



Community Boards

Beeches Community Board

CLlr David Anthony – Chairman

CLlr Dev Dhillon – Vice-Chairman

Jack Pearce - Coordinator



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The Role of the Community Boards

Our Vision:

- To put people at the heart of everything we do and be a council that thinks local.
- To create vibrant, inclusive and creative community-led partnerships that actively improve the lives of people living and working in Buckinghamshire.
- To celebrate and understand the diversity of our local communities, giving local people a voice and empowering councillors and communities to influence local services design and delivery.

Community Boards will:

- Support the council's strategic priorities at a local level through delivery and funding of local projects and initiatives.
- Make recommendations on the allocation of Community Board funding to deliver agreed local priorities (aligned with Buckinghamshire Council policy and priorities).
- Identify and agree local priorities based on local data and insight, community intelligence and feedback from their community. This will inform and direct an action plan based on evidence of local need.
- Set up action groups to support the delivery of their local action plans.
- Provide opportunities to ensure the local community is able to respond to consultations and influence changes or prioritisation of local services in a timely manner.



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Who Is Involved?

- Buckinghamshire Councillors
- Town & Parish Councils
 - Burnham Parish Council
 - Dorney Parish Council
 - Farnham Royal Parish Council
 - Stoke Poges Parish Council
 - Taplow Parish Council
- Voluntary and charity groups and organisations
- Residents
- Buckinghamshire Council services
- Partner organisations



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2020/21 Year In Review

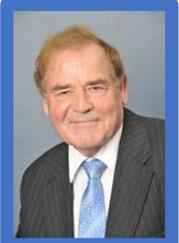


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Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
- Health colleagues
- Voluntary & Charity Sector organisations
- Places of worship
- Parish councillors
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Associations
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Residents
- Schools

Key Contacts



Cllr. David Anthony
(Chairman)



Cllr. Barbara Gibbs
(Vice-Chair)



Jack Pearce
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **25,000**
- **19%** of the population are under 16
- There are **916** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- **21%** of the population are over 65
- There are **14** schools in the Board area
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is **higher** than average
- **8%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **17%** of people have no qualifications
- **42%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **3** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **40%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

1. Supported several local organisations including Burnham Resilience, Burnham Care & Share Foodbank and the Farnhams Support Group working on the immediate Covid-19 response providing support to vulnerable residents
2. Set up three sub-groups which facilitated valuable discussion between Councillors and local partners, with representatives from over 15 local groups attending
3. Funded 3 projects to improve road safety in locations across the Board area, including flashing signs and road markings outside Farnham Common Infant and Junior Schools on the A355
4. Supported a local intergenerational project and facilitated discussions around setting up further projects in the Board and beyond
5. Provided match funding to Buckinghamshire Business First to facilitate their "Be Your Own Boss" scheme for local residents

Community Board Priorities



Infrastructure & Highways



Supporting Older & Vulnerable People



Young People

Working Groups

The Board established three working groups to fit with the three identified priorities for 2020/21. The working groups met several times each to discuss local issues and progress projects with a range of local stakeholders attending.

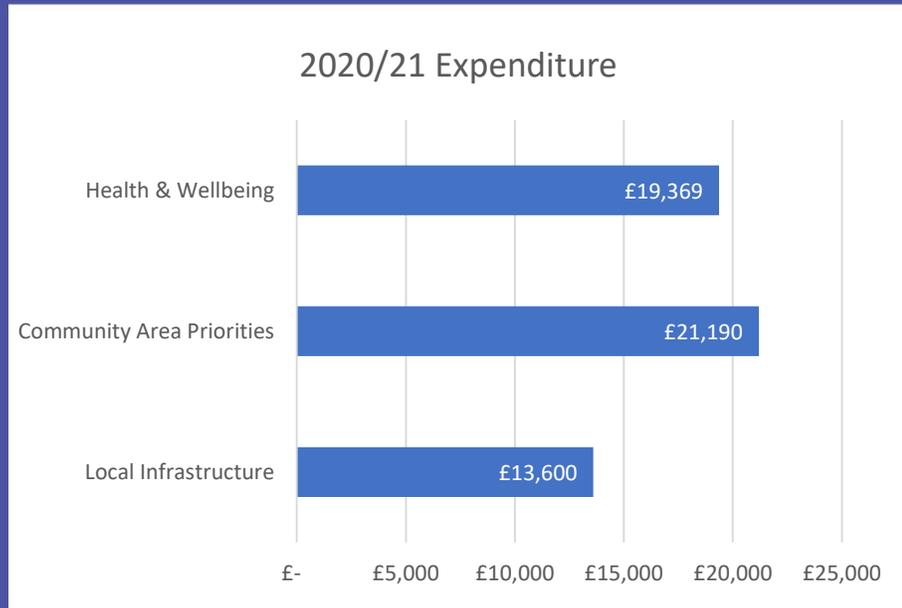
"Establishing a new unitary council along with 16 community boards has been a major challenge in these extremely difficult times. I am grateful to everybody involved with our board for their hard work in getting it up and running so quickly. Much of our initial work has gone into helping our most vulnerable residents during the pandemic. We are putting down strong roots, and in partnership with our residents, parishes, and local organisations I know we can make a real and positive contribution to our community."

- Cllr. David Anthony



Next meeting: 30th June 2021, 2pm

Budget Breakdown



Total budget for
2020/2021
£135,892.00

Funding
allocated
£54,159.00

Project Summaries



Buckinghamshire Business First: are working in partnership with several Community Boards, including Beeches, to provide training and support to local residents who are looking to start their own businesses. The initiative will help people to develop the skills and meet the contacts they need to give their business idea the best chance of success. This project will contribute to the post Covid economic recovery in the local area.

Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas parcels: with match funding from the Community Board, Burnham Beeches Rotary Club provided 98 Christmas bags to pupils on free school meals at local schools in Farnham. “We packed the bags, in a socially distanced manner, on 7th December and on 10th December we delivered the bags to the schools. The schools were delighted!”



Get Involved

We welcome anyone to get involved, come along to our working groups, share ideas and get involved with shaping the work we do. It’s all about being creative, understanding the needs in the area and developing projects that will make a real difference. Contact our Community Board Coordinator to find out more.



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2020/21 In Review

April – May 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- Cllr Crisis Fund launched in response to the first lockdown
- Supported local VCS groups in supporting vulnerable residents during lockdown

Projects Funded

- Farnham Parish Council – Covid-19 Support: £2000
- Burnham Resilience Group: £2000
- Woodstocks Café Hot Meals: £4000
- One Can Trust: £500

June – July 2020

- Launch of Community Boards
- **First meeting – 8th July 2020**
- Key topics included presentation from Public Health Buckinghamshire

- Burnham Care & Share Foodbank: £2000
- Thames Valley Adventure Playground – Covid 19 reopening: £2000

August – September 2020

- **Second meeting – 17th September 2020**
- Sub-groups set up and first meetings held
- Highways applications considered by sub-group and agreed by Board

- Stoke Poges Parish Council – Rogers Lane waiting restrictions: £6024
- Farnham Royal Parish Council – A355 road safety improvements outside Farnham Common Infant and Junior Schools: £5001
- Burnham Parish Council – Dropped kerbs on Lincoln Hatch Lane: £3984



2020/21 In Review

October – November 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- **Third meeting – 18th November 2020**
- Board received a presentation and update on the work of the Council's support hubs
- Community Board Crisis fund launched in response to the second lockdown to provide voluntary organisations with emergency financial support

Projects Funded

- Dorney Parish Council – Lake End Road/Court Lane mini-roundabout design and safety audits: £13,600
- Dorney Playground Management Group – playground repairs and Covid safe re-opening: £2510
- Stoke Poges Store Cupboard – Foodbank support: £2000

December 2020 – January 2021

- Funding approved to support local groups responding to the second lockdown
- Funding approved for several projects to help residents in need over the Christmas period

- Thames Valley Adventure Playground – Covid safe ventilation: £2000
- Burnham Care & Share Foodbank and St Peter's School – Christmas hot meals project: £2000
- Chilterns Dial A Ride – Covid emergency community transport: £500
- Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas food parcels: £620
- Woodstocks Café – hot meals delivery: £2000
- Burnham Lions Club – Christmas food parcels: £500
- Buckinghamshire Business First – Be Your Own Boss: £3000

February – March 2021

- **Fourth meeting – 17th February 2021**
- Petition regarding parking around Burnham Beeches discussed and supported

- Burnham Resilience – PenPal project: £670



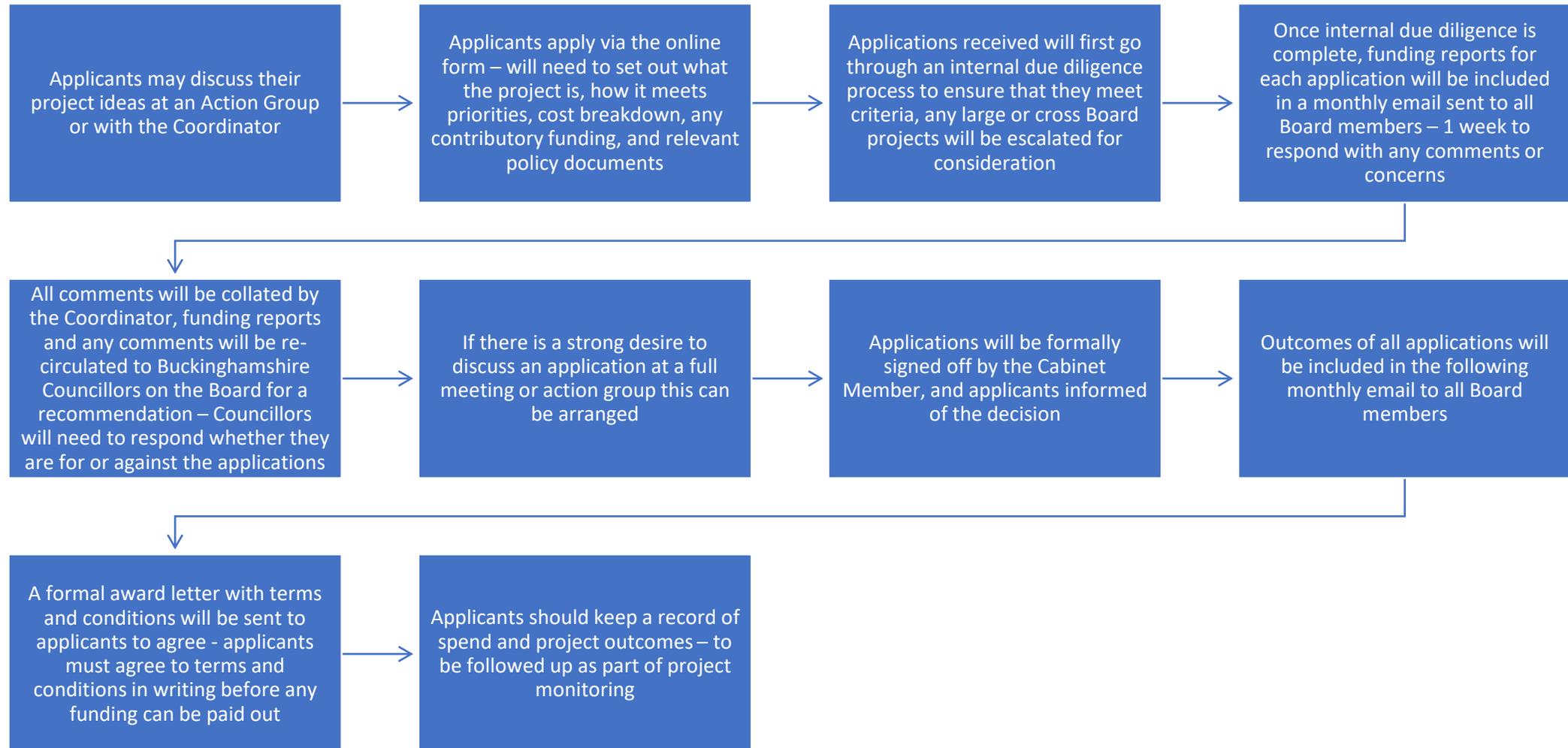


- Beeches CB overall budget for 2021/22: **£277,490**
 - Made up of **£81,733** underspend carried forward from 2020/21 and **£195,757** 2021/22 budget allocation
 - Up to 25% of the 2021/22 budget allocation can be spent on highways projects - **£48,939.25**
 - Up to 10% of the overall budget can be allocated to a small grants fund - **£27,749**
 - 15% of the overall budget should be spent on each of the Council's corporate priorities (Environment and Economic Recovery) - **£41,623.50**



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Application Process – Non-Highways Projects





Community Boards Application Process – Highways Projects

30th September 2021

- Deadline for any applications for highways projects to be delivered by TfB. Should be made via the online form – include as much detail as possible regarding the issue, location and any proposed solutions.
- Note: this deadline does not apply to non-highways projects.

Autumn/Winter 2021

- TfB Design Team will produce Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) for all applications for all Boards – these will include a scheme scope outline and indicative costs.

Early 2022

- Once complete, PIDs will be sent back to the applicants to review.

Spring 2022

- Applicants to confirm whether they still wish to go ahead with applications, and confirm any contributory funding (50% match funding not obligatory).
- Coordinator will produce funding reports on each application.

Spring 2022

- Confirmed applications will be considered by the Infrastructure & Highways Action Group for a recommendation.
- Funding recommendations will be made by full Board in Spring 2022 – funding to come from 2022/23 budget.

2022/23

- Funded projects will be planned in to TfB's schedule of works for delivery in 2022/23.



- Date of first meeting: 30th June 2021
- Deadline for Highways schemes for 2022/23 budget: 30th September 2021
- Second round of meetings (October 2021): Tuesday 19th October 2021
- Third round of meetings (January 2022): 26th January 2022
- Annual Event / Forum (April 2022): 26th April 2022

- Action group dates to be agreed for the year and circulated to all Board members



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Action Groups

- 2020/21 Sub-groups:
 - Infrastructure & Highways – Chairman: Cllr Bagge
 - Supporting Older & Vulnerable People – Chairman: Cllr Egleton
 - Young People – Chairman: Cllr Dhillon
- Action groups (formerly sub-groups) for 2021/22:
 - Improving the Environment – New for 2021/22
 - Supporting Economic Recovery – New for 2021/22
 - Infrastructure & Highways
 - Wellbeing – To continue discussions from the Older & Vulnerable People and Young People sub-groups
- Action Plan
 - The aims of each Action Group will be incorporated into an overall Board Action Plan which will be shared with the Board membership and kept up to date. 1st draft in development – will be shared during July