



North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Thursday 9 July 2020 in via MS Teams video conference, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.59 pm.

Members present

S Adoh, B Bendyshe-Brown, S Broadbent, D Carroll, C Etholen, G Hall, C Harriss, D Hayday, D Knights, W Mallen, I McEnnis, G Peart, S Saddique, J Teesdale, A Turner and P Turner

Town and Parish Council Representatives

Cathryn Davies (Lacy Green PC)
Jane Rogers (Longwick-cum-Ilmer PC)
Melinda Woof (Hugenden PC)
Nick Baxter (Great and Little Hampden PC)
Robert Nikiel (Radnage PC)
Robin Thomas (Stokenchurch PC)
Moyra Lazeby (Downley PC)
Simon Cope (West Wycombe PC)
James Cripps (Gt and Little Kimble cum Marsh)
Stephen Reading (Bledlow cum Saunderton)
Matthew Walsh (Princes Risborough TC)
David Teifion Jones (Bradenham PC)
Marcus Angell (West Wycombe PC)

Others in attendance

D Barnes (Observing), J Binning and S Taylor and C Thickens, K Wager

Agenda Item

1 **Introduction/membership/etiquette/apologies**

Gary Hall, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Parish Council representatives introduced themselves.

Apologies had been received from Paul Nicholls, Hughenden Parish Council.

Jackie Binning, Community Board Co-ordinator introduced herself and stated she was looking forward to working with the Community Board and making a difference to the community.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest; however, the Chairman advised that declarations could be made at any time during the meeting.

3 Vision of the Community Board and how future meetings will be influenced by wider community partners

G Hall provided the ‘vision’ of the Community Board (CB) and highlighted the following points:

- The CB was not an extension of the previous Local Area Forum.
- There was a substantial budget to carry out projects in the community to improve the lives of residents.
- The CB would make the decisions following work carried out by sub-groups which would consist of approximately four members.
- It was important to manage people’s expectations regarding funding.
- Sub-groups would follow a process and look at due diligence before bringing proposals back to the CB to support the recommendation. Sub-groups would operate in a similar way to task and finish groups.
- The CB would not be considering urgent highway works; these would be referred to the portfolio holder. Pot-hole concerns would be discussed in the transport/road sub-group.
- There was a team of officers who could be invited to relevant meetings; the Police would be invited if there was an issue to discuss.

4 Public Health - presentation on health and wellbeing data

Caroline Thickens, Head of Public Health Intelligence, provided a presentation, which had been circulated to the attendees, and would be appended to the minutes. The following points were highlighted:

- A strong community was a key driver in the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The presentation provided a high level overview; members of the community would have local intelligence about the assets in the area which could be built on.
- Comparisons were provided with other CBs and national data; a number of indicators were highlighted.
- The five recommendations from the public health profile were listed on page 5 of the presentation.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- The level of detailed data showed the amount of inequality in the area.
- It was noted that Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people were more at risk of Covid-19. In response to whether traditional diet was being considered as having an effect on a person’s ability to cope with Covid-19, C Thickens advised that obesity and other risk factors were inter-linked. Public Health

was reviewing the national evidence around the risks but C Thickens advised she would need to check if traditional diet was being looked into.

ACTION: C Thickens

- It was highlighted that deprivation was not always easy to spot, particularly in affluent areas, which still had 'pockets'; these would need to be identified.
- The Princes Centre, which provided day care for the elderly had closed during the pandemic and some clients had needed to go into full-time care. Princes Risborough Town Council had run a food scheme to provide fruit and vegetables for people who were self-isolating which had been very successful. The Church had also provided food parcels.
- Robert Nickiel, Radnage Parish Council, advised that he worked with Healthwatch Bucks, an organisation who represented the voice of the public on health and social care. He encouraged residents to provide feedback via the Healthwatch Bucks survey as the information would be feedback to the NHS and the Council to improve the healthcare of residents.

5 Priorities - Briefing

Jackie Binning, Community Co-ordinator, referred to the briefing report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was a discussion document and summarised areas of priority. Liaison would take place with stakeholders to allow them to influence the design of the interim priorities and ensure they reflected the views of the wider community. Consideration also needed to be given to the recommendations in the Public Health profile report. An action plan would be developed. The report also provided information on the funding streams.

6 Priorities Setting and Sub Groups

All the information received had been considered and the feedback had been split into five priority groups:

1. Strengthening our Communities
2. Supporting the Economy, Regeneration and Business Support
3. Supporting the Elderly and Vulnerable
4. Supporting Young People
5. Transport and Highways

After discussion, it was emphasised that the priorities were for the next three months and would then be reviewed. The Chairman confirmed that the sub-groups would work on topics/projects to see if it fit the criteria and was affordable. Kama Wager, Localism Manager added that the funding process opened in August 2020 and that partnership and community groups would be able to bid for the funding and the applications would be discussed in the sub-groups. The full Board would make a decision on the allocation of the funding on the advice of the sub-group. The sub-groups would bring partners together and reach a collaborative solution; they would not have a scrutiny function but would delve deeply into a community issue and link in with the voluntary and community sector. The community and sub-

groups would work together and bring proposals to the Community Board for a decision on whether it would be funded.

The following sub-groups, which would all include local Covid-19 recovery, were proposed by David Knights, seconded by Alan Turner and agreed by all:

- Economic Regeneration
- Traffic and road issues (to include parking and speeding)
- Environment and Climate Change
- Young People and the Elderly
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

The Chairman requested that expressions of interest for being part of a sub-group be emailed to Jackie Binning by Tuesday 16 July. The sub-groups would also include a wide range of partners and community groups.

RESOLVED: The key sub-groups were AGREED as listed above.

7 Invitations for future meetings

The Chairman advised that any suggestions or requests to be invited to future meetings be forwarded to Jackie Binning. Kama Wager added that the Communications Team were working on a communications plan; the meeting in September would be about wider engagement and an engagement plan would also be provided.

8 Any other business

Jackie Binning advised the following:

- The Board would acknowledge all petitions received at the next meeting.
- A database of contacts would be compiled; Jackie asked for contact details of community groups and organisations to be forwarded to her.

9 Date of next meeting

1 September 2020.