



Buckinghamshire Council

Wendover and Villages Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Thursday 6 October 2022 in via MS Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.30 pm

Members present

M Collins, R Newcombe, M Baldwin, P Strachan and J Ward

Others in attendance

E Baildon, S Bulpitt, S Cotton, N Court, G Holder, L Iannone, J Ingall, A Jenner, D Jones, C Mclatchie, L Mangisi, R Marsh, C Martin, M O'Shea, M Nodes, C Paternoster, L Ronson, S Rudiger, K Shanahan, D Stevens, N Surman and C Walker.

Others in attendance

M Parker and C Saunders

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions - Cllr Mike Collins

Councillor Collins (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman read out the following statement regarding the proposed development of a Scout Hall on Rectory Farm, Aston Clinton:

“Following the last Community Board Meeting, I along with Cllr Richard Newcombe met with Cabinet Member John Chilver and also John Reed Service Director for Property at Buckinghamshire Council. We presented a case in support of the Aston Clinton Scouts request for a right of way over a small piece roadside land the property of Buckinghamshire Council and the lifting of the restrictive covenants necessary to provide access to their proposed development of a Scout Hall on Rectory Farm Aston Clinton.

From this discussion it was made clear that the Council would not move on their stated position of refusing right of way access. A detailed report was tabled and discussed challenging the reason for the refusal by the property team at Council. The reasons for the refusal were challenged but their position was NOT open for discussion as this stage.

It is with regret therefore that the matter, as far as the Community Board is concerned, is

closed. The Board suggests the Scouts continue their efforts to resolve the matter working with the Property Team and to also consider the Bulls Field option as proposed by the Councils Property Team.

If, in the future, there is a way that the Community Board can help then this is something to be considered.”

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor S Bowles, and from Peter Wyatt, Aston Clinton Parish Council. There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4 Funding So Far

The Community Board Manager provided an overview of funding that had been awarded so far in 2022/23. It also detailed the budget position to date for:

- Approved Funding Applications for 2022/23
- Small grants applications, noting that these did not require contributory funding.
- Projects on hold (Stoke Mandeville PC White Village Gates).
- Pre-applications discussions, which included Bierton Play Park Refurbishment, Kingsbrook Garden Maintenance Electronic Vehicle, Wendover Men’s Shed – Solar Lighting, Bierton Tennis Club – Resurfacing of courts, Wendover Football Club – Refurbishment of Club Hut, and Wendover Parking Review.
- Project funding information for 2020/21 and 2021/22 (historical).

A copy of the funding information is attached to the Minutes.

The meeting was informed that applications over £1K would require contributory funding however this did not have to be a 50/50 split. The small grants application process was now available at: [Apply for Community Board small grant funding | Buckinghamshire Council](#). The current budgetary position was:

Year	Budget	Allocated	Remaining Budget
2022/23	£148,957	£35,140	£113,817

The following issues were discussed:

- An explanation was given of the new highways contracts that would be in place from April 2023 for maintaining and Improving roads in the county. This was also covered in the Corporate Update later in the agenda, including that of the 58 projects that had been agreed and funded committed but were yet to be completed by the outgoing contractor (TfB):
 - o 22 projects were rated Green and scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2023.
 - o 10 projects were rated Amber and would be delivered to a gateway stage ready for the new contractor to take forward, e.g. design, feasibility.
 - o 26 projects were rated Red and under review, and may not be started at all because of their complexity or the time to implement overlaps with the change in Highway’s service provider.
- That the maximum grant for an individual funding application was £15K. It was

acknowledged that some of pre-application discussions such as the resurfacing of tennis courts would be expensive and would require the applicant to provide more funding. It was expected that some funding would be available for 2022/23 Funding Application Round 3. If this was not possible then it may be possible to signpost applicants to other funding streams.

- Advice was provided on the procedural arrangements to progress a traffic calming scheme for Buckland.
- It was explained that one of the primary roles of Community Boards was to capture local views on issues such as traffic calming so that they could then be Minuted and communicated to the Cabinet Member and Council officers.
- That further discussions on the Buckland Wharf petition would be arranged following the Community Board meeting and this matter then reported back. The Chairman did not intend to discuss it further at agenda item number 8. It was mentioned that the petitions on Thorne Way and Buckland Wharf had been amalgamated.
- A Parish Councillor mentioned that she had contacted TfB and the Council on a number of occasions over the last 3 months to discuss Buckland Wharf traffic calming but had not been contacted or received any responses.

The report also included information on the new approach to funding for the Board. Funding had previously been allocated on a first come, first served basis, but it had been agreed at the last meeting to have deadlines and then subsequently meetings to discuss these applications, including the possibility of applicant(s) attending these meetings. The funding cycles were:

2022/23 Funding Application Round 1

Deadline for applications: Friday 19 August 2022

Formal decision meeting: W/C 26 September 2022

2022/23 Funding Application Round 2

Deadline for applications: Friday 18 October 2022

Formal decision meeting: W/C 28 November 2022

2022/23 Funding Application Round 3

Deadline for applications: Friday 25 November 2022

Formal decision meeting: 9 January 2023

RESOLVED –

That the funding Update and current budgetary position be NOTED.

5 Wendover Library Refurbishment (David Jones, Head of Libraries and Culture, Buckinghamshire Council), Michael O’Shea and Lyn Mangisi (both also from Buckinghamshire Council) attended for this item)

The Board received a presentation and asked questions on the Wendover Community Library Improvement Project. Information on the project is available on the Council’s website at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/wendover-community-library/wendover-library-improvement-project/>.

The Council had been successful with a funding bid to the Arts Council England Libraries Improvement Fund for funding to transform Wendover Community Library into an inclusive, multi-use community hub that offered a single point of contact for local services in Wendover and provided for a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities.

The total value of the scheme would be in the region of £500,000 which included £310,000 from the bid, capital funding of £120,000 from Buckinghamshire Council's Capital programme and several smaller grants from the Wendover Community Trust and the Wendover Parish Council.

As a community hub, the aspiration was for the Wendover Library to meet the needs of current library customers, as well as attract new customers including those from marginalised groups, providing a diverse and inclusive service. The aim was to do this through developing new partnerships to broaden the service offer and generate new social and cultural activities. It was mentioned that the library could look to brand itself as a gateway hub to the Chilterns, and that this could be assisted by opening the library on a Sunday. Funding to undertake a pilot on Sunday opening and then assess its viability was currently being explored.

The following comments / responses to questions were provided:

- That 6 artists would be interviewed, with a view to the project having an art installation element, informed by the community. Display boards with information would be in Wendover Community Library from 22 October 2022.
- The Community Board and attendees were very supportive of the project, that would also allow a broader range of services to be delivered than was currently possible.
- Information was provided that exhibition cases / glass tables would be used to display items of interest (e.g. from the BC museum) in the reception area. There would also be opportunities for local people to sell some products.
- That the area was desperately in need of more flexible meeting spaces for community groups, which would be provided as part of the project.
- Information was provided on targets and the focus for fund raising.
- That the Libraries team would contact the Chilterns Conservation Board to explore opportunities for joint working.
- That a planning application for the improvement project had been submitted to the Council in late September. It was anticipated this would take 12-16 weeks to process and decide.

RESOLVED –

That the Council Officers be thanked for attending the meeting and providing the update.

6 Ukraine Support (Deborah Stevens (Head of Migration and Asylum – Ukraine, Buckinghamshire Council) and Neil Court (Council's Ukraine co-ordinator for the CB areas) attended for this item)

The Board was provided with information on support being provided across the Buckinghamshire Council area to Ukrainian refugees by the Council and, as well, related information on the Wendover Community Board area. 1,800 Ukrainians had been matched to come to Bucks to live with a sponsor group, of which about 1,500 had arrived. Refugees were granted a 3-year visa and on support issues that needed to be addressed on arrival included schooling for children, accessing Universal Credit, transport, as well as many other things. People arriving were initially matched for 6 months with a group/family. Some of these periods were now coming to an end so issues included re-matching (if could remain with current family), private rental market (Council was able to provide some initial assistance), and social housing (Ukraine refugees were eligible). As might be expected, finding housing in the Bucks area was difficult and expensive.

Neil Court explained that the issues faced in the Wendover area were similar to those

experienced across Buckinghamshire. While many accommodation sponsors lasted for 6 months and would continue beyond the initial period, there would also be a need to re-match some people. A number of new sponsors had come forward. The Council worked with partners including the Aylesbury Vineyard Church, the 'Helping Hand' team at the Council, and the Heart of Bucks to support people and which could include providing white goods, other furniture and vouchers for people who were moving into private accommodation.

RESOLVED –

That the Officers be congratulated for the work that was being done to help support Ukrainian refugees, and they be thanked for attending the meeting and providing the update.

**7 Wendover Ukraine Support Group
(Simon Eggleton (Wendover and Villages Ukraine Support) (WAVUS) attended for this item)**

The Board received a presentation on the work of the Wendover and Villages Ukraine Support Group whose mission was to provide essential support to Ukrainian families and their hosts, residing in the Wendover and Villages Community Board area. Information on the Group was available on their website at www.wavus.uk. Access to transport was highlighted as a particular issue for the area.

A launch event for the Support Group would be held from 7.15-9.15pm on Thursday 3 November 2022 at St Annes Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover.

In response to a question, the meeting was informed that the Aylesbury Vineyard Church and WAVUS did talk to each other to co-ordinate support. For example, each group did different things and provided different types of support, for example, WAVUS did not have a food bank. The groups also looked to meeting on different days to avoid clashes.

RESOLVED –

That Mr Eggleton and WAVUS be congratulated for the work that was being done to help support Ukrainian refugees, and he be thanked for attending the meeting and providing the update.

8 Petition - Buckland Wharf

The Buckland Wharf petition had been mentioned earlier in the meeting. Further discussion did not take place.

9 Community Matters

No questions had been received from the public prior to the meeting.

10 Corporate Update

Michelle Parker, Community Board Manager, updated the meeting on the matters covered in the Corporate Update attached to the agenda. This included information on:

- Support for households/residents in crisis and/or struggling with the cost of living, available through the Council's Helping Hand team.
- 'Welcoming Spaces' – on organisations across Buckinghamshire creating a network of welcoming spaces this winter, to assist when the weather was colder.
- Information and advice on the network of volunteer groups and volunteer organisations who could provide specialist and wider support to households.
- The new highways contracts that the Council would have in place from April 2023.

These would impact on Community Board projects currently in the pipeline. There would also be an opportunity to build a delivery model for Community Boards in mind. An update was provided on current projects (58 in total) across all the Community Boards.

- An update on support for Ukrainian guests across the county.
- Community Board success at the County Show.
- The Town and Parish Charter.
- Better enforcement for moving traffic offences.
- Local Heritage Listings.
- The next steps for the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.
- An update on current and upcoming consultations.

L Ronson requested to be sent information on the new highways contracts and handover information. People were reminded to try to submit any funding applications as soon as possible.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 9 February 2023.



Community Board
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Funding Update
Wendover and Villages Community Board
Thursday 6 October

This paper provides an overview of the funding that has been awarded so far in 22/23. It also details the budget position to date and Appendix 1 shows those projects that were funded in previous years, detailing the ones that have been delivered and those that are still in progress.

1. Community Board Budget Overview 22/23

- The table below details the current budget position for Wendover and Villages Community Board for 22/23.
- Please note that applications over £1k will require contributory funding however this does not have to be a 50/50 split.
- Contributory funding is not required for small grants applications as they are under £1k.

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Approved Funding Applications 22/23				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Climate Action Wendover	Green Futures: Offering 10 workshops in local schools and 5 with youth groups addressing bio-diversity loss and carbon emissions and how this impacts directly in Wendover.	£2,000	£900 in kind	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Event: Equipment for a community event for the Queen's Jubilee and allowing the use for future events.	£2,022	£500	Delivered
Active in the Community	Youth Activities:	£23,778	£2,642	Approved

	This is a programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people. The programme will engage young people in sessions that support their physical, mental and social wellbeing, and encourage young people to live an active, healthier and therefore happier life.			
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Event: Supporting the event of various fun activities, bouncy castle, magic show, dog show.	£805	£4,707.96	Delivered
UK Astronomy	Inflatable Planetarium: A contribution towards an inflatable planetarium to teach residents and schools about the sky	£120	£26,500 and £12,500 requested across 8 CBs	Approved
Weston Turville Parish Council	Electricity for Christmas Tree: Installation of a ground anchor with power for a Christmas tree to be located at the village hall.	£1,254	£2,000	Approved
Aylesbury Vineyard Ukraine Support Group	Ukraine Support Hub: This group is for both Ukraine guests and sponsors, to offer a hot lunch, refreshments, and advice followed by English lessons	£2,912	N/A	Approved

2. Small grants applications – please note that small grants do not require contributory funding.

Organisation	Project Title and description	Funding requested from CB	Funding Decision Status
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	Accessibility: Corner steps to be installed to allow disabled access to the green.	£966.28	Approved
Halton Parish Council	Traffic Data Capture: The purchase of the laptop to help assist in recording and analysing the MVAS data to ensure safety of the residents within the area.	£525	Approved
Bierton Events Group	Events: To help support the delivery of local events within the Bierton parish and help reduce social isolation.	£805	Awaiting matching cost breakdown

Halton Parish Council	Wild Verge: The planting of wildflower seeds, plaque from British Legion, Trees, Dog Wood Shrubs and Native Wildflower Plugs	£758.50	Approved
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3. Projects on hold

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	White Village Gates – Installation of village gates into the parish	£5,803.90	£5,800	On hold until further information received in regards the Highways contract.

4. Pre- application discussions

The following projects are in the pre-application discussion stage, and further exploration will be needed in terms of these projects meeting funding criteria. It is worth highlighting these so that the Board are aware of what projects are being looked into possibly supporting.

- Bierton Play Park Refurbishment
- Kingsbrook Garden Maintenance Electronic Vehicle
- Wendover Men’s Shed – Solar Lighting
- Bierton Tennis Club – Resurfacing of courts
- Wendover Football Club – Refurbishment of Club Hut.
- Wendover Parking Review

5. Future Funding Deadlines

2022/23 Funding application round 2

Deadline for applications: Friday 18th October

Formal decision meeting: W/C 28th November

2022/23 Funding application round 3

Deadline for applications: Friday 25th November

Formal decision meeting: W/C 9th January

This does not include the small grants process. That will be done via email.

Projects Funded 20/21

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
CLlr Crisis Fund Projects	Various	£6,325	Delivered
20mph Speed Limitation (Green End)	Aston Clinton PC	£21,602	In progress
Waiting Restrictions (London Road)	Aston Clinton PC	£10,987	In progress
Weston Turville Speed Calming - Rumble Strips	Weston Turville PC	£3,927	Delivered
Perch Bridge Halton Repairs	Halton PC	£3,757	Delivered
Speed Indicator Device for Kingsbrook	Bierton PC	£2,500	Delivered
Bierton Community Care Package	Bierton PC	£440	In progress
Lindengate Nature Based 13-18yr old Programme	Lindengate Charity	£26,540	In progress
Halton Village Hall Refurbishment	Halton PC	£5,000	Delivered

Projects Funded 21/22

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
Youth Activities: Sessions in Wendover for young people aged 10-17 years old during the half term in Wendover. Giving young people free and fun activities including street football, dodgeball, table tennis to enjoy with friends.	Wendover Youth Programme	£887.50	Delivered – Evaluation report received
Action4Youth Mentoring Scheme: A 12-month pilot 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	Action4Youth	£8,389.50	In progress
Halton Community Equipment for Events: These events will be aimed at the whole community. We would like to actively engage with everyone in our community, to strengthen and build the community bond in this small village.	Halton Parish Council	£1,800	Delivered
War Memorial Restoration	Buckland Parish Council	£800	Delivered
Lunch Equipment – to provide a hot meal to the community at the Monday lunch club.	Rhubard Café	£250	Delivered
Wildbelt Project - aims to improve biodiversity in the Chilterns by facilitating a sustainable approach to nature recovery in a way that; engages the community at Parish Council level; is volunteer led and; drives strategic improvements at a local level, in line with Government Policy.	Chiltern Society	£30,000	In progress.

MVAS Halton: This is required for speeding traffic within the Conservation Area of Halton Village. To warn drivers of their excess speeds and provide accurate data on the number of cars using the route and speeds	Halton Parish Council	£4,075	Delivered
Buckland Community Orchard - Buckland has no public open space to be enjoyed by residents and the Parish Council purchased just under 2 acres of agricultural land to create a Community Orchard. For this Community Orchard the Parish will receive most of the trees to be planted by donations, however the planting and delivery needs to be funded. The land is to be used as a Community Green Space to benefit residents and walkers alike.	Buckland Parish Council	£1,750	Delivered
Leaky Homes: homeowners will receive photographs showing heat loss from their roofs, front, back and side walls, and an analysis of the photos and advice on how to insulate their homes from the Bucks Community Energy team.	Bucks Community Energy	£1,210	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Burcott Lane installation of double yellow lines	Bierton Parish Council	£6,152.74	In progress
TfB Scheme: Bollards and Chevron sign	Buckland Parish Council	£12,930	In progress
TfB Scheme: Lower Ickneild Way Traffic Calming	Buckland Parish Council	£5,368	In progress
TfB Scheme: Stablebridge Road – 30mph Speed Zone	Aston Clinton Parish Council	£19,727	In progress
Bucks Mind Mental Health First Aider: A first aid course for mental health first aider – 1 space allocated to John Colet	Bucks MIND	£495	In progress
Wendover Skatepark: Design a bespoke, accessible skate park in Wendover on Ashbrook Park which is owned by the Parish Council. It will be suitable for all ages, and suitable for all wheeled sports, scootering, rollerblading and BMXing.	Wendover Parish Council	£25,000	In progress
Canal Path Upgrade: 90 metres upgrade into Halton Parish	Wendover Canal Arm Trust	£25,000	Not started
Respite Care: To provide respite care for 2 families within the Community Board area.	CHAT Children’s Respite Charity	£1,600	In progress

Ecological Survey for Community Orchard: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Habitat Management Brief and Data searches	Weston Turville Parish Council	£1,876	In progress
Electricity for Christmas Lighting: To provide electricity to allow lightning to a Christmas tree for parish.	Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	£1,950	In progress
Grown @ Kingsbrook – Community Orchard: To develop a Community Garden within the area to allow those who are unable to obtain an allotment and for the use of the school and community groups	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£5,000	In progress
Litter Bins: Over the last 18 months there has been an increase of visitors into the green spaces and have identified a need for 10 additional bins	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£2,855	In progress
Wendover EV On Street Parking Pilot:	Climate Action Wendover	£22,931	This is being progressed within the Council
Outdoor Activity Equipment: Installing activity equipment with the green areas of the parish to encourage healthy lifestyles and utilising outdoor space.	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£10,000	In progress
Energy Efficiency Drive: 5 home energy efficiency reports (different house styles within the area) to then produce surveys to show how residents can improve their energy efficiency.	Climate Action Weston Turville	£3,504	In progress
BEE Squared: Wildflower seeds (a 1 sq mtr amount in small envelope with a window sticker) is delivered to each house in Wendover (option1) and some of the surrounding villages (option2) to be planted by residents.	Climate Action Wendover	£5,575	Delivered – Evaluation report received
ENGAGE – Youth Festival and Workshops: 2 festivals for the young people in and surrounding Wendover. Identifying needs and support, encouraging socialising, activities and hobbies and subsequently encouraging them to attend workshops to increase activity.	Wendover Youth Centre	£10,000	Delivered – report has been requested