



Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 in MS Teams.

Members present

P Bastiman, A Cranmer (Chairman), I Darby, P Hogan, D Johncock, J Lowen-Cooper, C Oliver, J Read, D Saunders, D Shakespeare OBE, J Waters and K Wood (Vice Chairman)

Parishes/Town Council

A Barron, (Chepping Wycombe PC), A Cecil, (Hazlemere PC), A Collins, (Beaconsfield TC, clerk), K Dicker, (Penn PC),

Others in attendance

J Buckle, (Better Connected Beaconsfield), C Bull, (Beaconsfield Historical Society), A Chapman, (CB co-ordinator), P Cogger, (Loudwater Forum), J Dabrowski, (Joy Morrissey MP's office), L Dale, (Localities Officer, BC), L Davis, (Buckinghamshire Culture), K Dorne, (Beaconsfield Society), A Dunlop, (Beaconsfield TC), P Foster, (Beaconsfield Society), S Garwood, (Localism Manager, BC), S Jillians, (Tap Creative CIC), A Kenward, (Clerk), D Marsden, (Penn PC), M Morley, (Penn PC, Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society), R Page, (Culture & Leisure Services Development Manager), S Payne, (Service Director Culture, Sports and Leisure), J Pemberton-Bates, N Webster, (Penn PC, clerk), D Sanders, (Healthwatch), S Saunders, (Beaconsfield TC), A Simone, (Trading Standards), A Turner, (Joy Morrissey MP's office).

Agenda Item

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dame Gillan MP, Mr R Chalmers (Oasis), Mr J Ratcliff and Mr P Stack (Chiltern Rangers).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held 17 November 2020 were **AGREED** an accurate record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following representatives of Beaconsfield Town Council (BTC) declared their interest in item 6, BTC having submitted a funding application: Cllr J Read, Cllr A Dunlop, Cllr P Bastiman, Cllr A Cranmer, and Cllr P Hogan.

The following representatives of Penn Parish Council (PPC) declared an interest in item 6, having submitted a funding application: PPC Cllr J Waters, Cllr M Morley, Cllr K Dicker and Cllr D Marsden,

The following representatives of Hazlemere Parish PC (HPC) declared an interest in item 6, HPC having supported the Hazlemere Scouts with their funding application: Cllr A Cecil.

Declarations noted refer to items discussed at this meeting only.

4 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Video 17m 36s

The Chairman and Vice Chairman gave a local area update.

The following points were highlighted:

- The Board had now met 3 times all under Covid restrictions. From the June meeting the Chairman hoped to refocus the Board by concentrating on its wider aims.
- There was now a [Facebook](#) page and [Community Board webpage](#) but more work was needed to promote the Board.
- Different Community Boards had been taking different approaches reflecting their different demographics and priorities but a common ambition was wanting to put residents and local needs at their heart.
- As well as individual projects, there had also been successful cross-board funding including the Dial-a-Ride initiative for vaccine transport and Be Your Own Boss courses run in partnership with Bucks Business First.
- The Chairman referred to slides for details on the Boards priorities, spending to date and details of the different organisations who had been involved.

5 FUNDING UPDATE

Video 26m 42s

Mr A Chapman, Community Board Co-ordinator provided a brief update on the Board's budget

- A decision had now been made to allow remaining unallocated funding for 2020-21 to be rolled over into 2021-22. This recognised the unprecedented pressures Covid had brought to the Board.
- £90,099 allocated to Local Infrastructure remained unspent. This area would be focused on after the May elections. Other Community Boards were in a similar position.
- Most applications paid to date had received match funding from the

applicant and/or other sources.

6 WORKING GROUP UPDATES AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Video 30m

Covid Recovery & Regeneration – Cllr D Watson

- The group wanted to support residents looking for new employment opportunities to start their own business. They would be working with Bucks Business First (BBF) and 6 other Community Boards to provide Be Your Own Boss training. £3k had been awarded to provide 12 support places. The initial communication plan had not been effective in reaching the target audience affecting take up. BBF had rearranged dates and new details would be publicised on the Board's Facebook page.
- There had been discussion around how to support High Streets across the area. Ideas had included:
 - Free parking.
 - Promoting local connections for business.
 - Space for pop-ups.
 - Considering challenges created by businesses who had restructured under Covid and may not return to the High Street.

Highways & Traffic – Cllr D Johncock

- The group had met once and had submitted 10 proposals for Transport for Bucks (TfB) to provide costs and assessments. Once costings were received the group would discuss match funding opportunities with town and parish councils before confirming which schemes to proceed with.
- Two petitions had been received (also see video 1h 15m):
 - Lakes Lane Parking Restrictions – The petition had formed one of the applications made to TfB. This would be discussed at the next Highways and Traffic working group.
 - A455 30mph speed limit - Feedback would be sought from TfB regarding whether the area had already been identified as a safety need. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Highways & Traffic working group, 15 March 2021.
- Many applications received had been regarding parking and the need for double yellow lines. It was hoped that the costs of the Transport Regulation Order (TRO) needed to install yellow lines could be shared across several Community Boards.

Community & Open Spaces – Cllr J Waters

- A Climate Change working group lead by Cllr C Oliver would be created to support positive change locally. Interested parties should contact Mr Chapman to join the group.
- Mental health in schools had been identified as an area of concern. Mr Chapman was in discussion with Bucks Mind to provide Mental Health First Aid training to school staff. Other Community Boards had shown an interest in sharing costs.

- The Dementia Friendly Community project, chaired by Cllr Johncock, in collaboration with Chepping Wycombe PC had been raising awareness locally, including with leaflets and a new webpage. Local businesses had attended the first round of training in December. It was hoped the model could be shared with other Community Boards.
- Working with parish and town councils to improve accessibility to outdoor spaces and facilities across all abilities and ages.

Funding applications

Where a vote is required (where there is not consensus) then this will be by a show of hands of formal board members present. Prior to such a vote, the Chairman may upon his/her discretion take an indicative vote of representatives from local organisations, including town and parish councils, who are present. Each organisation will have one indicative vote. It was confirmed that Councillors who also had a personal interest, i.e. who were also parish councillors, did not need to excuse themselves from discussions or voting. Please see declarations of interest.

Mr Chapman introduced the following new applications for the Board's consideration:

Hazlemere Scout Hut, 11th Wycombe (Hazlemere) Scouts

Video 48m

Requested: £5,000 (with funding contribution already agreed from Hazlemere Parish Council (HPC))

Description: The group had previously raised funds for repairs following an arson attack only to lose out when their contractor went into liquidation. Following further fund raising they now wished to install a new heating system, with green considerations such as remote-control access, to enable them to reopen the building post lockdown.

Discussion: There were currently restrictions on the lease that prohibited use by outside bodies. This was under discussion with the leaseholder, Buckinghamshire Council. Mr Chapman confirmed it was not a grant requirement that the building have a wider community purpose, but the Scouts were willing to consider shared access.

RESOLVED

The request £5000 for funding to Hazlemere Scouts was AGREED.

Nest Swings, Penn Parish Council (PPC)

Requested: £4,647.30 with match funding.

Description: To install inclusive, disability friendly nest swings at the Knotty Green and Chancellors, Penn Street recreation areas. This supported the PPC goal to include one piece of inclusive equipment in each of their play areas.

RESOLVED

The request for £4,647.30 funding for Penn Parish Council was AGREED.

Beaconsfield Community Garden, Beaconsfield Town Council (BTC)

Requested: £9,775 with matched funding

Description: To create a multigenerational, accessible community space at the Ivins Road allotments for individual users and to support organisations providing services locally.

Discussion:

- The BTC acknowledged a need for mental health support locally and felt this was best supported by outside organisations who had the relevant expertise. It was confirmed the space was expected to support future provision from organisations, such as Chiltern Rangers, rather than duplicate support already on offer.
- The increased need for allotments locally was raised. BTC were aware the loss of 58 private allotments at Wilton Park but would not be able to offer that level of alternative provision. The garden would take up the space of two allotments plots and BTC had received permission for additional allotment space at Ivins Road resulting in no net loss to BTC availability as a result of this project.
- There was a suggestion that the garden may be in the wrong place both in terms of its place in town and location on the green belt.
- Ms Collins confirmed that the project had gone through the relevant Town Council process.
- The garden had been designed by a local resident, who was a landscape architect student and keen allotment holder, to need minimal maintenance, BTC proposed no additional budget for the maintenance of the garden.

RESOLVED

The request for £8,775 funding for Beaconsfield Town Council was AGREED.

7 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CULTURAL STRATEGY

Video 1h 18m

Ms R Page, Culture & Leisure Services Development Manager and Ms L Davis, Partnerships & Strategy Manager, and Cllr P Hogan, Cabinet Member for Culture gave a presentation a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

The following points were highlighted:

- The Rothchild Foundation had donated money in 2019 to create a joined-up Buckinghamshire Culture Strategy. The strategy wanted to look at the way arts and creativity could help to address local needs. This could include a focus on mental health, developing skills, building confidence and improving the vibrancy of the area.
- Ms Page and Ms Davis were available to support the Board with brainstorming, sourcing artists and fundraising.
- Five key heritage areas had been defined:
 - Literary.
 - Sports.
 - Places of historical and cultural interest.
 - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- Cultural and creative economy.
- Key outcomes had been identified:
 - Economy and jobs.
 - Equality in accessing cultural activities.
 - Improving health and wellbeing.
 - Revitalising heritage.

Following discussion several existing local groups/projects were identified:

- The Beaconsfield Society, who had already made a start with walking and cycling route maps. They were open to expanding these to include children and would like to create a literary walk celebrating local authors.
- The Beaconsfield Film School, whose students were often looking for ideas for local projects.
- A local textile group.
- Schools.
- The Widmer End Monster Trail, which had been successful in two different locations but had led to damaged footpaths and litter.
- The Beaconsfield Archive Project, who were interested in creating information boards and linking with school history curriculum projects, but were also in need of suitable storage space
- A local resident who had started her own children's heritage trail to be launched shortly.

The following ideas were raised:

- Tapping into an increased interest in photography and sharing of local images on social media during lockdown.
- Historical society in Penn & Tylers Green
- Beaconsfield's twin town, Langres, France, had had an event where the locality was decorated with embroidery and textiles arts.
- 'Yarn bombing' – decorating trees with textiles
- Members who had ideas or were interested in possible subgroup participation should contact Mr Chapman, the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman.

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

Written questions were requested in advance of the meeting, no questions were received.

Hazlemere Parish Council had noted an increase in scam calls locally. Mr A Simone, Trading Standards, would be invited to a future meeting to give a presentation.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 29 June 2021, 7pm