



# South West Chilterns Community Board – Covid19 Recovery Group – Meeting Notes

Date/Time: Tuesday 2 February at 1600hrs via MS Teams

## 1. Present

Cllr Suzanne Brown - Chair

Cllr David Johncock – Vice Chair

Cllr Valerie Brownridge – Marlow Bottom Parish Council

Cllr Graham Peart

Helen Mee – The Clare Foundation

Evelyn Daley – The Clare Foundation

Felicity Blakeman – The Clare Foundation

Paul Bolton – MMDF

Jo Cook - Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue

Nahida Latif – Red Kite Housing

Monica Bergh – Buckinghamshire Council – Lead Practitioner Youth VCS

Sarah Simmons – Action4Youth

Ron Overton – Transitions UK

Charlie Dixon – Transitions UK

Robert Rendel – Lady Ryder Memorial Garden

Makyla Devlin – South West Chilterns Community Board Coordinator –  
Buckinghamshire

## 2. Apologies

Hilary Martin – Marlow Town Council

Sophie Phillips – Red Kite Housing  
 Aldo Simone – Trading Standards  
 Sgt Robin Hughes – Thames Valley Police  
 Lorna Sokolowski – British Red Cross  
 Annie Roy-Barker – Marlow Rotary

### 3. Notes and actions from previous meeting (17 January 2021)

<i>Action</i>	<i>Holder</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Liaise with other Councillors to ensure all schools are given the opportunity to join the scheme (Seed1 food provision)	Cllr Alex Collingwood	For the next working group meeting (2 march)

### 4. Update on Projects – Makyla

- Lane End Football Club – Change of manager at the football club led to slight communication breakdown in terms of handover and the new manager was not aware of the funding ask from the Community Board and they had sourced their own funding for the kit and equipment and the funding was no longer required but thanks to the Board.
- Lane End Players – 3 days before the performance, the Government announced the lockdown and sadly the open air nativity performance was unable to go ahead. They were able to broadcast an audio performance which was listened to by over 2000 people in Lane End Area and with having a population of around 3000, this listening stats were high and proves the worth this project would have brought. Although the funding is not required on this occasion, they are looking at another option for an open air amphitheatre on some ground owned by the Parish Council and may approach the Community Board once again. They were so thankful for the support they received and only sorry they were unable to hold the performance they planned for.

- Chiltern Arts – project suspended until later in the Summer and will recontact the Board then. Unable to hold the open air concerts due to the current lockdown/Government restrictions.
- Chiltern Rangers – funding was agreed by the Board just a slight delay on the submitting of the formal application which has now been received and the award letter has been sent out
- Box of Hope – this was supported and was a great success to those schools in the Bourne End/Wooburn Green area that had been identified. Now collaborating with the Community Board and other partners at looking at a provision for food in the board area that will produce a model to ensure there is nutrition, education and no duplication of offering.
- Be Your Own Boss – pilot project working with Buckinghamshire Business First – this is now up and running with promotion through the 5 Community Boards taking part. Will be able to update more at future meetings.
- Food collaborative project – looking at ways of preventing duplication of offerings within the Board area taking into account neighbouring boards where there is some crossover. Two meetings have taken place so far to look at various options including fresh fruit and vegetable boxes, provision of staple foods and hot food provision. Engaging with Helping Hand through Buckinghamshire Council and waiting to set up a meeting to discuss options moving forward.
- Chiltern Dial-a-Ride – newsletter attached with thanks to the support from South West Chiltern Community Board.

## **5. Robert Rendel – presentation about Lady Ryder Memorial Garden – funding request**

- Robert introduced himself as the Chairman of Lady Ryder Memorial Gardens
- Plans submitted to the Community Board for consideration (attached to these meeting notes)
- It has been well documented that 1 in 6 suffer some form of mental illness associated with the pandemic.
- The garden can assist in many ways, not least to relieve the pressure of mental health.
- The garden will be divided into three sections as per the drawings (shared on screen). A gathering area, a productive area and a sensory area.

- Overall costs currently stand at £57k although working with HMRC re some aspects being classed in zero VAT rated category
- Anticipate acquiring the materials at a discount which is currently being worked on.
- Breakdown of costs so far as looking to raise £47k
  - Synters BMW funding £3k
  - Hambleden Parish Council funding £2k
  - In reserves £8k
  - Further funding injection £1k
  - Application in with Red Kite Housing for £9.5k
  - Application in with Heat of Bucks for £5k (have twice been their charity of the year)
  - In talks with the Rothchilds foundation for funding grant.
  - The team at the gardens consists of a whole range of expertise including a Physio, Teacher, Social Services, SEND, Prison Warden, former Nurse. The skills demonstrated enhance the offering of the project
  - Looking to reach out to care homes, social housing tenants, Dr surgeries
  - Funding ask from South West Chiltern Community Board is £5k

### Comments

CLlr Suzanne Brown – a very interesting project and such detail shown within the plans.

Nahida Latif – this is such a wonderful garden that I have visited on more than one occasion.

Agreed that the board would like to support this project in principle and will discuss recommendations to be forwarded to the whole South West Chiltern Community Board

## **6. Ron Overton – Transitions UK**

- Ron Overton introduced himself and Charlie and outlined the Aspire Project being presented to the working group.
- Presentation and detail attached to the notes of this meeting
- They have 9 fulltime and 13 part time staff in Transitions UK and the Aspire project is just one area of their work. They are looking to increase their staff by May 2021.
- This is a pilot scheme looking for a cohort of 20 young people (min 4 in each CB area subject to funding).
- Other CB in discussions with are Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Chesham and Wendover

- Each of those identified young people will receive 300+ hours of support both face to face and virtual delivery.
- Transitions UK aim would be to roll this project out across Buckinghamshire after the pilot.
- According to British Crime Survey in 2017, 27,000 children are gang members, staggering statistics
- 11% in young offending system have attempted suicide
- 285 knife fatalities in England in 2018
- Offending stats – 60% of females and 30% of males have a background in care
- Aspire project – for those aged 13-17 years who are at risk of exclusion, criminal exploitation and offending. To help young people who have already experienced criminal justice system
- How will this work – provision of 2-3 mentors per every young person. 18-23 month development plan meeting the individual's needs is compiled. There will be the provision of face to face and virtual support with further support from the Hub Coordinator and Project Manager. There will be the provision of circa 5-6 hours support a week and at the end of the program, there will be tapered support for a smooth transition.
- Potential partnerships (referrals and project engagement) with not only Community Boards but with MASH, Buckinghamshire Council Young Offending Team, Serious Violent Crime Reduction Unit, Thames Valley Police, Red Kite Housing
- Funding detail – total cost of project is £40k. This works out at £9/hour per young person – total cost £2k/young person. Looking to the Community Boards for £4k each with additional funding from other sources and from community fundraising

### Comments

Clr Graham Peart – with nearly 500 children in care in Bucks we need to approach this with real numbers. Some will always still stray. Concerns are that this will be just a drop in the ocean and would like to see greater numbers being assisted.

Clr David Johncock – 4 young people per board area doesn't seem enough. Could you cope with greater capacity – response – yes. When required would take on further experienced staff

Monica Bergh – Transitions UK are speaking to all the right people. As a group they all sit on the same committee together. The referrals are targeted referrals and will have a ripple effect. It is the longevity of this project that will lead to its success.

Agreed that the board would like to support this project in principle and will discuss recommendations to be forwarded to the whole South West Chiltern Community Board

## 7. Open Discussion

All covered within the agenda

## 8. Actions and next steps

Action	Holder	Timescale
Look at application from Lady Ryder memorial garden in more detail and create report	Makyla Devlin	Before the Community Board meeting – February 23
Look at application from Transitions UK in more detail and create report	Makyla Devlin	Before the Community Board meeting – February 23
Food provision across the board area	Cllr Alex Collingwood/Cllr Suzanne Brown/Makyla Devlin	Continue to engage with the collaborative meetings to work on a plan – on going

## 9. Date of next meeting

2 March 2021 @ 1600h – via MS Teams

Appendix 1 – Information from Lady Ryder Memorial Garden

Appendix 2 – Information from Transitions UK

Appendix 3 – Newsletter from Chiltern Dial-A-Ride

## Appendix 1 - Lady Ryder Memorial Garden



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AAAC Overview  
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Sensory Area Design  
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## Appendix 2 – Transitions UK



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## Appendix 3 – Chiltern Dial-A-Ride Newsletter



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