



Aylesbury Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 5 March 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

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

BC Councillors:

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

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Aylesbury, Buckingham Park, Coldharbour

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

For further information please contact: Amy Jenner (Senior Community Board Manager) on , email aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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7	An update about Charities together To be presented by Mark Russell, CEO AgeUK Charities together	18:25	
8	An introduction to the National Paralympic Heritage Trust An introduction to the National Paralympic Heritage Trust To be presented by Vicky Hope-Walker, CEO NPHT	18:40	
9	Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare Benefits- AgeUK - Update from youth interns, AYA - Road Safety campaign 	18:55	
10	Community Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question time - Opportunity Bucks Update 	19:30	7 - 10
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Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Thursday 16 November 2023 in The Diamond Room, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Winn (Chairman), T Dixon, T Hunter-Watts, A Poland-Goodyer and D Summers

Board Members and Officers/Speakers in attendance

I Beard, H Cavill, S Davis, L Denham, P Dey, J Douglass, K Dunn, J Edwards, D Evans, C Farrow, S Finnis, P Fox-Rendle, M Humble, A Jenner, L Lloyd, H Mannall, F Mashingaidze, W Morgan-Brown, E O'Connor, M Parker, A Sherwell, A Slater, G Thomas and V Wasilewska

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance and introduced Councillor Denise Summers as the new Vice-Chairman of the Board. The Chairman thanked Councillor Susan Morgan for her time as Vice-Chairman, providing support to him and the Community Board.

A brief description of the Community Board and the values and purpose of the Board was provided.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors M Baldwin, N Hussain, S Lambert, D Thompson, S Chapple, S James and A Christensen.

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 previous meeting

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

6 Thames Valley Police update

Sgt Claire Farrow provided an update on the work of Thames Valley Police in the Community Board area. The following points were highlighted:

- The Serious assault of attempted murder of a 15-year-old - this was particularly resource intensive. TVP were grateful for witnesses' support.
- Focus on engagement with schools and education around carrying weapons and the impact.
- Operation Sceptre – TVP wide operation which is focussed on knife crime. This includes engaging with shops to prevent underage sales.
- Work around NOSS cans with Southcourt Baptist Church – amnesty bins.
- Working with Jewish and Muslim communities regarding risk of hate crimes. On Saturday 21 October 2023 there was a peaceful march around Aylesbury.
- TVP structural changes - 13 LPAS going to 5 LCU's from April 2024 and merging with South Bucks. Superintendent will be Emma Burrows.
- Southcourt Boxing Club is still going strong – in the last 6 months, funding has been sought from Fairhive, Buckinghamshire Council and Aylesbury Town Council to support sustainability. Age range 10 – 60 years old. Wednesday 6-8.30pm at Southcourt Baptist Church, everyone welcome.
- Alan Sherwell – asked about shop lifting and risk to shop owners and shop staff and the importance of understanding why people shoplift.
 - TVP work with ORD and Health Services for referrals to support with Community Resolutions to support with the root cause of the shop lifting.
- Inconsiderate Parking remains an issue – please continue to report to TVP and Buckinghamshire Council.

7 Unit 33 - Health on the Highstreet - an introduction

Gemma Thomas, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust delivered a presentation (as per pages 9 to 13 of the notes pack) and explained the model which is being piloted in Aylesbury for 12 months.

The following points were highlighted:

- The unit has launched in Friars Square and is available to the public with a weekly schedule of services - [Health on the High Street - Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust \(buckshealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk).
- It was asked if HotHS was linking up with events already happening to direct to and promote
 - Gemma advised that this was happening and there are some strong local links
- It was asked if HothS were aware of [Bucks Online Directory](#) and using as a resource tool – Helen Cavill offered support around any upskilling needed on this.
- It was asked if the details have been shared with GP Surgeries.
 - HotHS have engaged with PPG explain the service.

- Denise is keen to support Gemma with further networking
- Veterans drop in being supported by Pam Daly.

8 Healthwatch Bucks - an overview of the Volunteering programme

Melanie Humble, Healthwatch Bucks delivered a presentation on the Healthwatch Bucks volunteering programme (slides can be viewed on pages 14 to 22 of the notes pack). The following points were highlighted:

- Melanie asked for signposting of people to the programme if they are interested in volunteering opportunities.
- It was asked how HB were reaching out to volunteers.
 - Roles are currently on the HB portal - [Volunteer with Healthwatch Bucks – Healthwatch Bucks](#)
- Melanie is linking with the Community Boards volunteering priority work.
- It was recommended that the opportunities were also added to Community Impact Bucks Volunteering Matching Service.

9 Community Board Priorities, Engagement and Funding

Amy Jenner, Senior Community Board Manager provided an update as per slides on pages 23 to 27 of the notes pack.

- The board has been driving priorities forward with the support of board members, growth has been really positive. Amy talked through the slides to highlight board engagement, priority activity and provided a funding update.
- Opportunity Bucks – Helen Cavill provided a brief overview of the project in 3 ward areas (N, NW and SW). The project is engaging with partners and residents within the areas. For more information, to get involved and to sign up to the newsletter visit:
 - Activity showcase [Opportunity Bucks - Activity Showcase | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
 - Aylesbury ward profiles – [How you can get involved | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- Amy highlighted Public Health's Bike Library Pilot planned to take place in the new year.
- Sgt Clare Farrow noted that TVP may have bikes to donate.
- **Action:** Amy to link Clare with Public Health for further conversation - actioned
- Local resident Dave is working with Amy to look at delivering a project to support local clubs to increase their memberships. Anyone who wants to get involved should contact aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.
- Lee Lloyd and Lyn Denham from Florence Nightingale Hospice Trust provided an update on the The Wiz project which was part funded by Aylesbury CB.
 - A video was shared to highlight the positive impact and can be viewed [here](#).

10 Community Matters

Residents Jane and Sandy brought the Savernake Road petition to the board.

- A response was provided by Buckinghamshire Council's Parking service.
- Amy highlighted that the Community Board could support with looking at the root cause of the issues and supporting with community conversations to help resolve. Sgt Clare Farrow also offered support from TVP.

11 Close and date of future meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for joining and for their participation.

The next meeting date will be confirmed shortly (likely late Feb/early March 24).

Attendees were asked if they would like to host and to let Amy know if so.

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](#)

In addition to the Regeneration Framework we set out we have set out more detailed regeneration strategies for our three biggest towns:

View the [Aylesbury Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF, 11.6 MB)

View the [Chesham Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF, 8.41 MB)

View the [High Wycombe Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF 7.87 MB)

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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