



Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 8 February 2023

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: [MS Teams](#)

BC Councillors:

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

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Beaconsfield Town Council; Chepping Wycombe Parish Council; Hazlemere Parish Council; Penn Parish Council.

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Agenda Item 4
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 Ukranian 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.



An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 1 2023 – January 2023)

Local Heritage Listing

Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

Sites 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.

The Local Heritage List is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g. Grade I, II and II* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

ORCS funding for EV charge locations

After successfully securing £407k from the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles](#) (OZEV) via their [On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme](#) (ORCS), the council will now be installing 128 new EV parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county – with work being completed by April 2023.

We are now looking for other opportunities to broaden the public charging network in local town and village community car parks in Buckinghamshire.

Our aim is to submit a combined bid to the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) in March 2023, to provide the funding for this initiative. We will work alongside town and parish councils to assess what type of chargepoint might be suitable for each site, calculate the cost of installation and the power connection costs, and liaise with EV chargepoint suppliers on behalf of town and parish councils. We can also help to procure and manage the installation.

We are asking town and parish councils to contact evcharging@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by 27 January with any sites they wish to suggest or to discuss with us.

Find out more about [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#) to support the transition of the county to EVs.

Local Plan update – sites to be published following call for sites

Following the 'Wider' call for sites last year, over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

A list of other sites which have been submitted as part of our wider call for sites will be available in the coming weeks. Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

Work has commenced on an Employment and Retail Evidence Study and a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (we expect to consult with the relevant statutory bodies on this shortly). We are in the process of appointing consultants for several other studies which are needed to inform the plan.

We are currently working to set out the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire which will shape our work going forwards. In accordance with good practice on community engagement, the team is working on a forthcoming public consultation which will enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.

Visitor Economy survey

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a new Tourism Survey which will help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The council is inviting input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders which it will use to help identify new opportunities and to support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire.

The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

The survey findings will be used to get a better understanding of where to focus support for the sector and explore what tourism businesses see as their main challenges and opportunities now and in the future.

Tourism is an important part of our local economy, as visitors spending their time and money in Buckinghamshire support more than 13,000 local jobs and over 2,000 small businesses. Responses from the survey will be used to develop a strategy and action plan which will help the tourism sector in Buckinghamshire to flourish and grow, supporting local jobs, workers and industries into the future.

The survey is live now and will be running until 17 February 2023. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).

Current and upcoming consultations

As well as the Tourism Survey, take a look here to view other current consultations:

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

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Beaconsfield

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 7302 Gabriel

PC 6058 Mike Austin

PCSO 9722 Vijay Desai

PCSO 6540 Dave Wenham

PCSO 9509 Dee Hawkes

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from across 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 you most want improved in the area and consider 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 \(csb-forum.org\)](https://www.csb-forum.org)

Priority – Serious Acquisitive Crimes

This quarter we have again seen an increase in burglaries from 2 to 9, the Neighbourhood team have increased patrols around Maude Road, Wilton Court, Station Road, Walkwood Rise, Burkes Road, Grove Road, Ronald Road and Wattleton Road, and provided residents with crime reduction advice. To continue to combat this we have been carrying out proactive operations which specifically floods rural and cross border areas of the LPA with proactive patrols during peak offending times. This has helped us to detect crime and apprehend cross border offenders who use arterial routes to enter our policing area and to protect residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

PCSO Dave Wenham and PCSO Dee Hawkes have been busy delivering letters in areas that previously have suffered burglaries at this time of year. Please think carefully to protect your properties so that you do not become a victim

- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility
- Set timer switches to turn your lights on when away, and consider a 'fake TV'
- Avoid leaving valuables in plain view e.g. laptops and tablets
- Set any house alarms or else invest in one: a wireless unit can be acquired at a modest cost and requires very little effort to install
- Lock side gates to prevent access to the rear of your property
- Keep any bins, furniture, tools and ladders stored safely away and not readily



available

- Don't advertise that you are away and that your home is empty, by 'checking in' or posting your holiday snaps on social media, until you have returned home
- Consider security film for rear-facing glass doors and windows
- Don't leave windows open at the front of your property when you are in the garden

Take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team. At the time of writing, we are seeking to organise a crime prevention event alongside Buckinghamshire Council, to publicise opportunities to reduce your risk of burglary. Even a cursory internet search will provide numerous suggestions, at a modest cost.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

We have seen a reduction of reports of ASB, drug use and graffiti around Malthouse Square and Holtspur Park, this is due to the large number of high visibility patrols that the team have been carrying out at this location. The team have also been working with the local schools to try to identify individual tags and raising awareness with students.

This quarter the team have had success in getting a derelict property in Burkes Road, Beaconsfield boarded up. This had become a local hotspot for local youths and we were getting reports of criminal damage occurring. The property was very unsafe and the team have worked with the owners to ensure that this is now secure.

Priority – Speeding

During October our Roads Policing officers have spent 15 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations: out of ten site visits they identified 587 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified 612 offenders.

Due to operations and other commitments the Neighbourhood team have been unable to carry out any speed enforcement this quarter. It remains a community priority, and we continue to look for opportunities to enhance the enforcement work, already conducted by our dedicated units.

In addition we have our Community Speed Watch scheme: this is a great opportunity for locals who wish to volunteer their time to monitor speeding, in areas highlighted for concern by fellow residents. If you are interested in helping out then please contact the team, your local Parish Council. or your local community board using the following hyperlink: [Community Boards | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Other News

During November PC Mike Austin and PCSO Dee Hawkes were involved in a test purchasing operation within South Buckinghamshire as part of a knife crime awareness operation, with the help of 2 volunteer youths. Several shops passed with flying colours



but unfortunately 3 failed and were issued with community resolutions/formal advice for staff training and a referral to trading standards.

PCSO Vijay Desai completed Scam Events at the Nationwide Bank, and during October completed talks at The Beaconsfield School on educating Youths on the dangers of getting involved in County Lines including, how to safeguard each other.

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male was arrested and received a caution for assault with Injury in Beaconsfield

A male given a community resolution for public order in Beaconsfield

A male has been given a community resolution after a public order offence in Mayflower Way, Beaconsfield

A male was issued a community resolution for drug offences in Aylesbury End Beaconsfield

A male has been arrested and charged for shoplifting at a supermarket in Beaconsfield.

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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.

In addition to overcome gatherings we have identified areas for us to be present, visible and whilst completing our never-ending paperwork. We want the areas to be key points in each community where people are able to see us safely, varying times throughout the month and locations. Due to various reasons, on demand, operationally commitments and to prevent large gatherings we will not be publishing times and dates. however we wish to make the community aware of these locations and if you see a Police vehicle or officer at these locations, we are there for you to speak to us, please come and say hello and help us identify any concerns you have or any information, you may feel will assist us.

Holtspur – Mayflower Parade

Beaconsfield New Town – The Town Hall, Penn Road.

Beaconsfield Old Town – Car Park near to Savilles

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

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

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.
www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Scam Awareness

Pei-Ling Harper
Bucks and Surrey Trading Standards



What do we do?

Buckinghamshire & Surrey
trading standards

- Prevent scams by raising awareness
- Safeguard vulnerable residents from scams
- Support scam victims
- Support Trading Standards Investigations Team
- Work in partnership with other organisations e.g. TVP



Why?

- Credit card, identity and cyber fraud £190bn per year
- Cost to businesses £140 bn per year
- Cost to public sector £31 - 48 bn per year
- Increased number of victims supported during pandemic by 26%
- Organised crime group including terrorism
- **You are approximately 3x more likely to be scammed than to be burgled**



Safeguard against scams

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1 Never disclose
security details

2 Don't assume
everyone is genuine

3 Don't be rushed

4 Listen to your instincts

5 Stay in control



TrueCall

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- Protect from nuisance and scam calls
- Extra safety for vulnerable users
- Part of phone
- Separate unit



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STOPS NUISANCE CALLS

Are you worried about nuisance phone calls?

Many of these calls are scams that aim to con people out of money. Unfortunately they're on the increase but a trueCall device will block nuisance and unwanted calls



Doorbell Camera

- Average loss before camera installed £18,300 (highest loss £234,650)
- Average age recipient 75 years old (youngest 27 yrs, oldest 101 yrs)
- Improvement in wellbeing by 18.3%
- 60% increase in confidence in answering the door
- Cost benefit ratio – every £1 spent, saves £39
- Funding potential



Sticker packs

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Scams
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Phone sticker

Asking for money or bank details? **HANG UP!**
Trading Standards
0800 223 1133

Cheque book sticker

FOR HELP AND ADVICE on prizes, draws or prizes, call Order Gateway **0800 223 1133**
THINK TWICE ASK ADVICE

Computer Sticker - place these stickers on your computer, tablet or mobile phone to remind yourself to Take Five before parting with any personal or bank information.

Trading Standards
STOP COLD CALLING
Sticker Pack

The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008

WARNING

We do not deal with uninvited traders

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invite people

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