



Community Board South West Chilterns

Covid19 Recovery Group – Meeting Notes

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

1. Present

Cllr Suzanne Brown - Chair

Cllr David Johncock – Vice Chair

Cllr Valerie Brownridge – Little Marlow Parish Council

Cllr Graham Peart

Cllr Bill Chapple

Helen Mee – The Clare Foundation

Jo Cook - Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue

Nahida Latif – Red Kite Housing

Monica Bergh – Buckinghamshire Council – Lead Practitioner Youth VCS

Hilary Martin – Marlow Town Council

Aldo Simone – Trading Standards

Ed Barlow – Buckinghamshire Council

Lorna Sokolowski – the British Red Cross

Michelle Sandalls – Marlow Library

Tony Speight – Chiltern Rangers

Ron Overton – Transitions UK

Robert Rendel – Lady Ryder Memorial Garden

Makyla Devlin – South West Chilterns Community Board Coordinator –
Buckinghamshire

2. Apologies

Jacqueline Ford – Buckinghamshire Council

Paul Bolton – MMDF

Cllr Alex Collingwood

Felicity Blakeman – The Clare Foundation

Sarah Simmons – Action4Youth

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. Thank-you's

- Ron Overton – Transitions UK – thank you so much to South West Chilterns Community Board. It means so much to get the project off the ground. At least 4 young people will be in receipt of such a valuable intervention. To provide you with an example of the individual who has been helped previously. A 14/15 year old who has ADHD, very easily led was used as a drugs mule. If he ever failed to sell the drugs, he would be beaten up and found himself having to stay as part of the gang for his survival. One day he had £600 on him, not his money of course, it belonged to the gang. He was stopped and searched by the Police and the money was confiscated which caused him genuine fear of his life. He has been on the programme that SWC will be funding. He is no longer in the gang and has a bright future with aspirations of joining the military. Sadly his Dad is a career criminal, always in and out of prison. His Mum, a single Mum is also being given the support she deserves through the project. The intervention has prevented him from continuing down a dark path.
- Robert Rendall – Lady Ryder Memorial Garden – Thank you very much on behalf of those who will be able to use the garden especially as a fallout from the pandemic. The local groups will benefit from the project taking shape in the memorial garden. One of those who volunteers at the garden already, found sanctuary there where she could boost her confidence and rebuild her life after she was ousted out of the

army due to gender issues many years ago. Her experiences on how she rebuilt her life have benefitted so many and will continue to do so.

5. Cllr Bill Chapple and Ed Barlow – presentation about Climate Change



Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy + Tree Planting Programme
Update to Community Boards and Sub-Groups

Strategic Approach

- Central to the Strategy is recognising the different roles the Council can play in addressing climate change. These roles are principally driven by our relationship to the emissions source
- Direct Control** such as on our buildings – we can take direct action to reduce emissions (e.g. by installing more solar panels)
- Regulator / Regulatory Role** for example using our local planning powers to reduce emissions from new developments
- Enabling Change** for example by providing electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Influence and Influence** for example by raising public awareness of climate change and air quality issues.

Range of Actions

- The strategy contains 60 actions to address climate change covering the council's direct emissions, those of suppliers and partners as well as Buckinghamshire wide emissions
- Examples include:
 - For private sector planting programmes across the estate for over 543,000 trees – one for every 1000
 - Help construction address climate change and air quality, including through Contracted Rates
 - Support infrastructure for active travel such as walking and cycling and electric vehicles
 - Review the council's fleet and develop approaches to reduce emissions from its approach
 - Use opportunities coming out of changes to national planning policy to enhance environmentally sustainable aspects of development.

Emissions Reduction Targets

- We have set ambitious but achievable carbon reduction targets for 2030 and 2040, on our way to reaching net zero by 2050
- We have had to estimate our 2030 emissions in order to allow these to be compared to the UK's national targets (which are based on 1990 emissions)

Year	At least 95%	At least 90%	At least 85%
2030	100%	100%	100%
2040	100%	100%	100%
2050	100%	100%	100%

Tree Planting

- We have committed to planting 543,000 trees in a 10 year long programme – one for every Buckinghamshire resident
- This will require over 200 hectares of land; 1 hectare can absorb 300-400 tonnes of CO₂ after 30 years
- This programme will absorb over 60,000 tonnes of CO₂ from the atmosphere and will help us achieve 'net zero' emissions
- The planting of new forests will provide multiple benefits beyond the carbon they absorb including supporting biodiversity gains, flood alleviation and amenity access for the public.

Outline Capital Programme

- An outline programme of resources has been developed which will reduce emissions from assets that council's activities and are central to how we will reach net zero emissions
- As an outline programme, the detailed business case development, we expect the project costs and carbon savings to vary as these projects are developed

Category	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Building Works	65,700	65,700	65,700
New Capital	20,000	20,000	20,000
Highways	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fleet	10,000	10,000	10,000
Tree Planting	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Total	115,700	115,700	115,700
Non-capital expenditure (Capex)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Total	125,700	125,700	125,700

Links to Full Documents

- Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy -
 - Climate Change
 - Greenhouse Gas
 - Full Strategy
- Large Scale Tree Planting on Buckinghamshire Council landholdings
 - Climate Change

- There has been an agreement from Highways that when the cut down a tree, they will plant another in the vicinity. It is known that 187 trees have been taken down and not replaced but this is being addressed. The trees need to be replaced to help with climate change.
- Cllr Chapple wanted to formally thank Chiltern Rangers for all of the work they do to assist in the local areas.

6. Tony Speight – Chiltern Rangers

- Wanted to say thank you to Cllr Chapple for the comments made about Chiltern Rangers
- Here today to talk about some minor changes with regards to the project in South West Chilterns.
- Most of the practical delivery would take place over the winter but due to Covid this was unable to take place as planned and now we are into nesting season.
- Looking at another method of implementation by running a couple of training events so as can provide education including bat walks and bird ID sessions. This would reduce the practical side slightly, but, would still be a great asset to the project and enhance the other work to take place.

This was discussed by the working group and decided that this was a positive and practical solution that would benefit the project and those involved overall.

7. Aldo Simone – Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards

Openly talked about the scams that residents are facing and some resolutions:

- Telephone/email fraud – preying on individuals and their circumstances when they are currently low and isolated and manage to extract their funds through deception.
- Call blockers – these are used to reduce/prevent phone scams
- Street associations – these are local neighbours who look out for the vulnerable and make sure they are as safe and well as possible
- In South East England, there is a trial to install doorbell cameras to help reduce the amount of doorstep crime/activity. This allows the facility for family members to speak to anyone who comes to the door.
- Scam marshals – they are people who have suffered a scam of some kind and they speak to other victims to talk about the impacts.
- Only 5% of fraud is reported as a crime. Fraud doesn't have to be successful to be fraud, even if just approached this counts. Included in this are phone calls, leaflets offering false goods etc
- Those who are indoors and lonely in particular because of the pandemic are more likely to engage with a fraudster.
- Trading Standards are encouraging friendly neighbourhood schemes and support.
- Known fact that those who find themselves as victims go into care in their later years earlier and ultimately have a shorter life span proven by medical evidence.
- Covid scams – regarding vaccinations where fraudsters are obtaining financial details and even being approached to have their houses fumigated to get rid of the Covid virus.

We want to link into the Community Boards and their working groups to promote everything that Trading Standards stands for.

- Hilary Martin outlined that one of their Town Councillors names had been used for a scam in the local area requesting residents to sign a petition stopping banks from closing. It is happening right under our noses.

8. Open Discussion

All covered within the agenda

9. Actions and next steps

Action	Holder	Timescale

10. Date of next meeting

13 April 2021 @ 1600h – via MS Teams (although this is during Purdah and no decisions can be made by Councillor, work and consideration to projects and partner updates can still take place)