



## Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 20 July 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Bucks New University, Aylesbury Campus (59 Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7QG)

### **BC Councillors:**

M Winn (Chairman), S Morgan (Vice-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, A Poland-Goodyer, W Raja, D Summers, D Thompson and G Wadhwa

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<b>7</b>	<b>BNU Community Hub introduction</b> To be presented by Claire Tilson, Buckinghamshire Community Wellbeing Hub Manager.	<b>18:30</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding</b> To be presented by Cllr Mark Winn, Cllr Susan Morgan and Amy Jenner.	<b>18:45</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Oak Green project feedback and evaluation</b> To be presented by Kate Sheard, Community Wildlife Manager, BBOWT.	<b>19:05</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Only Me project feedback and evaluation</b> To be presented by Amy Jenner on behalf of Rebecca Nutley, Feedback Global.	<b>19:25</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Community Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions received in advance</li> <li>• Buckinghamshire Council Update</li> <li>• Opportunity Bucks</li> </ul>	<b>19:35</b>	<b>9 - 14</b>
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## Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Thursday 23 February 2023 in The Paralympic Room, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

### **BC Councillors present**

D Thompson (Chairman), S Morgan (Vice-Chairman), M Baldwin, S Chapple, T Dixon, T Hunter-Watts, N Hussain, S James, A Poland-Goodyer and M Winn

### **Board Members and Officers/Speakers in attendance**

L Ashton, B Babbington, T Corcoran, M Everitt, Sgt. C Farrow, P Fox-Rendle, Dr. D Furze, K Gray, S Grosse, A Jenner, J Leathers, K Lenney, L Lloyd, C Martin, H Meek, L Michaelson, S Moffat, T Oyeyemi, H Radcliffe, Annette Ribeiro, Antonio Ribeiro, N Ribeiro, S Rudiger, M Russell, C Samways, and N Siddiqi

### Agenda Item

#### **1 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance.

#### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Anders Christensen, Roger King, Richard Lloyd, Waheed Raja and Denise Summers.

#### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4 Housekeeping**

Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager advised of the relevant housekeeping rules and procedures.

#### **5 Actions from the last meeting**

In relation to the update on the Aylesbury Street Wardens at the previous meeting under item 5, a Member noted that an update on the Wardens covering the areas of Coldharbour and Buckingham Park remained outstanding. This would be followed up and a response provided.

**Action: Amy Jenner**

**RESOLVED** to approve the action notes from the last meeting.

## 6 Thames Valley Police Update

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

- There had been a serious incident in Aylesbury involving offences of rape, assault by penetration and burglary. A 44-year-old male had been arrested and was remanded in custody following a particularly resource intensive investigation. This was an isolated incident. Work was also ongoing to identify a male who had committed four cases of indecent exposure in the Meadowcroft area.
- Theft from motor vehicle offences had increased. These tended to be where vehicles had been left unsecured with bags or cash on display and residents were being encouraged to ensure vehicles were locked with valuables out of sight. Where required, orders could be placed on offenders preventing them from entering certain areas or approaching cars which were not their own. Catalytic converter theft was also a problem, and residents were urged to contact 111 if someone was seen working on a car without the bonnet open as this would raise suspicions.
- There had been an increase in anti-social behaviour within the town centre with cannabis use in car parks and graffiti in areas. Due to limited resources, officers were looking to visit the parents of any young people identified as having been involved.
- The Southcourt boxing club was starting shortly with an open morning on 13 March, 10 am to 1 pm. Local coaches were running the club and sessions would be £2 each and were open to both children and adults. The Board expressed interest in exploring whether funding could support expanding this to other areas, although this would also require police resource.
- It would become clearer later in the year how many additional officers would be available in Aylesbury as part of the national police officer uplift.
- A third site, in addition to Prebendal and Southcourt was being explored for knife boxes. One possibility was at Youth Concern in Whiteleaf.
- For any crime not in progress, residents were encouraged to report this online to avoid the 111 call wait times. 111 should be used only where crimes were in progress. For any images of crimes captured and put on social media they should be accompanied by messaging such as 'If you know who this person may be please contact the police', to avoid them being named publicly which could cause difficulties in any case that reached court.

## 7 Community Board Priorities, Engagement & Funding Update

Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager provided an overview of Community Board priorities. Updates were provided on the respective sub-groups of Environment, Cost of Living and Education and Skills. Points highlighted included:

- **Environment** - Councillor S James reported that the action group continued to meet monthly with people from a variety of backgrounds. Work had

focused on active travel plans and routes; exploring opportunities for e bikes and cargo bikes; signage and repairs to cycle routes; and environmental health and the Aylesbury Wombles working together on reducing vaping.

- **Cost of Living** - Councillor S Morgan reported that there was great work underway by local charities including youth concern who were expecting to have helped 1000 children by the year end. Charities were short on volunteers so the group had been looking at ways to drive volunteer numbers up in collaboration with Aylesbury Town Council. One possibility of doing this was to hold an event in an area with high footfall. -
  - **Education and Skills** - Councillor N Hussain advised that the group had been looking at forging partnerships with local bodies and charities and had been working in liaison with Oasis exploring how to use the Council's levelling up agenda to help deprived areas within the town and identify gaps and possible programmes that would be beneficial to progress.
  - Amy Jenner provided an update on the wide range of community engagement and work undertaken by the Board since the last meeting, this included, amongst other things, attending Hale Leys shopping centre monthly to engage the local community on areas such as cost of living and travel methods; working with the active travel team about how best to support the launch of the new cycleways; working with heritage teams on new signage for cycle routes; and developing a project with year 5 pupils at Oak Green School with Feedback Global and BBOWT to improve the school's green space
  - The agenda papers included updates on projects which the Board had funded including the Children and Young People Project, Only Me food based social session, Aylesbury Stem Program, UK Astronomy and the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse Ukrainian Hub. Board Members were encouraged to share information on the Vineyard Ukrainian Hub with any Ukrainians they knew of in their local community.
  - The dropped kerb project had been completed and the Aylesbury Junction Protection and School Entrance Restrictions Parking Review Statutory Consultation was open and could be completed at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/aylesbury-junction-protection-parking-review-statut/> before 12 March.
  - With the new highways contract commencing on 1 April, work was ongoing in respect of how Community Boards would link in with projects. Further information would be shared in respect of this prior to the next Board meeting.
- Action: Amy Jenner**
- It was confirmed that this year's underspend would be carried forward but it had not yet been agreed how the total underspend would be apportioned against each Community Board.

## **8 Launch of Bucks Minority Ethnic research project findings**

Mark Russell, CEO, Age UK and Naved Siddiqi, Social Researcher attended to present an update on the Bucks Minority Ethnic research project findings. The report could be viewed in full here - <https://oasispartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Listen-Learn-Adapt-Research-Project.pdf>

Board Members were taken through areas of the report including the background and context; the research and methods used; what residents' views on charities were; the need for charitable support; the barriers people faced and the recommendations that came out of the report.

As a result of the report a wide range of work was to be planned and undertaken and the report was a starting point to commence conversations with the right people and groups and ensure everyone is engaged and working to support minority ethnic communities as best they could. Areas recognised as requiring improvement included improving awareness and outreach of services; charitable organisations diversifying their boards and staff teams; improving education and understanding of cultural norms; and forging new connections with important groups and figures in minority ethnic communities.

The Board thanked Mark and Naved for the presentation and comments raised reflected the view that there was a great amount of work to be done following on from the research in respect of improving how charities engage with and involve all members of society.

## **9 Action 4 Youth Mentoring project evaluation**

Holly Meek, Youth Mentor, Action 4 Youth attended to provide an overview and evaluation of the mentoring project which the Community Board had provided funding for. Holly advised that the expected caseload for the project was 12, however the project had reached 25 young people. 14 young people had finished their work, 10 were being worked with currently and a further 1 was on the waitlist. Referrals had come through from schools, parents and social care. All young people who had engaged in the project had made great progress as could be seen in the slides appended to the agenda pack along with a case study which provided the Board with an example of the sort of work that had been undertaken. Holly thanked the Board for its funding and would welcome consideration for any future funding given the success of the project.

## **10 Community Matters including petitions**

*Proud of Bucks Awards*

Proud of Bucks Award winners would be selected in March with an event scheduled for 19 May at the Waterside Theatre to announce the winners and recognise everyone nominated. A formal invite for Board Members would be circulated in good time.

*Post meeting-note: It was highlighted that this date clashed with the Aylesbury Town Council Mayoral Inauguration and a new date would be found.*

#### *Public Question*

Mr Antonio Ribeiro, local business owner and resident attended to request an update on whether progress was being made on Cambridge Street improvements with the pavement licence expiring in September this year. The Board heard that the previous petition had been taken on board by the Council and the regeneration of Kingsbury and Market Square was integral to meeting the strategic vision for Aylesbury Town Centre. The feasibility of a permanent closure to traffic was being explored however if it were not possible then other ways to enhance the environment would be looked at. It was confirmed that residents and businesses would be consulted throughout the process to ensure the best outcome was reached for all.

#### *Cambridge Street Petition*

Hoi-Shen Radcliffe presented the petition raising concerns at couriers and customers use of the footpath and cyclepath to the businesses along the stretch of Cambridge Street from the Aldi store to the post office. Vehicle users were reported to disobey road markings, were blocking and damaging the cycle path and traffic officers were rarely present in the evenings to prevent this. There had been a number of near misses of residents and children, particularly users of the Martial Arts Club who ran classes in the evening.

A statutory consultation was underway in relation to junction protection markings in Aylesbury and the Aylesbury North Parking review is also underway. It was noted that the Council wanted to work with businesses to find a solution outside of engineered solutions. Members were keen to ensure parking wardens policed the area appropriately. This request was to be raised to Parking Services.

**Action: Amy Jenner**

#### *Mandeville School Petition*

Amy provided an update on the Mandeville School petition advising that she along with the local area technician, local member Councillor Raja, the Deputy Head Teacher and senior road safety officers had met and discussed options including the school setting up their own active travel programme, a possible MVAS on site, and as a last resort the movement of the bus stop. Work would continue with the school to try and solve the problem.

#### *Community News*

The Buckinghamshire Community Wellbeing Hub Project Brief was included on page 69 of the reports pack for the Board's information.

### *Buckinghamshire Council update*

This could be seen on pages 65 to 67 of the reports pack.

### *Opportunity Bucks*

Matt Everitt, Service Director for Service Improvement attended to present information on the Opportunity Bucks programme which was the Council's local response to levelling up and was broadly aligned to the national agenda. Further details could be seen appended to these minutes. Whilst Buckinghamshire was an affluent area there were significant variations in certain areas where unemployment levels and benefit claimants were higher, life expectancy was lower and there were higher rates of crime. Ten areas had been identified in Buckinghamshire, three of which were in Aylesbury (the wards of Aylesbury South West, Aylesbury North West and Aylesbury North) and the Council would develop an action plan to improve outcomes in these areas and ensure all residents had the chance to succeed.

The Board highlighted that it would be important for the Council to liaise with Town and Parish Councils as statutory bodies who had extensive local knowledge. Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet had approved the programme for an initial three-year period with performance indicators then being regularly tracked.

### **11 Chairman's close and date of next meeting**

Thursday 29 June at 6 p.m.





**An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council  
(Issue 3 2023 – June 2023)**

**Buckinghamshire Council Update: June 2023**

**Play Streets launched**

Play Streets gives children the opportunity to play safely outside on their doorstep through a new scheme where residents can apply for a Play Streets session to temporarily close their road.

Following successful pilots in Aylesbury and High Wycombe between October 2021 and May 2022, the council will be introducing Play Streets across Buckinghamshire, with a particular focus on the Opportunity Bucks wards.

[Play Streets](#) allows children to play, scoot and cycle on their streets, but also brings neighbours of all ages together to create new opportunities for socialising and friendships, reduce loneliness and prevent social isolation.

Residents can apply to see if their street is suitable for a Play Streets session on [Buckinghamshire Council's Play Streets webpage](#) and there is more information about the scheme on the national [Playing Out website](#). For more information, please contact Public Health Practitioner Layla Ravey at [Layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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**Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses**

Working with Openreach and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we have now completed Phase 3 of the Bucks Rural Business Broadband project. This project has successfully delivered ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages, including Prestwood, Iver and Quainton.

The initiative was funded by a £1.8m grant from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and managed by DEFRA. Without this scheme, premises in remote rural locations would likely be left facing connectivity issues and unable to access high-speed broadband.

Premises in the following towns and villages will have seen some impacts of the scheme, but we encourage residents to check their postcodes on Openreach's website to understand the speeds available to them [www.openreach.com](http://www.openreach.com):



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Town/ Village	
ADDINGTON	MARLOW
AMERSHAM	MARSWORTH
ASTON CLINTON	NORTH MARSTON
BEACHAMPTON	OAKLEY
BIERTON	OVING
CHARTRIDGE	PENN
CHESHAM	PITCHCOTT
CRYERS HILL	PRESTWOOD
DORNEY	QUAINTON
DORTON	RADNAGE
FOUR ASHES	SOUTH HEATH
GAWCOTT	STEWKLEY
HALTON	STOKENCHURCH
HAZLEMERE	SWANBOURNE
IVER	WESTON TURVILLE
KINGSHILL	WHITCHURCH
LENBOROUGH	WING
LITTLE HORWOOD	WOOBURN GREEN
LITTLE MARLOW	WOODHAM

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**Bucks Rural Business Grant – Rural England Prosperity Fund**

The Bucks Rural Business Grant scheme launches on 21 June to provide financial support and help to create opportunities for rural businesses in Buckinghamshire. Funding in the form of capital grants ranging from £2,500 up to £300,000 is available for small-scale investment in micro and small enterprises employing fewer than 50 people in rural areas.

The grants are designed to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of rural businesses. Funding is available for a variety of projects such as investment in net zero infrastructure projects, as well as financial support for farm businesses diversifying outside of agriculture. The scheme will run until March 2025.

Businesses are invited to submit an initial expression of interest with outline details of their project. Eligible businesses will then be invited to make an application for funding. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Buckinghamshire Business First are supporting us on this. For more information search for Bucks Rural Business Grant on our website

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



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The scheme is funded through the Rural England Prosperity Fund which is a capital fund run by DEFRA.

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### **Spreading the word about the Bucks filming locations database**

Buckinghamshire Film Office promotes locations, minimises impact on residents and business and maximises the economic and social benefits of filming. Did you know that feature films and high-end TV dramas are estimated to spend between £8,000 and £108,000 per day in the local area?

Buckinghamshire Film Office hosts a free database open to all land/property owners to offer their property as a shoot location. The film office acts as a sign-posting service, directing productions to the relevant contact to negotiate fees and terms direct. The key advantage is that we can create bespoke brochures to meet national and international briefs listing multiple locations to encourage productions to the area. Please share this with residents and business.

We minimise the impact of filming in the area by requesting that all productions adhere to the new code of practice when filming in Buckinghamshire. This includes guidance on consultation for those who may be impacted. If a production approaches you, please ask them to register with us so we can ensure best practice is followed, as well as enabling us to track the local economic impact of filming in Buckinghamshire.

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### **Local Plan and Local Transport Plan**

We have just completed consultation on our draft vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire to 2040 and the Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the future priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.

#### **Local plan – next steps**

We will publish the final vision and objectives later this year once we have reviewed the feedback. In the winter we will launch a consultation to invite views on a series of possible growth scenarios. These will look at a range of potential options for Buckinghamshire to meet its future housing needs and provide quality employment opportunities.



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### **Local transport plan – next steps**

Using feedback and comments from the consultation, we will develop the policies and an implementation plan for the LTP5. We will hold a consultation on these in winter 2023 with the aim to adopt the Local Transport Plan in summer 2024.

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### **Cost of Living funding and focus**

Although we are now enjoying warmer weather, we continue to recognise that times may be hard for some residents. Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing.

Our Helping Hand team continue to provide emergency support and signposting to residents, and the council is preparing the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for the summer holidays.

We continue the promotion of local initiatives such as Food Champions and the Community Food Chain and the social media campaign continues to signpost residents to support.

Libraries continue to welcome residents by providing a range of activities as well as launching Cosy Corners in some libraries to provide a safe and friendly environment for all who need one, from people with dementia to mums and babies. Details are available on participating libraries' social media pages.

The Get Around for £2 scheme has been extended until 31 October 2023. More information is available at [Using public and community transport | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We are evaluating the impact of the initiatives delivered to date and will use this feedback to inform the autumn / winter campaign.

Going forwards we will be using this quarterly corporate update to keep you informed of highlights and things you need to know. If you have any questions relating to Cost of Living, Tim Weetman will now be the person to contact.

The full range of support available is detailed here:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

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### **Ward boundaries consultation**

In the last update we mentioned that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were due to be published.

These recommendations were made public on 30 May and see a reduction in the number of councillors from 147 to 97. Wards will remain at 49, with the new boundaries coming into effect at the local elections in May 2025.

The report can be viewed at [Buckinghamshire | LGBCE](#).

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### **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

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

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