



Community Boards

South West Chilterns Community Board

Cllr Dominic Barnes– Chairman

Cllr Neil Marshall– Vice-Chairman

Makyla Devlin- 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 and to stren

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.



Community Boards

Who Is Involved?

- Buckinghamshire Councillors
- Town & Parish Councils
 - Marlow Town Council
 - Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council
 - Ibstone Parish Council
 - Lane End Parish Council
 - Turville Parish Council
 - Great Marlow Parish Council
 - Little Marlow Parish Council
 - Marlow Bottom Parish Council
 - Medmenham Parish Council
 - Hambleden Parish Council
- Hedsor Meeting
- Fawley Meeting
- Voluntary and charity groups and organisations
- Residents
- Buckinghamshire Council services
- Partner organisations



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2020/21 Year In Review



Community Board South West Chilterns

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

Dominic Barnes
(Chairman)



David Watson
(Vice-Chair)



Makyla Devlin
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **37,500**
- **19.9%** of the population are under 16
- **23.2%** of population is 65+ year
- There are **18** schools in the Board area
- **7%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is lower than average across England
- **13%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **16%** of people have no qualifications
- **41%** 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
- **25** projects funded
- **42%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. The board were instrumental in the creation of the Chiltern and South Bucks Food Group linking in with the Buckinghamshire Food Partnership.
2. Taking the lead on rural broadband and collaboratively working with North West Chilterns Community Board to work on this project across the areas.
3. Supported the implementation of active travel relating to cycle racks and a quietway in collaboration with residents and partners.
4. Building strong bonds with Statutory Services and local voluntary organisations looking at community initiatives across the Board area.
5. Provided funding for environmental schemes, including Chiltern Rangers on environmental education and Lady Ryder Memorial Garden on a tranquil space for respite in an all abilities garden.

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Transport, Infrastructure, Reopening of High Streets and Regeneration (including rural broadband)



Supporting Young and Older People



Environmental Issues



Anti Social Behaviour

Working Groups

The board set up working groups to address the five priorities. There were two working groups and a workstream for rural Broadband linked in. Each group met on a monthly basis to discuss local issues and project opportunities before researching and recommending to the Board.

“Despite the unprecedented world we are a part of, the Community Boards have been able to make strong connections with local residents, community groups, voluntary and statutory organisations as well as local Councillors and Town and Parish Councils to support local projects and initiatives benefitting those right across the Board area. With continued engagement and collaborative working, the possibilities are endless. An exciting start during challenging times with a positive opportunity to grow and develop during the coming year.”

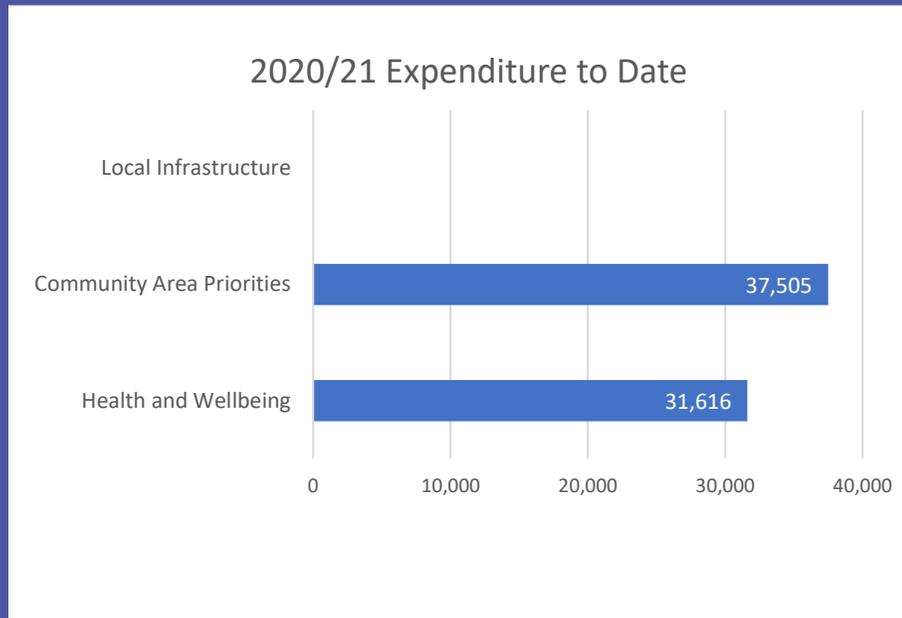
- Cllr. Dominic Barnes



Next meeting:

Wednesday 7 July @ 1830 hrs via MS Teams

Budget Breakdown



Total budget for
2020/2021
£165,237.00

Funding
allocated so far
£69,120.37

Project Summaries



The Lady Ryder All Abilities garden set within a walled haven will provide an area of tranquillity, learning and engagement for individuals of all abilities. The therapeutic benefits of horticulture, the opportunity for social interaction offers the chance to regain self confidence and self esteem and escape isolation in particular following the pandemic.



Transitions UK Aspire Project offers a mentoring and support service for young people at risk of offending or criminal exploitation or who have offended and are choosing to avoid a future of crime. 4 individuals in our board area will receive this mentoring and support for up to two years.

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 opened up in response to the Covid19 lockdown
- Community hubs were formed to support vulnerable residents in the board area.
- Launch of the Community Boards

Projects Funded

- Brand Events 2/Meals from Marlow - £2,000
- Age UK- £2,000
- One Can Trust - £2,000
- Seed1 - £2,000

June- July 2020

- **First meeting- 14th July 2020**
- Launch of the Community Boards
- Outlining Board priorities including a presentation from Public Health
- Priority Setting for Board
- Setting up of working groups to focus on priorities

- Seed1 - £2,000

August- September 2020

- **Second meeting- 14th September 2020**
- Interaction with Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service – presentation
- Introduction from the Cabinet Member for Localism outlining Community Boards

- Marlow Lighthouse - £500
- Marlow FM - £1,500
- One Can Trust - £575
- Lane End Youth Club - £240



2020/21 In Review

**October-
November 2020**

Highlights & Board Focus

- **Third meeting- 24th November 2020**
- Neighbourhood Policing.
- Voluntary Sector – the British Red Cross

Projects Funded

- Seed1 - £4,000

**December 2020-
January 2021**

- Working groups continuing to meet supporting the Board with Covid19 response.
- Establishing strong links relating to food poverty.

- Buckinghamshire Business First - £3,000
- Chiltern Dial-A-Ride - £500
- Box of Hope - £800
- Seed1 - £5,500
- Chiltern Rangers - £13,650

February- March 2021

- **Fourth meeting- 23rd February 2021**
- Key topics included Covid-19 Update, Marlow low Emission Zone and High Heavens Redevelopment.
- Active travel – cycle racks and quietway.

- Supported the Active Travel Scheme Cycle Racks
- Supported the Active Travel Quietway in Marlow
- Transitions UK - £4,000
- Lady Ryder Memorial Garden - £5,000
- Wooburn Residents Association - £3,000
- Chiltern Arts – Festival of Music - £2,000

2020/21 In Review

June-July 2021

Highlights & Board Focus

- **1st meeting – 7 July 2021**
- Reset of Community Boards following the elections

Projects Funded

- Interactive Dementia Experience £960 (collaboration with Beeches and Beaconsfield Community Boards)
- Deadline for highways applications 30 September 2021

**October-
November 2021**

- **2nd meeting – 17 November 2021**
- Theme for meeting – Economic Regeneration and development
- Focus on local businesses
- Support the Rural Forum

- Many projects submitted to the board for due diligence and approval.

**January-February
2022**

- **3rd meeting- 16 February 2022**
- Theme for meeting – Environment and Climate change.



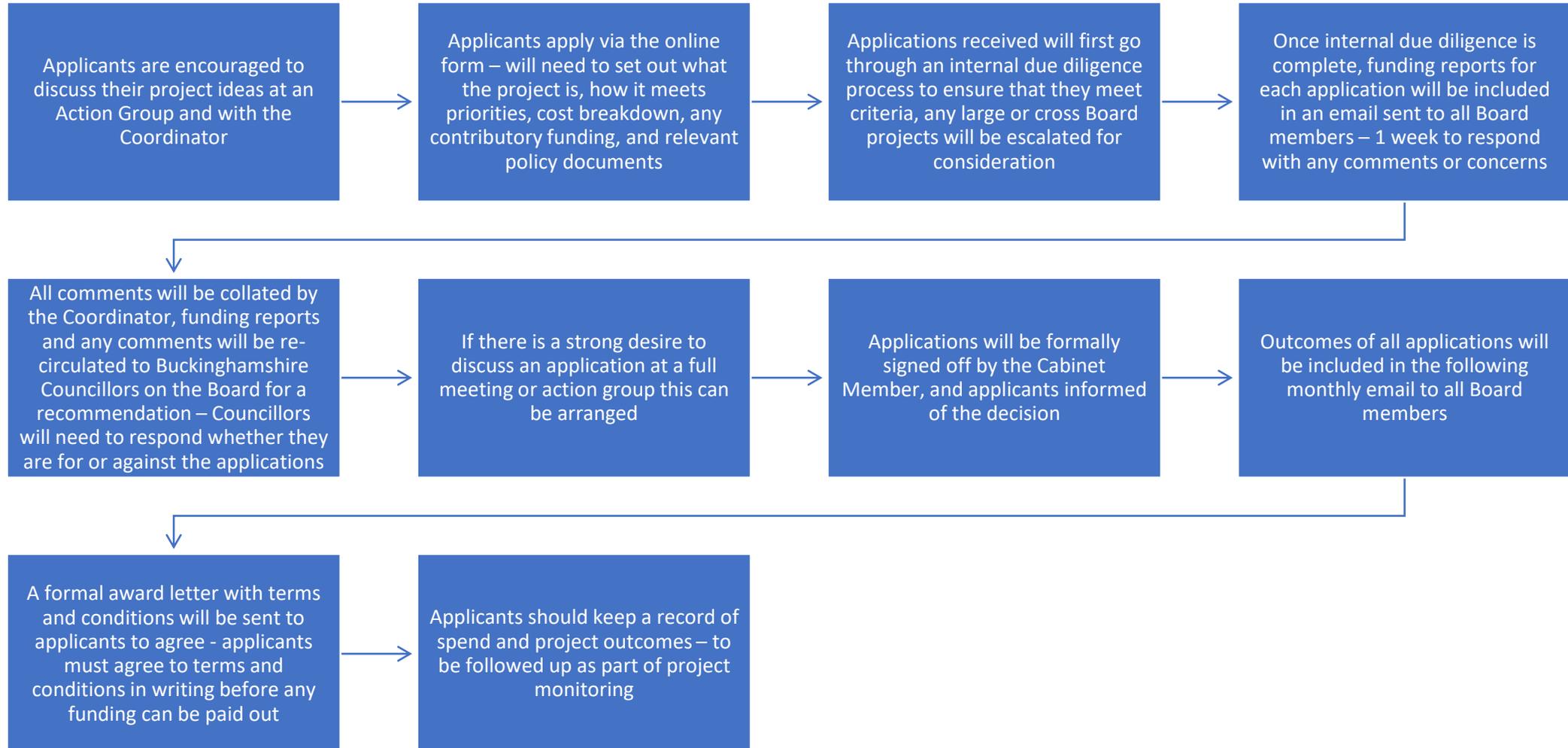


- South West Chilterns CB overall budget for 2021/22: **£338,487**
 - Made up of **£99,557** underspend carried forward from 2020/21 and **£238,930** 2021/22 budget allocation
 - Up to 25% of the 2021/22 budget allocation can be spent on highways projects - **£59,733**
 - Up to 10% of the overall budget can be allocated to a small grants fund - **£33,849**
 - 15% of the overall budget should be spent on each of the Council's corporate priorities (Environment and Economic Recovery) - **£50,773**



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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: 7 July 2021
- Deadline for Highways schemes for 2022/23 budget: 30th September 2021
- Second round of meetings (Oct/Nov 2021): Wednesday 17 November 2021
- Third round of meetings (Jan/Feb 2022): Wednesday 16 February 2022
- Annual Event / Forum (April 2022): 2 April 2022

- All action group meetings take place on a Thursday and are booked for the entire year.



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Action Groups

- 2020/21 Sub-groups:
 - Transport, Infrastructure, Reopening of High Streets and Regeneration– Chairman: Cllr Alex Collingwood
 - Covid19 Recovery Group including young and older people and anti social behaviour – Chairman: Cllr Suzanne Brown
 - Rural Broadband– Chairman: Cllr Mark Turner
- Action groups (formerly sub-groups) for 2021/22:
 - Environment and Climate Change– Chairman Cllr Neil Marshall, Vice Chairman Cllr David Johncock
 - Economic Regeneration and Development – Chairman Cllr Neil Marshall, Vice Chairman Zahir Mohammed
 - Highways and Transport (inc rural broadband) – Chairman Cllr Mark Turner, Vice Chairman Cllr David Johncock
 - Community Engagement – Chairman Cllr Carol Heap, Vice Chairman Cllr Jocelyn Towns
- Action Plan
 - The aim and objectives of each Action Group will be incorporated into an overall Board Action Plan which will be shared with the Board membership, this is a fluid document.