



Buckinghamshire Council

Amersham Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Amersham Community Board held on Thursday 10 September 2020 in MS Teams virtual meeting, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.30 pm

Members present

Cllr D Bray, Ms F Copp, , Mr B Drew, Cllr M Flys, Cllr M Harker OBE, Cllr G Harris, Mr D King, Cllr D Phillips, Cllr N Shepherd, Cllr M Tett, Cllr L Walsh, Cllr J Waters, Ms L Richardson, and Cllr G Williams

Others in attendance

Mr D Alder, Ms P Batting, Ms C Beevers, Ms S Boshier, Ms E Burgham, Mr P Clark, Ms E Davis, Mr R Funk, Mr A Garnett, Mr K Gayle, Ms A Greenhalgh, Mr J Hay, Ms H James, Ms H Mee, Mr E Newhouse, Mr O O'Neill, Mr M Pegg, Ms B Poole, Ms C Purves, Mr J Shaw, Ms M Turner, Sgt D Walsh, Mr I Lamb and Ms L Wright

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and advised this meeting was the official launch of the Amersham Community Board and was pleased to see many new faces in attendance.

2 Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from:

Mr P Martin- Buckinghamshire Council, Ms I Darby- Buckinghamshire Council, Mr C Jackson- Buckinghamshire Council and Ms S Payne.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2020 were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

5 Introduction to Community Boards

Mr M Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council gave a live version of the introduction to Community Boards, that was shared amongst all boards.

Link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0i722j79hw&feature=youtu.be>

The Chairman gave an overview of the slides appended to the minutes.

6 Updates from Sub-Groups

Ms B Poole from Voices & Choices gave an update on behalf of the Covid-19 Sub-group and let the Board know what the volunteers from Voices and Choices had been during the lockdown period. There was some confusion around the current funding/grant situation for Voices & Choices, the Community Board Coordinator agreed to look at this offline and update accordingly.

ACTION: Ms L Wright

There was a discussion around Community Boards working in partnership to fund projects jointly that sat across Community Board boundaries and for Members to contact Ms L Wright with any ideas.

ACTION: Community Board Members

Ms C Purves voiced an interest to be involved in the Covid-19 sub-group, Ms L Wright would add her to the group and ensure an invitation to the next meeting would be sent out.

ACTION: Ms L Wright

Mr J Shaw from Chiltern Rangers gave an overview of the role of the Chiltern Rangers and their work with the Health and Wellbeing of young people sub- group.

Mr D King gave an overview of the 1st meeting of the Village and town centre revival sub-group. Ms M Harker agreed to share her contacts for work of the sub-group to progress.

ACTION: Ms M Harker

It was confirmed that although this focus group was initially focused on Amersham, in time there would be further groups that would look across the whole Community Board area.

The Chairman advised there had been a suggestion for a transport group to look at items including HS2, speeding, parking, pavements and cycleways. The Chairman asked for volunteers for the focus group. The board were asked to contact the Community Board Coordinator if they were interested in being part of the focus group.

ACTION: All Community Board Members

There was some discussion around the Chesham Bois funding application that had been received by the Community Board.

RESOLVED: The Chesham Bois Parish Council funding application was **AGREED** by the Board.

The Chairman advised there were four further funding applications that had been received and would be coming up for approval by the Community Board. An overview of these projects was given.

The projects were:

- Amersham Town Council- A replica locomotive to be built in Oakfield Corner, Amersham on the Hill. The Total cost of the project was £12,300 and they would look to source match funding before speaking to the board.
- Little Chalfont-Road improvements. This was still awaiting costs from Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB).

- Amersham Parking Review- Awaiting costs from TfB. This was to be picked up offline.
ACTION: Mr G Williams

Amersham Town Centre Sub-group- a tactical campaign to support retailers in Amersham with trading in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

7 Neighbourhood Matters

There had been no groups come forward for this item. It was deferred to a future meeting.

8 Getting Local People Involved

The Chairman asked the Community Board of suggestions of local groups to invite to the meeting. Suggested groups were:

- Amersham and District Residents Association
- Amersham Action Group
- Careers Springboard
- The Rotary Club

It was felt that there were many local charities and groups across the area that should be invited along. Members were asked to send any suggestions to Ms L Wright for her to make contact in time for the next meeting.

ACTION: All Community Board Members

It was requested if the notes from each of the sub-groups could be shared so Community Board Members were aware what was taking place at each.

ACTION: Ms L Wright

Ms M Harker gave a brief overview of the upcoming Silver Sunday initiative that was due to take place in Amersham to celebrate older people in the community. This year instead of this being in the community the plan was to take high tea to over 500 elderly people across Amersham, Chesham and Little Chalfont. It was asked if anyone was aware of a resident that could be included in the project, could they please pass the details on to Ms Harker.

ACTION: All Community Board Members

9 Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 04 November 2020, 7-8.30pm.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting.