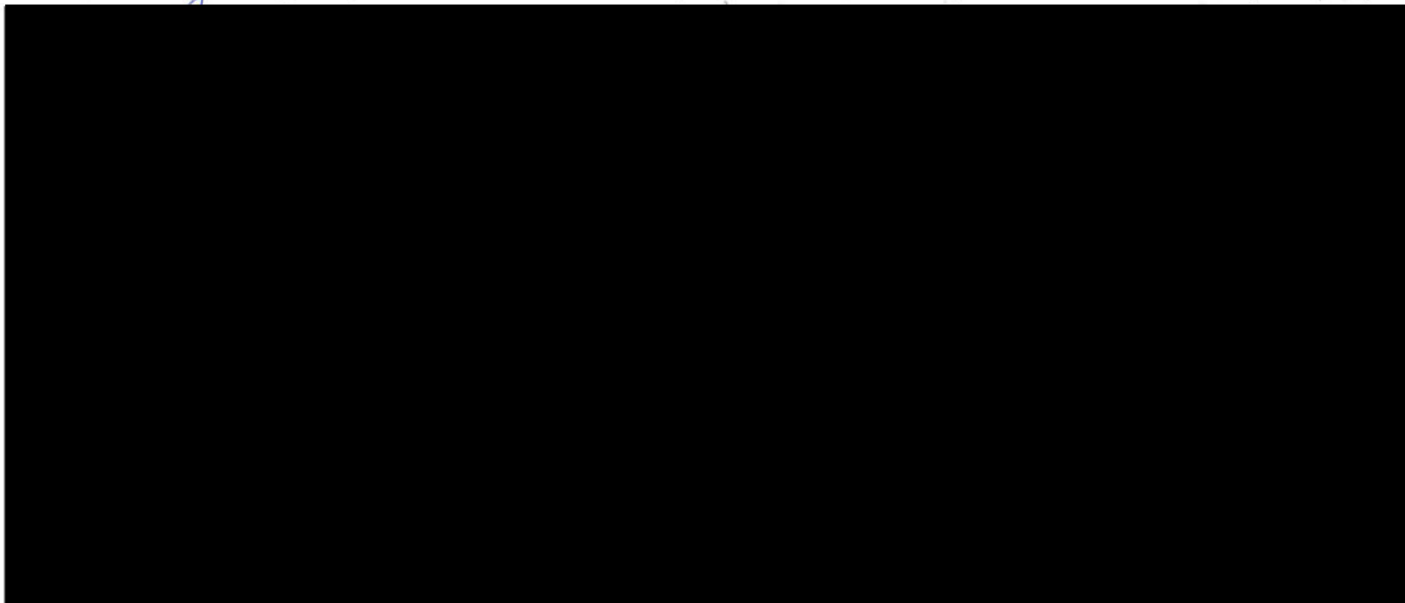
The paving slabs in Cambridge Street (the end closest to the town centre) were bad in 1963 I remember, and they are so much worse now. Where they've been broken into small pieces they've been filled up with tarmac – see photo attached. This has the effect of making the street look a total mess, which it doesn't deserve as many of the businesses have made a lot of effort on their shop fronts in the last year or so.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we, and other neighbours, want to see this part of Cambridge Street pedestrianized in the same manner as has been done in the main High Street. This petition has received the signatures of those people who live and trade in the locality of Cambridge Street, Aylesbury.

Our Street is in the centre of town and we all want it to be pedestrianized
PLEASE.

CAMBRIDGE STREET NEEDS A TREAT!

We, the undersigned, are in favour of this petition:



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