



## **Beeches Community Board – Young People Sub-group**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6pm via MS Teams**

### **Meeting Notes and Actions**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Barbara Gibbs – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor John Carey – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Paula Prince – Burnham Resilience Group

Colin Gash – Burnham Beeches Rotary Club

Jo Brennan – Bucks Mind

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

#### **Apologies:**

Stuart Parker – Community Youth Development Manager, Family Support Service – Buckinghamshire Council

Debbie Hulme – Community Coordinator, Family Support Service – Buckinghamshire Council

Rebecca Williams – Action4Youth

### **1. Notes of last meeting**

- The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **2. Mental Health First Aid/Awareness Training**

- Jo Brennan gave a presentation on the youth mental health first aid training courses that were available from Bucks Mind.
- The ambition was to offer this training to one member of staff in each school in the Board area. Discussions were ongoing about how the cost would be shared between the Community Boards that were involved.
- Following the discussion, the sub-group agreed in principle to support the ambition to offer mental health first aid training to school staff, funded

through the Community Board. A full report with costings would need to be brought to the Board before a final decision could be made.

### **3. Youth Council setup**

- An updated scoping document had been sent out with the agenda, setting out the next steps for establishing the Youth Council. It was agreed that schools would be contacted in the summer term to gauge their interest in being part of the council.
- The ambition would be for the Council to begin in September 2021 during the new academic year.
- It was suggested that other schools outside Bucks might be approached as young people from the local area attended a range of schools in other areas.
- It was acknowledged that schools were under pressure due to Covid so the process of setting up the Youth Council would need to be as simple as possible for them.

### **4. Discussion – Potential Youth projects**

- Action4Youth – deferred to a future meeting.
- Farnham Park Playing Fields equipment – It was noted that plans were being considered to make improvements to Farnham Park. It was agreed that the details of the resident who raised the issue would be passed on to Marilyn Rolfe to take back to Farnham Royal Parish Council.
- Community Initiatives Menu – the document was circulated in advance of the meeting for information.
- Pen Pal Project – the Pen Pal intergenerational project which had been funded by the Community Board in Burnham had started well and had been well received.

### **5. Actions and next steps**

- Jack to liaise with Dev on writing to local schools regarding the set-up of the Youth Council.
- Jack to work with other Community Board Coordinators on the youth mental health first aid training project and report back to the sub-group.

### **6. Date of next meeting**

- Date TBC: June/July 2021