



Beeches Community Board – Supporting Older & Vulnerable People Sub-group

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 6pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Trevor Egleton – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor – Dev Dhillon – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Paul Rowley – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Pei-Ling Harper – Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience CIO

Jackie Slater – Burnham Parish Council

Paula Byas – Burnham Access Group

George Chapman – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Tony Jones – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Shirley Shaw – Burnham Intergenerational Programme

Marisa Di Bartolomeo – Burnham Health Promotion Trust

Tony Jones – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Jacqueline Austin-Lavery – Community Links Officer – Buckinghamshire Council

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

David Alder – Chiltern Neighbourhood Watch Representative

Councillor Paul Rowley – Farnham Royal Parish Council

1. Notes of previous meeting

- The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.
- The “Stronger Together” initiative was progressing, it was hoped that there would be a wide range of engagement from stakeholders to promote it when ready.

2. Main themed discussion – forward planning and ideas for future projects

- A discussion was held around ideas for future projects in the local area which could support older and vulnerable people. Potential projects included the below:
 - i. Movers and Shakers: This project had been run previously and was very popular, especially in Burnham. It was noted that as well as getting older people active and socialising, it was also a good way of imparting information such as advice on scams etc. It was suggested that there may be more halls available to book after the pandemic as many regular activities had stopped. The issue of having volunteers to run the groups was raised; this would need to be overcome in order to get groups back functioning. There was potential to link movers and shakers in with other events such as coffee mornings which could encourage a wider range of people to socialise. There was a possibility that the Community Board could provide funding towards hall hire and transport initially to get groups back up and running, those groups could then become self-sufficient with time once they had been re-established.
 - ii. Intergenerational Projects: LaST (Learning and Sharing Together) had been launched successfully during Intergenerational Week with online Q&A sessions and a new website (<https://learningandsharingtogether.org.uk/>) . There was an opportunity to form new partnerships between primary schools and groups of older people, using the resources that LaST had produced. The cost would be relatively small to purchase the resources and set up projects in local schools. This would be something that the Community Board could provide funding towards, and there was an ambition amongst the sub-group to establish multiple projects across the Board area. Burnham Beeches Rotary Club had already approached schools in Farnham Common, and it was hoped that a network of participating schools could be established locally.
 - iii. Menu of Community Initiatives: The document was discussed and would be brought back to a future meeting. It was noted that the Community Engagement team could help to support the establishment of projects locally.
 - iv. Men's Shed: Burnham Men's shed was looking to re-establish itself after the pandemic and may be looking for funding to restart. The shed itself was located at Burnham Bowls Club; there was a possibility of using ground behind the shed for a community growing initiative which could contribute food to Burnham Care & Share food bank. The group agreed that re-establishing the Men's Shed in Burnham was a project that should be supported, as well as looking to establish sheds in other parts of the Board area.
 - v. Physical Activities: It was noted that physical activity initiatives for older people such as walking football had been set up in some areas

and this was something that could be replicated in Beeches. There was a possibility of linking with Wycombe Wanderers or LEAP (Buckinghamshire Active Partnership) to set up walking football projects in the area.

3. AOB

- A discussion took place regarding the remit of the sub-group. Members in attendance wished for the group to continue with a focus on supporting older and vulnerable people going forward, although it was advised that the make-up of the sub-groups could change after the May elections.

4. Date of next meeting

- TBC: June/July 2021