



South West Chilterns Community Board – Transport, Infrastructure, Reopening of High Street, Regeneration – Meeting Notes

Date/Time: Thursday 12 November at 1900hrs via MS Teams

1. Present

Cllr Alex Collingwood

Cllr Julia Adey

Cllr Mike Appleyard

Cllr David Watson

Cllr Julia Langley

Cllr Roger Wilson

Cllr Ian McInnis

Cllr Mark Harris

Cllr Valerie Brownridge – Marlow Bottom Parish Council

Mark Turner

Hilary Martin – Marlow Town Council

Jocelyn Towns – Marlow Town Council

Liz Lorente – Transition Town Marlow

Mike Seaton

George Lawrence

Carol Heaps

Nick Rowcliffe

Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Tracey Evans – Business Support – Buckinghamshire Council

Makyla Devlin – South West Chilterns Community Board Coordinator –
Buckinghamshire

2. Apologies

Cllr David Johncock

Chris Hughes

Paul Deriez

3. Notes and actions from previous meeting

Action	Holder	Timescale
Volvo Bridge – cycle gullies. Costings to be established	Cllr Alex Collingwood/Margaret McCarthy	Ongoing
Broadband – develop separate workstream to feedback into this working group	Cllr Chris Whitehead and Mark Turner	First meeting to take place on Monday 9 November
Top 3 requests for Yellow lines in readiness for combined TRO	Members, Town and Parish Councils	October 31
Top 3 cycle schemes	Members, Town and Parish Councils	October 31
Bike Rack suggestions and locations	Members, Town and Parish Councils	October 31

4. Cllr David Watson

- Bucks Business First (BBF), provide courses for business in start up phase
- Courses are designed to help those get back into business, change of career or to start a new business.
- Cost of courses is £250.00 per person

- Given the recent increase and expected further increases in unemployment, a number of local residents will wish to explore the possibilities of setting up their own business.
- It is proposed that the training of 12 local people on how to effectively set up their own business by the end of March 2021 is funded by the Community Board
- £3,000 is proposed to be set aside to fund the Start Up Training provided by BBF
- The criteria by which individuals will be chosen to take the course and how best to market the course and the monitoring of the participants are under discussion.
- Course content includes consideration of all aspects of the business concept, business planning including viability.
- Further information has been requested from Phillipa Batting, BBF Managing Director, regarding the criteria and course content
- Have approached Cllr Cramer from Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board to also contribute £3,000 (this is to be agreed at their meeting on Tuesday 17 November)
- Cabinet Member, Gareth Williams has been approached to support BBF training across the whole Council – discussions to take place
Action – could a Council wide scheme be set up and how would the logistics around this support our residence – ACTION Cllr David Watson
- Community Board would be involved in drawing up the criteria and confirm the number of places specifically for our Community Board area.

Comments

- Cllr Mark Harris – Declaring an interest as have worked with BBF in the past. That said, this is a good programme to look at the logistics of starting a business. The former Wycombe District Council used to support the programme and it is worthy of supporting once again. Happy to get involved with this project but would understand if felt there was a conflict of interest. **Agreed by all that no conflict and happy to have someone who is a subject matter expert to be involved.**
- Cllr Julia Adey – providing this is a scheme for South West Chilterns Board, would welcome further information.
- Cllr Roger Wilson – excellent idea and perhaps following implementation, a report back to the Board February/March 2021.

Action – Phillipa Batting to be contacted for further information – ACTION Cllr David Watson

5. Transport

Bike Racks

- Jocelyn Towns confirmed that the Marlow schemes had been approved verbally but just waiting for written confirmation. Jack Mayhew, Buckinghamshire Council to physically check the sites and confirm costs.
- Cllr Julia Adey – Locations identified as Tesco Express in Wooburn Green and The Parade in Bourne End.
- Jack Mayhew is looking into these locations and will report back in 2 weeks, from November 12, and then a possible site visit and forward costs.
- Cllr Julia Adey would like to see that cycle racks would be in keeping due to being a conservation area
- Cllr Alex Collingwood – temporary cycle paths – some of those may not be able to be done quickly. Trinity Road, Marlow has been checked with Jack Mayhew and this can be achieved quickly with planters that are already available. This would come under Active Travel and should be funded centrally.
- Jocelyn Towns – there needs to be engagement with local residents prior to implementation



Trinity Road - Active
Travel - November 20

- Liz Lorente – Trinity Road Temporary Closure would be an asset to the area but agreed, needs to be public consultation.
- Cllr Alex Collingwood – this is agreed in principle and to promote this to be in force from January 2021 following consultation. This is a temporary scheme.
- Cllr Alex Collingwood – Jack Mayhew would like a “shopping list” to be able to fund as many schemes as possible as money is available. The three Marlow schemes to be used as a starting point but want to make sure that the whole board area is investigated. Look to link schools to schools.
- Nick Rowcliffe confirming the preferred route. Cllr Alex Collingwood confirmed that the preferred route being Marlow to Marlow Bottom, Marlow Bottom Village Hall to Burford School and Burford School playing fields off road through the woods behind the houses in Marlow Bottom to Ragmans Lane where it will run parallel to existing bridleway and lead through to archway under M40 and end at Asda/John Lewis carpark.
- Cllr Alex Collingwood – 3 phases
Phase 1 – Bike Racks

Phase 2 – Temporary Schemes

Phase 3 – Marlow Bottom permanent schemes

Confirming that temporary schemes could become permanent ones. Liz Lorente confirmed that she would be happy to assist with the routes – to liaise with Cllr Alex Collingwood and Jack Mayhew.

ACTION – Trinity Road to go forward to the Board Meeting as a recommendation (there is no cost to the Community Board)

6. Infrastructure

Marlow Bridge – Cllr Alex Collingwood

- New signage in January
- Bollards in February half term
- Statutory Instrument to be signed off by Minister of Transport to enable the instatement of ANPR

Broadband – Mark Turner

- 1st meeting of the Broadband workstream took place on Monday 9 November
- Agenda set and objectives were covered for the group
- Start points to be determined by use of postcodes
- Look into Suppliers and determine how they can fill the gaps
- Costings – work to be done around the budgets before the next workstream meeting
- Postcodes to be put into a matrix against costs
- Government looking to have a national coverage by 2025.
- Current Governments schemes end beginning of 2021. Then an Outside In scheme will be introduced.
- Group objective is to provide fibre to all premises in Community Board area by 2024
- Swish carrying out considerable work in the area but currently not covering all. This could be expanded to improve further coverage.
- 1st step is to look at the areas where broadband connectivity is poor
- Jack Douglass and James Robinson have produced data relating to postcodes
- Jacqueline Ford to join the working group due to being heavily involved in similar project in High Wycombe area.
- Sue Hynard, Steve Baker MP office looking at Government proposal
- Budgets being looked at and liaising with Bucks Council Leader, Martin Tett on this

- Further meeting on 19 November

7. Reopening of High Streets

Dr Robin Russell-Jones – Scientific Advisor

- Cycle lanes are important for safety but will make only a marginal impact on climate change (will talk about this in more detail when time allows)
- Look to options of pedestrianising the High Street, not suggesting 24/7 but partial to reduce the congestion which has direct impact on climate change.
- Congestion is the issue rather than the volume of traffic.
- Cllr Alex Collingwood – have spoken to a business in Marlow who has respective businesses in Lane End and Maidenhead. Both Lane End and Maidenhead are struggling, Maidenhead in particular and believe this to be down to the pedestrianisation of the High Street there. Has been found to have a detrimental impact on his business. Need to have a route map on how we can achieve what has been suggested. Also need to make sure that businesses are on board with this. Chamber of Commerce have been approached but need to consult with residents and businesses.
- Cllr Mike Appleyard – in support of pedestrianising the area. Bourne End also has a problem. Would welcome the opportunity for a feasibility and future plan.
- Nick Rowcliffe – one way schemes – have focussed on this previously and put forward a proposal.

ACTION – Cllr Mike Appleyard, Nick Rowcliffe and Dr Robin Russell-Jones to make contact outside of the meeting to investigate further and report to the working group and report back at a future meeting.

8. Community Events

- Smaller villages need to have ability to hold events
- Princes Risborough loan out gazebos for free loan and put an infrastructure in place to support outdoor activity, fairs, markets etc.

Action – investigation in respect of costs for equipment to be undertaken in readiness for February Community Board Meeting – ACTION Cllr Collingwood

- Christmas – need to look at how we can make Christmas better for our community but this is determined on Government restrictions at the end of lockdown in terms of tiers

9. Actions and next steps

Action	Holder	Timescale
Bucks Business First – further information required from Phillipa Batting. Potential proposal to be addressed at Main Community Board Meeting	Cllr David Watson	As soon as possible
Bucks Business First – intended scheme across the whole Council area – Cabinet Member Gareth Williams to be contacted	Cllr David Watson	Before SWC CB meeting 24 November 2020
Trinity Road – Active travel proposal to be taken to Main Community Board Meeting	Cllr Alex Collingwood	24 November 2020
Pedestrianisation of High Streets	Cllr Mike Appleyard, Nick Rowcliffe, Dr Robin Russell-Jones	To initially report back to next TIRR working group meeting – 10 December 2020
Cycle ways – top 3 requests extended to December 31 – sent out to Members and Town and Parish Council	Cllr Alex Collingwood	Update at next TIRR meeting 10 December 2020
Broadband	Cllr Chris Whitehead	Update at next TIRR meeting 10 December 2020
Community Events – investigation to be carried out in respect of costs for gazebos etc	Cllr Alex Collingwood	In readiness for SWC CB meeting in February

10. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 10 December at 1900 hrs via MS Team

