



Missendens Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 28 November 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Via Video Conference

BC Councillors:

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman), J MacBean, H Wallace and J Waters

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Great Missenden and Little Missenden

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: Kerry Rackstraw and Emma Barrows, Community Board Managers on 01296 382862, email missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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1	Chairman's Welcome	18:30	
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest		
3	Minutes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2023.		
4	Community Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buckinghamshire Council Updates – Lindsey Vallis (5 minutes)• Consultations – Cllr Peter Martin (1 minute)• Missendens Speeding Event Update – Robert Gibson (5 minutes)• Questions - (members of the public have been invited to submit questions in advance of the meeting to missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)	18:40	3 - 4

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5	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyde Heath Cricket Club (10 minutes) • Self Defence Classes (10 minutes) • Social Prescribers (10 minutes) 	19:00	
6	Engagement and Funding Update To be presented by Kerry Rackstraw / Emma Barrows.	19:30	
7	Date of next meeting Tuesday 23 January 2024, via MS Teams.	19:35	

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

November 2023



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.

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/>