



Beeches Community Board minutes

Tuesday 6 February commencing at 6pm and concluding at 7.30pm

BC Councillors Present

D Dhillon (Chairman), N Naylor (Vice-Chairman), K Ashman, R Bagge, T Egleton, P Kelly and G Sandy

Officers Present

Graham White – Community Board Manager, Andy Chapman – Community Board Manager
Makyla Devlin – Senior Community Board Manager (Note taker)

1 Chairman`s Welcome

Cllr Dhillon

Would like to thank the previous Chairman, David Anthony who chaired the Community Board before he sadly had to stand down due to ill health.

Also, very sad news, Marilyn Rolfe, Farnham Parish Councillor who passed away suddenly. A great loss to the Community. Paul Rowley added “Marilyn will be sorely missed, linked to so many local projects and organisations. Very involved in the Community and would help anyone. She was also a Trustee of many organisations and charities. A lovely person who will be greatly missed . Funeral is 19 February at Slough Crematorium and afterwards at the Red Lion Pub to celebrate her life (times to be confirmed)”.

I (Dev), took over the Board from David Anthony and due to health reasons the Board were unable to deliver on everything they set out to achieve. Moving forward, looking to work together and bring the communities together with the support from parish councillors, members and local groups to make Beeches a successful board for the coming year.

ACTION – all action group meeting dates to be circulated to all

2 Apologies

None received

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting 3 October 2023

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

5 Priority Setting for 2024/25 - format to be outlined in the meeting

Looking to use this meeting to set the priorities in good time for the start of the new financial year.

All to choose their top 3 priorities through the poll – overview of current priorities below.

Health and Wellbeing overview – ageing population in Board area. Need to ensure that also consider the younger generation and perhaps link the two. Look to social community events, engaging with local organisations and Social Prescribers

Environment overview – looking at various issues with Bucks Council and neighbouring Community Boards. Local Parish Councils have undertaken eco audits.

Looking at planting more trees, heat and energy waste feature highly

Infrastructure and Highway – looked at proposals from Parish Councils on promoting active travel. Walking and Cycling strategy. This links in firmly with Health and Wellbeing and Environment so a crossover of priority groups.

Community Safety and Crime Prevention – looking at relationships with TVP and community safety team.



George Chapman (Guest) 18:40

Health Environment
Infrastructure

The above will be discussed with the Members to help scope the priorities moving forward. An update will be circulated.

6 Service Director Update

Service Director Update – Richard Nash – Buckinghamshire Council (copy of the update to be circulated with meeting notes)

Foster carers – BC are looking to seek additional Foster Carers. Asking for community partners to publicise the link.

Regeneration – Richard Nash working on a framework addressing how to reinvigorate and make the Town Centres more attractive. Suggestion to test this in Burnham to look at the opportunities and present on this at the next Board Meeting - agreed

7 Funding, Applications and Projects Update

Funding, Applications and Projects Update

£95,369 budget

£9,272 Spent on 3 projects (details attached in Funding Report)

£86,097 remaining

£67,822.06 will remain if current pre-applications are successful.

Q. Cllr Paul Kelly – an amount of money that was set aside for highways projects – need to find out what has happened to this money.

Q Cllr Trevor Egleton – is the underspend rolling over? Contributory funding required and this helps with applications. Not everyone has an understanding of how this works.

Cllr Dhillon has asked due to extenuating circumstances if the Beeches budget can be carried over but has not had a response.

ACTION GW/AC – funding criteria for project funding and small grants to be circulated to all

ACTION all – everyone to link in with local groups with regards to projects

8 Action Group Updates

Infrastructure and Highways – Ralph Bagge – frustrating year as taking time to obtain PIDS. Looking to reinvigorate the action group

Environment – Dev Dhillon – next meeting looking for additional members and someone to take over the Chairs position

Health and Wellbeing – Trevor Egleton – this was a very well attended action group. Ideas were generated and future talks to look at how they can be developed into projects. More detailed update following the next action group meeting.

9 Community Matters

Community Matters – Public Questions, Consultations and Petitions

Petitions - none

Consultations – none

George Sandy – parking issues in Taplow.

Ruth – Station Road not so much of an issue as there are parking points. Opening of the Elizabeth line prompted a parking plan some time ago but appears has not been followed up. People are parking on the road with no charge to use the station. Causing traffic chaos locally on Approach Road

Roger Worthington – following on from the parking plan, need a survey carrying out. The initial proposals from County were simply a layout plan from the parking manager, not a survey in the formal sense, so would have to have a survey as the substance, but were an interesting layout of how it could work and a good starting point.

Dev Dhillon – would like to approach Mark Davis from the parking team to intervene

with the situation by Taplow Station – ACTION – Cllr Dev Dhillon

Trevor Egleton – would like a meeting with the Social Prescribers to look at local issues which would link into Health and Wellbeing

Kirsten Ashman – Spoken to the Cabinet Members for Transport regarding issues at the Station

Paul Rowley – Station Road – due to the money still in the CB – would like to use some of the money on a survey to look at the issues on this road.

10 Any other Business

George Chapman – Donkey Derby on 25 May. Would like the CB to have a stall at this event once again this year. Can attendance be confirmed?

John Carey - St Peters Church – have a problem with badgers. Need to put a fence up as the badgers are running through many gardens. Have spoken to BC and apparently require planning permission but cannot get a definitive. Can this be looked into? ACTION – John to send the details to Trevor Egleton who will investigate

11 Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 18th June 2024 6pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June 2024, 6PM (Teams or in person to be confirmed)

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**Community Board
Beeches**

**Funding Report
Beeches Community Board – February 2024**

The table below provides a summary of the funding awards made by Beeches Community Board during the current financial year.

Community Board Fund 2023/24	Project	Funding Allocated	Remaining budget as at 06.02.2023
£95,369.00	Parasols for the Well@ Lent Rise	£822.00	£94,547.00
	Burnham Rocks – Burnham PC	£450.00	£94,097.00
	Timber Snake Swing – Dorney Playground Management Group	£8,000.00	£86,097.00

Budget Remaining			
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The following projects have been recommended by the relevant action group and circulated to the wider Board for comment, and will then pass to Buckinghamshire Councillors for voting:

Applicant	Project	Funding Request

The following Community applications are before the relevant action group for discussion, or are undergoing due diligence assessment:

Applicant	Project	Funding Request

The following projects are before the Highways action group:

Applicant	Project	Funding Request

Community Boards – Corporate Update – January 2024

Could you or someone you know foster?

With a national and local shortage of Foster Carers, coupled with an increase in demand, Buckinghamshire Council has set up a dedicated task force to look into how we can improve our support to Foster Carers as well as review our processes and procedures to increase the number of people applying, being approved and staying as a Buckinghamshire Council Foster Carer.

The task force are looking into all options and are working on a package of incentives which will make fostering for Buckinghamshire Council a unique and favourable option in a very competitive market. Following feedback from our current Foster Carers one quick win before Christmas was the issuing of larger size wheely bins to all current foster carers which was a welcomed support for fostering families.

We will also be reaching out to our local community partners and would welcome your insight and help too, to ensure we are reaching more of the right people who could care for our children.

With over 500 Buckinghamshire children needing; caring, supportive and loving homes on long and short term basis we're committed to building our fostering community and taking good care of our fostering families. As our unique offer is developed we will keep you updated and seek your support in reaching your local residents and communities.

If you, or someone you know would like to find out more about Fostering, please visit: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/foster

Regeneration framework – what it means for our towns

Our regeneration framework sets out an over-arching approach to deliver our vision to create places where people want to be, driving local revitalisation and creating vibrant, thriving spaces for people to live and work across the county. It sets out the opportunities to build on our strengths as well as the economic and social challenges we need to respond to.

As well as setting out our vision for three town centres – Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham – the regeneration framework provides a toolkit to enable areas to develop and progress their own plans for renewal.

[Buckinghamshire Regeneration Framework guidance](#)

Our Local Plan: what, why and how

Local plans are at the heart of the planning system and are the main consideration used in deciding planning applications. A local plan sets out the long-term vision and framework for future development of an area – the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire will go up to 2045.

It will look at future needs for housing and employment across the county, identifying where development should take place and protected places where it needs to be carefully controlled.

The Local Plan is our opportunity to set out how we intend to manage and accommodate future growth, meet our local social, economic and environmental needs and get the right infrastructure in place. We have already started preparatory work with two recent public consultations covering an [Attitudes Survey](#) and our [draft vision and objectives](#).

Our next consultation will invite people to have their say on a selection of different strategic growth scenarios for how we can accommodate new homes and jobs throughout Buckinghamshire. This will help establish the guiding principles which will help to shape where and how we will plan to deliver new housing in the next Local Plan. This is likely to take place in spring this year.

[The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Housing Strategy – vision for future housing supply

We have recently completed a public consultation on our first Housing Strategy. The strategy sets out how all the partners involved in delivering housing in Buckinghamshire will work together to ensure that the housing offer delivers the housing our residents need. It focuses on three main priorities:

- Responding to the needs of our diverse population
- Better homes which are good quality, sustainable and matched to need
- New homes which are affordable, accessible and appropriate

It sets out the challenges we face, the opportunities we can use and how we are responding to these.

Buckinghamshire all-age autism strategy

Buckinghamshire Council is launching its first autism strategy, bringing together an all-age plan of lifelong support for autistic people in Buckinghamshire. The strategy has been co-produced with autistic people, their families and professionals in Health and Social Care.

Our vision is to help autistic people live as independently as possible and have the same life opportunities and experiences as everyone else. We want to ensure autistic people can access the right support whenever they need it and contribute to shaping how the council works.

The all-age autism strategy focuses on the following areas:

- Improving awareness and understanding of autism
- Tackling health and social care inequalities
- Developing a needs-based approach so that autistic children and young people get the best start in life

- Developing better support for employment and meaningful activities
- Ensuring more adults with autism maintain their independence

The strategy has been consulted on and is looking to be adopted in March – subject to Cabinet approval.

Consultations

Happening soon

Activity name	Start date	End date	Community Board
RAF Halton SPD	Monday 22 January	Monday 4 March	Wendover
Penn Neighbourhood Plan	Thursday 25 January	Thursday 7 March	Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
All Age Carers Strategy engagement	End of Jan/ Early Feb	TBC	County-wide
High Wycombe Community Governance Review	Monday 12 February	Sunday 7 April	High Wycombe

Looking ahead

We have a number of county-wide activities currently scheduled for Spring/Summer 2024:

- Local Plan growth scenarios
- Local Transport Plan 5
- Buckinghamshire Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan
- Housing Allocations Policy
- All Age Carers Strategy consultation
- Leisure Strategy
- Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy
- Street Trading Policy

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Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 7302 Gabriel

PC 6131 Dan Terry

PCSO 9791 Angela O'Connell

PCSO 9580 Tucker

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of local volunteers, and representatives from Community Boards across the South Buckinghamshire policing area. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what most needs improvement in the area, and considering how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](http://csb-forum.org)

You Said – Speeding is a concern

We Did:

During November our Roads Policing officers have spent 20.25 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations. This resulted in them identifying 564 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified a further 89 offenders.

Neighbourhood Officers have been out conducting speed checks at the locations shown below during October, however no speed enforcement was carried out by the Neighbourhood team due to other commitments and poor weather conditions during November and December.

October

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Lent Rise Road, Burnham	69	2	44 MPH
Hill Farm Road, Taplow	16	1	34 MPH



Lake End Road, Dorney	64	2	40MPH
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In addition, we have our Community Speed Watch scheme. If you are a member of your community who feels strongly about speeding, this could be a great opportunity to assist in preventing it. You would be volunteering your time to monitor speeds in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme which looks to warn speeders about the risks they present and the possible consequences of their behaviour on the road. This has been significantly effective, with a 96% success rate in preventing re-offending. If you are interested in helping out, then please contact PC Lee Turnham, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Between July and September, our Farnham Common Community Speedwatch volunteers have carried out 17 sessions on the Collingswood Road and Farnham Lane locations. Through their efforts, they identified 12 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

You Said – Burglary is a concern

We Did:

Your local Neighbourhood team ensures that victims of burglaries are visited in order to check their welfare and address their safety concerns. We also see it as a matter of importance that neighbours of the victim are promptly made aware that a burglary has taken place in their area. Following on from a burglary, we aim to give victims and their neighbours expert crime prevention advice, as part of our efforts to be proactive on reducing burglary offences. We have also worked with our local Neighbourhood Watch teams to put in place free crime reduction surveys. These are carried out by well-trained and highly knowledgeable Crime Reduction Advisors from the local Neighbourhood Watch. They aim to offer a thorough independent assessment of your home security and how you can improve it. They will also be able to introduce you to the range of home security products available, the advisors do not utilise any “pressure selling” methods, rather focus on finding the right solutions so you have the tools and knowhow to create a more secure home.

Offending levels for Burglary have risen between October and December, with three in Taplow, 16 in Burnham and 4 in Farnhams. We have also seen an increase in shed break ins across the area.

With the darker evenings upon us we always expect to see an increase in burglaries due to the patterns our crime data demonstrates. Although we will diligently continue in our efforts to prevent and reduce burglaries, we highly encourage you also continue to take the necessary steps to assist in protecting yourselves, your homes and your neighbours.

Operation Grotto was South Buckinghamshire LPA’s crime initiative to focus on the habitual rise in burglaries and ran until the New Year. Police conducted an increased number of overt patrols, with a focus on identified high-risk areas for residential burglary. Homeowners were left with our crime prevention letter written by neighbourhood police



inspector James Ellis. If you would like a copy of this, you can download it at: <https://www.csb-forum.org/operation-grotto-the-most-important-partner-we-can-work-with-is-you/>

Are you a member of the Neighbourhood watch? If not, we greatly recommend you join. The NHW aims to make you be and feel safer within your community, as a member you can also benefit from discounts on security devices and receive newsletters with crime prevention advice. Their campaign, 'WIDEN', has the main objective of encouraging citizens to be diligent in protecting their homes, this is something every member of the community should consider.

Windows: Lock your windows.

Interior: Put your interior lights on a timer.

Doors: Double or deadlock your doors.

Exterior: Put your exterior lights on a sensor.

Neighbours: Keep an eye out for your neighbours.

[You Said – Shoplifting was a concern](#)

We Did:

We have seen an increase in shoplifting in the Burnham area, we have been working with shop staff to help reduce the opportunity for crime. One prolific shoplifter has already been arrested and we are carrying out enquiries around a second male.

[Other News](#)

We have a new PCSO joining us in January, Emily will be out and about introducing herself to the neighbourhood in due course.

In December, our police cadets were in Burnham high street distributing Christmas crime reduction advice to local residents as well as escorting Santa and the parade down the high street.

[Offenders Brought To Justice](#)

A 50 year old male was arrested and charged for possession of an offensive weapon and assault in taplow

Two males have been arrested and charged with drug offences and abstraction of electricity in Dorney after a cannabis factory was identified

Three males were arrested and received a caution for assault on police and criminal damage in Taplow



A 31 year old male was arrested and charged for assault in Burnham

Have Your Say Events

We have now started our Have Your Say events again so please keep an eye on our social media where we will advertise where we will be. For account details, see below.

Additionally, we've sought to establish customary locations where we can be found, when not tasked with something else; allowing for us to catch up on more administrative matters. These positions provide a place where residents might see us in passing, and feel welcome to stop and have a chat:

Taplow/Hitcham – The Parish Car Park, off Rectory Road.

Farnham Royal and Common – Car Park next to Broadway Autocentres.

Burnham – The Summers Road Car Park, Summers Road.

Dorney – The Dorney Lake Car Park off Court Lane

Contact Us:

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)

Call 999 in an emergency only

Thames Valley Police Webform: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime>

Follow us

We've moved: with the amalgamation of Chiltern & South Bucks with Wycombe police area, we now have new social media accounts:

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks

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Sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive crime and policing updates directly from your local Neighbourhood Team as well as more crime and policing issues. Sign up to the service online

at: www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.
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