



Buckinghamshire Council Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board held on Wednesday 8 February 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm and concluding at 9.11 pm

Members Present

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

Others Present

Fiona Broadbent, Monica Bergh, Stuart Grosse, Peri Harper, Deb Sanders and Debbie Hulme.

Officers Present

Caroline Green, David Skinner, Amy Jenner and Iram Malik

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for their attendance. He also announced that Cllr Johncock had kindly agreed to take serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ian Cecil, Fiona Doonican, Ansa Khan, Jonathan Merry, John Ratcliff and Andrew Wood.

3 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 12 October 2022

It was reported that during the last meeting Members had requested a report on planning enforcement within the relevant Board area. It was confirmed that this had been received from Cllr Broadbent on the 18 January and that it was due to be considered at the forthcoming HAT

meeting. A copy of the report would also be circulated with the minutes.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as a true record
- (ii) A copy of the report on Planning Enforcement be circulated to Members of the Board

5 Community Matters

David Skinner in attendance, provided a brief introduction to his background, current role and responsibilities with regard to the community board.

A number of updates were brought to the attention of the Board with regards to activities and initiatives that were underway in the local area. This included information relating to local heritage listings, sites for which 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.

Mr Skinner also gave mention to ORCS funding for EV charge locations, details for which were included in the report previously circulated with the agenda. In addition, a Local Plan update was also provided, which informed Members that following a call for sites last year, over 700 sites had been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. The previous calls for brownfield sites had resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these had now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

6 Scams to be aware of in the Community Board

Pei Ling Harper from Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards provided an overview of scam awareness so that Members could provide further guidance and assistance to vulnerable residents in particular.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) the report be noted and circulated with the minutes
- (ii) The presenter be thanked for attendance

7 Bucks Fire Service

A presentation was conducted on the Bucks Fire and Rescue Service, its role responsibilities, staffing numbers and budgets. The community safety initiatives and priorities along with the service delivery areas were also mentioned. Members were informed of the summer pressures which the service faced during 2022 with a number of major incidents having been declared.

Members were informed that the Fire and Rescue service was anticipating an increase in their duties in the forthcoming months and years ahead and that the nature of the work was most likely to incorporate medical related duties, such as trauma/emergency care. This was primarily as a consequence of the Ambulance Service being stretched to its limit. It was confirmed that the reform of the Fire and Rescue service was currently ongoing, and that further developments

were awaited.

RESOLVED: That the presenter be thanked and the report be noted

8 Funding Report Action Groups

The Board Manager reported on the current funding position of the Board for the year 2022. There had been a total budget of £111,704 and a spend of £72,391.98. Members were informed that taking account of pipeline projects and those funds that had been earmarked for high priority related activities, there remained a total sum of £0,038.17.

A list of projects already funded was also listed in the report.

A couple of projects were highlighted including that of the community project which promotes mosaics in Beaconsfield. The project had received an enthusiastic local response with support whereby anyone in the community could be involved in the making of the mosaics. Another named 'A Secret Place' aimed to work with young people at risk, or at danger of offending within the youth offending service. Further information would be sent to the Board in due course on this very valuable and worthwhile project, which had already benefitted so many.

The Chairmen of the Action groups then provided a brief update on the work with which they had been involved.

Health & Wellbeing – The 2 projects A secret place/ Mosaics were reiterated, along with an online course/workshop that had taken place named Talk Cancer.

Environment – it was hoped that energy efficiency within homes would be a focus for the group in the months ahead. It was highlighted that 72 trees had been planted on verge/footpath area, which provided a template of how this could be done despite the challenges of the tight budget.

Highways – Cllr Thomas was thanked for deputising for the Chairman during his absence. HAT related projects which would come to fruition in the forthcoming month. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 19 April. It was confirmed that new tasks to be tackled included work relating to the sparking and enforcement report, and also the work relating to the cycling and walking routes which were to be rolled out in the Board's area. This would tie in with both the focus of the Health and Wellbeing group and that of the Environment Group.

Youth – The youth summit was imminent, and visits to a school in Beaconsfield were planned to take place. There would also be a focus on the prevention of spiking and keeping girls safe from pubs/nightclubs. It was hoped that a number of young people would wish to attend meetings with the Board and make any relevant contributions.

9 Topics for Future Consideration

It was hoped that Youth would be a future topic of consideration for the Board with some youth representatives regularly attending meetings.

10 Community Board Meeting Dates 2023/24

The Proud of Bucks Event would take place on 13 May 2-5pm, everyone welcome. This would also be a networking event, and the set up of any stalls was encouraged.

The next meeting would be held on 28 June 2023.



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