



Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 16 November 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Diamond Room, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury
HP19 8FF

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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8	Healthwatch Bucks - an overview of the Volunteering programme To be presented by Melanie Humble, Healthwatch Bucks.	18:40	
9	Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wiz project update • Introduction to our AYA Interns • Games Club promotion ambitions 	18:55	
10	Community Matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Savernake Road parking petition b. Question time c. Opportunity Bucks Update 	19:30	9 - 14
11	Close and date of future meeting To be confirmed	19:55	



Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Thursday 20 July 2023 in Bucks New University, Aylesbury Campus (59 Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7QG), commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Winn (Chairman), A Christensen, T Dixon, S James and D Thompson

Board Members and Officers/Speakers in attendance

J Davies, K Dunn, P Fox-Rendle, D Furze, C Howell, A Jenner, R King, L Lloyd, R Myers, C Patel, K Robinson, S Rudiger, K Sheard, A Sherwell, M Stewart, N Surman and C Tilson

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance. The presentation for the whole meeting can be found on pages 7 to 20 of the action notes.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Gurinder Wadhwa, Councillor Sue Chapple, Councillor Mary Baldwin, Councillor Denise Summers, Sherrilyn Bateman, Ashley Morgan, Benedicta Lasoye, Clare Samways, Debbie Bartlett, Prakash Dey, Emily Davis, Emma El Badaoui, Hannah Asquith, Mark Willis, Tom Beeston, Stuart Grosse, Nic Beesley, James Henson, and Sharon Thorman.

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 and highlighted evacuation points.

5 Actions from the last meeting

Updates were provided on actions from the last meeting:

- Aylesbury Street Wardens – Councillor Anders Christensen noted that wardens were not covering Coldharbour and Buckingham Park. Amy advised that this action was now closed. Street wardens were financed from Community Safety and the remit of their role was the Town Centre only.
- New highways contract commenced on 1 April 2023. Board Members were keen to understand how Community Board projects would be achievable.

Amy advised that a new brochure would be launching in the next month or so and an update would be provided at the next meeting. Statutory consultation was underway in relation to Junction Protection markings in Aylesbury, the Aylesbury North parking review was also underway.

- Members were keen to have Parking Enforcement Officers enforce the area appropriately. This had been raised with parking services.
- Parking Services had advised that there was a shortage of Enforcement Officers, there were some vacancies and they were looking for people to apply on the council website. The 3 minutes of observation period was an issue as people were often not stopping for more than 3 minutes, therefore Officers were unable to enforce. Parking Services would continue to monitor this area. Parking Services provided the following data:

Month – 2023	Visits	PCNs issued
Feb	206	12
March	212	11
April	194	11
May	210	6
June	144	6

ACTION: Amy to provide update on Community Boards/Highways at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the action notes from the last meeting be approved.

6 Thames Valley Police Update

Inspector James Davies provided an update on the work of Thames Valley Police in the Community Board area. The following points were highlighted:

- Thames Valley Police were going through a structure change and merging all their areas to cover the whole of the Buckinghamshire unitary area rather than the old District areas.
- The Southcourt Boxing Club had been a success, TVP were looking at setting another one up in Quarrendon and had undertaken some engagement activity.
- TVP had the lowest number of reports of ASB in the country; this was thought to be down to lack of trust and understanding of where to report what. The Chairman noted that it would be good to explore how the Board could promote the measures that could be taken against anti-social behaviour.
- TVP were aware of underreporting in terms of shoplifting from the high street and were concentrating on prolific offenders.
- The focus for TVP was on neighbourhood crime, residential burglaries, home invasions, vehicle theft. It was noted that motorcycle theft was increasing.
- There continued to be work on keeping women/girls safe to ensure that they felt confident to walk through parks and areas across the town.
- TVP were undertaking long term work to help minority groups trust the

police and break down the barriers.

- TVP continued to explore different ways to engage with communities.
- The [Bucks Hate Crime hotline](#) had launched.
- Members of the Community Board reflected on a previous meeting regarding the impacts of vaping in the community. There was an appetite to continue with this work.

ACTION: Amy to introduce James and Kath Dunn

ACTION: Amy to circulate details of the next Vape meeting to Board Members

7 BNU Community Hub introduction

Claire Tilson, Buckinghamshire Community Wellbeing Hub Manager provided an introduction to the BNU Community Hub. The following points were highlighted:

- Claire delivered a short presentation which can be found on pages 21 to 26 of the action notes.
- The hub is situated in Aylesbury and would soon be rolling out at the Wycombe campus too. The space had been developed by BNU staff and external partners. The objectives were to create a shared space where health and social care professionals and VCSE providers can collaborate in the same space to support learner wellbeing and mental health through wellbeing services.
- Within the collaborative space, partners would provide opportunities for work shadowing, placements or volunteering with the VCSE providers and health and social care partners
- The space was free to partners to use for hotdesking, training and development, meetings.
- There was a give and take ethos with BNU asking for a commitment to give back to the students that attend the university.
- Anyone interested in getting involved could contact Claire-claire.tilson@bnu.ac.uk

Action: Amy to share the contact details of Claire and Paige Fox-Rendle, Director of Youth Volunteering at Aylesbury Youth Action.

8 Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding

Priorities:

Amy provided an overview of Community Board priorities and the work undertaken to date to help deliver these. Amy highlighted that the current priorities were not reflective of the work that the Board was actually delivering. The group held a detailed discussion on suggested updated priorities.

Simon highlighted that many of the priorities going forward linked to volunteering, with the exception of the priority around vaping.

The suggested priorities, following discussion were amended as follows:

Making Aylesbury a great place to live and thrive, working with partners to:

- Support residents to come together and increase community spirit within their local neighbourhood through the delivery of community-based initiatives.
- Provide opportunities for residents to develop new skills.
- Develop a volunteering strategy for Aylesbury.
- Support exploration around the physical and environmental impacts of vaping.
- Influence behavioural change to improve road safety around our schools.
- Supporting Opportunity Bucks priorities identified by ward partnerships in Aylesbury North, North-West and South-West.

Engagement:

- Amy talked through the [games club survey](#) and explained that a local resident/Member of a local club wanted to see if anything could be done to increase Memberships through collaboration. The board were encouraged to promote this survey.
- Amy had shared feedback into the local cycling and walking infrastructure plan along with the Transport Strategy as well as having conversations about a fast food strategy.
- Amy had attended the Parks and Open spaces meeting with other services including youth and community safety. Amy was working with Monica around supporting youth engagement in town.

Funding:

- Amy highlighted that the community board is not a grant funder. Project funding should predominantly be driven through the development of projects identified through work around the priorities.
- Roneish (Caribbean Community Lunch Club) fed back on the 75th Windrush Day event and thanked the community board for its small grant.
- Lee (Florence Nightingale) updated the group on the progress of The Wiz production. Lee highlighted a few challenges with transportation for some young people. A short video about the project can be viewed [here](#).

ACTION: Amy & Sarah to have further discussion with Lee about transportation for the children.

ACTION: Lee to circulate ticket information for upcoming Wizz performance.

9 Oak Green project feedback and evaluation

Kate Sheard, Community Wildlife Manager, BBOWT attended to present feedback and evaluation of the Oak Green project as per pages 27 to 40 of the action notes and video [here](#).

Points highlighted included:

- The project was born through collaborative discussion with Oak Green School about a desire to improve their green spaces whilst also providing learning

opportunities for the pupils.

- Kate went through the presentation and explained the importance of behavioural change and how it could help the environment.
- The project engaged with around 130 Year 5 students.
- The next steps were to explore how Oak Green could take the designs to implementation stage and to explore opportunities to deliver in other local schools.
- Kate welcomed any suggestions for wildlife/ nature projects in Aylesbury and could be emailed at katesheard@bbowt.org.uk

10 **Only Me project feedback and evaluation**

Amy presented this item on behalf of Rebecca Nutley, Feedback Global, to provide an overview of feedback and evaluation of the Only Me project, on which a video can be viewed [here](#).

During discussion, points raised included:

- Feedback Global were keen to deliver a larger scale version of the project to continue delivering the great outcomes highlighted. Feedback Global were looking for funding to support this.
- Board members agreed that funding through the Community Board should be explored.

ACTION: Amy & Becca to discuss project funding support through the Aylesbury Community Board.

11 **Community Matters**

Questions received in advance:

- No questions were received in advance.
- Martina (resident) asked about a lamppost that had been reported through Fix my Street and had been getting worse. Martina would contact Councillor Winn with details so that this could be followed up.

ACTION: Councillor Mark Winn to follow up regarding the lamp post maintenance issue when he receives the details.

Buckinghamshire Council update:

- As per page 13 of the agenda pack the Buckinghamshire Council update was highlighted.
- Dave Furze (Community Transform) provided further information about Play Streets.

Community News (as attached to these notes on pages 41 to 42):

- Amy explained the energy doctor scheme and what the benefits could be if residents qualified for support.
- Amy promoted Dance for Health Dementia and Dance for Health Older

and Longer Health Conditions – both on 27 July 2023.

Opportunity Bucks:

- Graham provided an Opportunity Bucks update. The next Aylesbury Community Days of Action are 20th Sept and 20th October. Graham is leading on following up from the actions from the workshop which took place in June.
- A reel of the Quarrendon and Meadowcroft Community Day of Action can be viewed [here](#).

12 Chairmans close and date of next meeting

Next meeting date: Thursday 16 November 2023 - venue TBC



Aylesbury Community Board

Title:	Response to Parking - Corner of Savernake Road and Meadowcroft, Aylesbury
Date:	03/11/2023
Author:	Kevin Goad - Service Director, Highways and Technical Services
Contact officer:	Ian Thomas, Traffic Regulation Manager
Local members affected:	Aylesbury North West Ward A Christensen T Hussain G Wadhwa

Summary

A petition has been submitted by the residents of Savernake Road area who have had ongoing problems with dangerous parking on the junction of Savernake Road and Meadowcroft.

Having reviewed the Highway Code, I can confirm that there is a degree of legal parkings at this junction as the highway code states that in rule 242, you must not leave a vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road and rule 243, do not stop or park anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles or in front of an entrance to a property except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

As there is no restrictions currently detailed on the traffic regulation order for that area that the local authority can rely on to provide enforcement this legal parking, there is a reliance on the Police to provide enforcement activities. Vehicles parking inappropriately in this location should be reported to the Police at the time of the offence on telephone number 101.

In order for the local authority to assist the Police in enforcing this location restrictions would need to be added to the traffic regulation order which formalises the restriction and allows the authorities enforcement team to provide enforcement.

In order to add restrictions to a traffic regulation order the authority must follow a set procedure set out in national legislation and includes undertaking a public consultation (see legal implications).

Please note that there is no guarantee that a public consultation on restrictions at this location will receive full support from the public and any objections will have to be considered.

Recommendation

We recommend that an application be submitted for restrictions to be considered at this location in the form of double yellow lines (No waiting at any time).

This can be done via the below web page:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/parking-control-request/>

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The authority holds limited funding to provide new restrictions on the public highway (maintained at public expense). This funding must be targeted to the most appropriate locations. Therefore the authority will only consider the introduction of restrictions where evidence shows that parking is causing:

- a significant obstruction of the public highway (maintained by the authority)
- road safety issues on the public highway (maintained by the authority)

As the authority receives a number of requests that fulfil this requirement the authority score request and can only fund the highest scoring locations as a priority. Unfortunately this means that not all requests can be actioned and the locations that do not receive funding will continue to rely on the provision of enforcement by the Police.

Legal implications

Buckinghamshire Council as a traffic authority is required to comply with primary legislation when introducing waiting, loading and parking restrictions. The Road traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 set out the legal procedures we must follow prior to any restriction being placed on the public highway.

Other implications/issues

Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act of 2010. The introduction of double yellow lines at this location will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics, and concerning pavement parking, should improve access.

September 2023 Update from BC for CBs

Local Plan – progress and next steps

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B) provides a major opportunity to shape the growth of Buckinghamshire over the next 15 years and beyond. It will identify areas for new housing and employment, while also designating areas for protection and enhancement, such as our valued landscapes, natural habitats and heritage.

Earlier this year we carried out a public engagement survey on the draft vision and objectives for the LP4B. We received about 700 responses to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Vision and Objectives which we are in the process of analysing and considering.

We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. We are assessing these sites for their suitability, availability and achievability (including viability) to accommodate development. This work will help us to shape the first Buckinghamshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Our next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024, subject to Cabinet approval. This will be on possible high-level growth scenarios for the spatial distribution of new development to meet assessed levels of housing and employment need.

PickMeUp expands to Flackwell Heath

Wycombe's PickMeUp on-demand bus service, introduced by Buckinghamshire Council to reach residents not serviced by regular bus routes, has expanded to include Flackwell Heath. The expansion will help improve links from Flackwell Heath to Loudwater, Cressex, Booker and other parts of town.

Launched as a pilot in September 2022, it is funded by a three-year, central Government Rural Mobility Fund grant. It has proved popular, providing 1,500 rides per week and running Monday to Friday from 6am to 7pm.

Now after reviewing how the service is being used, and in response to requests from the local community, the council and operator Carousel Buses are pleased to extend the benefits of the service to many more potential passengers.

An additional vehicle will now operate at the morning and afternoon peak to keep up with demand. Fares reflect other local bus services and bus tickets such as Wycombe Smart Zone tickets and Concessionary Bus Passes are valid.

Bookings are made in advance via the PickMeUp High Wycombe app or by calling 01494 296021 to arrange a convenient nearby pickup point.
www.pickmeupwycombe.co.uk

Cost of Living update

Community Food Chain Campaign

The Helping Hand team has recently launched the Community Food Chain Campaign which aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities available at local food support organisations. You can find out more here – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>

If you would be interested in finding out how you can support this campaign please contact Hannah Tomlin, Food Lead Co-ordinator, Helping Hand Team – hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Helping Hand team/ MEAM referrals

The Helping Hand team has identified a cohort of residents who are within Opportunity Bucks areas and have made a high number of applications for support from the team. With their agreement, these residents have been referred on to our Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Team who can offer intensive support to develop a better understanding of the challenges these residents are facing and help to connect them with additional services who can further support them.

Welcoming Spaces

There are locations throughout the county, including Buckinghamshire libraries and community venues such as churches and halls, that have continued to offer a Welcoming Space to residents throughout the summer months.

Now that we are moving into autumn we are looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter. More information on resources and guidance for setting up a Welcoming Space will be available shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Laura Davies, Operations Manager, laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Energy Doctor

Buckinghamshire Council has introduced a new Energy Doctor scheme as one of the initiatives funded by its allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Under the scheme, domestic resource efficiency officers are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.

The team also installs suitable low-cost measures in homes such as draught proofing, hot water cylinder insulation jackets, reflective radiator panels, secondary glazing film and LED lights.

To qualify for an Energy Doctor visit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- The household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of the household is disabled
- The domestic property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

To find out more about the Energy Doctor scheme, and to request a visit, go to the [council's website](#).

Revenues and Benefits

Council tax collection remains on target despite obvious pressures in the community and as a result additional funding is being made available to the discretionary housing payment fund to support residents who may have one-off difficulties preventing them paying their rent.

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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