



Buckingham & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 6 July 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Akeley Village Hall (14 Church Hill Akeley, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire,
MK18 5HB)

BC Councillors:

H Mordue (Chairman), P Fealey (Vice-Chairman), J Chilver, C Cornell, J Jordan, Cllr A Macpherson, F Mahon, A Osibogun, M Rand, R Stuchbury and W Whyte

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

J Harvey (Buckingham Town Council), M Taylor (Thornborough Parish Council), Gittens (Calvert Green Parish Council), P Wright (East Claydon Parish Council), J Riches (Middle Claydon Parish Council), T Lightfoot (Tingewick Parish Council), R Scott (Foscote Parish Meeting), P Hardcastle (Maids Moreton Parish Council), R Marshall (Water Stratford Parish Meeting), M White (Radclive-Cum-Chackmore Parish Council), S Holland (Akeley Parish Council), S Boulet (Stowe Parish Council) and T Cavendar (Buckingham Canal Society)

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: Alice Willams (Community Board Manager) on , email bvcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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| 1 | Chairman's Welcome To be presented by Howard Mordue, Buckingham & Villages Community Board Chairman | | |

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| 2 | Apologies for Absence To be noted by Alice Williams, Buckingham & Villages Community Board Manager | | |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest Declarations of interest related to items on the agenda to be noted by Alice Williams | | |
| 4 | Notes/Actions of Previous Meeting Updates on actions to be noted by Alice Williams Notes of the previous meeting to be AGREED by the board | | 3 - 6 |
| 5 | Corporate Update To be presented by Sara Turnbull, Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations, Buckinghamshire Council | | 7 - 12 |
| 6 | Domestic Resource Efficiency Service (Energy Doctors) Introduction To be presented by Victoria Nash, Domestic Resource Efficiency Service, Buckinghamshire Council | | |
| 7 | Community Board Project Update - Bringing the Skies to You To be presented by Ross Hockham, UK Astronomy | | |
| 8 | Community Board Update To be presented by Alice Williams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Update • Action Plan / Task & Finish Groups • Project /Board Activity Update | | 13 - 14 |
| 9 | Community Matters Opportunity for members of the public and the board to raise local matters and questions | | |
| 10 | Dates of future meetings 12 October 2023 | | |

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Agenda Item 4
Buckinghamshire Council
Buckingham & Villages
Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckingham & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 2 February 2023 via MS Teams commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.53 pm

Members Present: P Fealey, J Jordan, Cllr A Macpherson, F Mahon, H Mordue, A Osibogun, J Riches, R Stuchbury, P Hardcastle and M Taylor,

Others Present: S Thomas, A Waite, D Child, M White, T Cavender, A Lane, S Holland, R Sloan, G Ellis, P Wright and A Decent and I Haest.

Officers Present: A Williams, I Malik, N Surman, S Turnbull and C Martin.

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from T Lightfoot, Ms Cornell, Mr Chilver and Mr Harvey and Mr Whyte.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

4 Minutes/Actions from Previous Meeting

At the previous meeting of the Board Members had wished to establish how the change in Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) contractors would affect the ways of working with the community board. Alice Williams, Community Board Manager confirmed that although the contractors had been appointed, it had not yet been confirmed how they would work with the community boards going forwards. The board would be updated once the official process had been formally confirmed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

5 Buckingham Banking Hub Update

A presentation was delivered on the Banking Hub by Cash Access UK. Positive discussions were currently underway with the landlord regards a suitable property located in the area of Market Square. The Hub opening timeline would be subject to a number of further activities and actions and it was anticipated that the Hub would be functional within about 9 months.

Members were encouraged to get in contact if they were aware of any other suitable properties.

Members emphasised that they would like to be involved within the preparation for the launch of the new Banking Hub and that relevant Cllrs, the Mayor of Buckingham and MP should be invited to the event. It was also suggested that the university be consulted and liaised with as the service would be of considerable benefit to students.

ACTION: Alice Williams to act as the point of contact for the board regarding banking hub updates and liaise with Cash Access UK directly.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the officer presenter be thanked for attendance.

6 BART Bus Presentation

A presentation was delivered by Ashley Waite on the Bernwode Community Bus initiative which had been launched in 2018 in Waddesdon and Quainton with the primary objective of serving the elderly in the community. The project had gone from strength to strength and had merged with Buckingham Area Rural Transport (BART) in 2020. This meant that the service was able to offer 2 buses with wider coverage.

Members were informed that it was hoped that the same level of coverage could now be provided in the Buckinghamshire area but that assistance was required in order to make this happen. Mr Waite advised that more volunteer drivers were now needed to cater for the growing client group, in addition to help to publicise the service being offered.

All those present agreed that this was a fantastic initiative for the local community.

ACTION: Ashley Waite to share spec sheet with Alice Williams to be distributed to the board.

ACTION: Alice Williams to share Ashley Waite contact details with the board.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted

7 Corporate Update

Sara Turnbull, Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations highlighted points from the corporate update as circulated with the minutes.

Ms Turnbull also highlighted the press release issued on 2 February 2023 which highlighted the road repairs scheduled to be carried out by East West Rail in the community board area. The board asked for reassurance that the work would be monitored and for clarification of the

payment arrangements.

ACTION: Alice Williams to liaise with the appropriate officer and share an update on East West Rail payment arrangements with the board.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

8 Community Board Action Plan

The Community Board Action plan for 2022/23 was summarised on pages 13-19 of the agenda pack. Its priorities fall within the areas of economic recovery, green spaces and communities, road safety and youth.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9 Reflection of the year 2022/23

Alice Williams, Community Board Manager detailed all the main events, highlights and achievements of the year to date. As part of the presentation the Board Manager gave mention to the priorities which had been established for the year and the Task and Finish Groups which had developed as a consequence of the further work undertaken.

Reference was also made to the budget allocated to date, a total of £67,361 with a total of £49,665 remaining. However it was highlighted that this was not the final figure as the deadlines would not elapse until the following week. It was confirmed that the Board would be updated on the final budget status for the year end following the final budget meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10 Looking forward to 2023/24

Ms Williams emphasised the positive work that had taken place over the past year and gave an overview of the events that would take place in 2023-24. She also commented that she was very much looking forward to further success of the board which she anticipated would go from strength to strength.

11 Dates of future events / meetings

4 May 2023 – community engagement event

6 July 2023

12 October 2023

8 Feb 2024

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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

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:



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| Town/ Village | |
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| 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 |

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



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

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.

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.

Local transport plan – next steps



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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.

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/>

Ward boundaries consultation



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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](#).

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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**Buckingham & Villages Community Board
Funding Report
6 July 2023**

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| Buckingham & Villages Community Board Budget 2023 | Budget Allocated To Date – 6 July 2023 |
| £111,175.00 | £1,637.00 |

Projects Funded:

| Reference Number | Project | Organisation | Brief Description | Total Project Cost | Contributory Funding | CB Funding Allocated |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SGAF478632845 | Student Wellbeing Programme | Friends of University of Buckingham | Programme of events and activities designed to alleviate stress and loneliness for all university students studying and living in Buckingham. | N/A | N/A | £868.00 |
| SGAF477875755 | Advertising Materials | 3 Bs Radio | Costs towards purchase of leaflets and other advertising material to use at events, as they attend more events in Buckingham and the surrounding areas. | N/A | N/A | £319.00 |
| SGAF480886102 | Cleaning Equipment and Security Box | The Film Place | Cordless vacuum cleaner and security box to support operations of the Film Place screenings. | N/A | N/A | £450.00 |

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