



Missendens Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Missendens Community Board held on Thursday 25 November 2021 via MS Teams

BC Councillors present

P Martin (Chairman), M Dormer, M Flys, M Harker OBE, J MacBean, H Wallace and J Waters

Others in attendance

L Charleston (CB co-ordinator), A-M Kenward and M Dias (Buckinghamshire Council)

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Board held a one minute silence for member Eric Thickett who had recently passed away.

Apologies were received from J Stiel, W Gray, J Veysey, E Quesada and S Burke.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Community Board reports

Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held 22 July 2021 were AGREED as an accurate record.

Funding

Ms L Charleston, Community Board Co-Ordinator, referred to the funding summary report circulated with the agenda. The report outlined:

- Funded projects.
- Pending applications.
- Status of highways projects.

Further information around the progress of applications would be emailed to Community Board Members outside of the meeting.

TVP

Superintendent E Burroughs, Local Police Area Commander (LPA), and Inspector R Vine gave an update from Thames Valley Police

The following points were highlighted:

- A copy of the statistics quoted were requested to be circulated with these minutes. **Action: Superintendent Burroughs**
- Work had been undertaken to prevent the extraordinary circumstances of 2020 impacting on reporting as this was carried out on a 5 rolling year basis. Reporting had returned to 5 rolling years from 2021.
- Increased reporting of issues such as domestic violence and online harassment meant some figures had risen but increased awareness and therefore reporting was felt to be a positive thing.
- The Chairman asked about an increase in “Nottingham Knockers” in the local area with reports that some were aggressive and persistent. Inspector Vine confirmed TVP were aware. He noted that doorstep selling itself was not illegal, but action would be taken regarding aggressive behaviour. The lack of reporting over the previous 3 days suggested the group had moved on from the area.
- Superintendent Burroughs explained TVP were currently in the process of merging the existing Wycombe, Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire policing areas. Final decisions were under discussion with TVP and Buckinghamshire Council.
- It was acknowledged the public may see less patrols as there had been a move towards a more flexible approach of assigning officers where issues had been identified.
- Concerns had been raised again around speeding on the A413 including a letter from the new local MP. Inspector Vine noted:
 - Road safety statistics indicated the road was safe with only 8 collisions in the last 5 years, of which 2 were considered serious. Neither these statistics nor the speed monitoring carried out in 2018 indicated intervention was needed.
 - Even if action was indicated it would be difficult for speeding enforcement to take place on the road between Old Amersham Road and the link road roundabout. This was due to it was not being safe for speed vans to park up or to pull over motorists.
 - If the area continued to be raised as a problem the Board may wish to continue funding a second speed review to support changing the current approach.
 - The Chairman added he had negotiated with HS2 for CCTV at the Chiltern Hospital junction. He hoped this would identify issues in the area and ultimately support an application for mitigating actions.

4 Presentation - The Missenden Walled Garden

Kyle Banks from The Missenden Walled Garden gave an overview of the work the charity.

The Missenden Walled Garden mainly works with adults with learning difficulties but also supported a small number of adults with mental health difficulties. They had benefited from a grant from the Community Board to deliver Train the Trainer

training for their employees.

Recent horticultural projects included working with Missenden Tennis Club, Abbey Field Care Home, Buckinghamshire Council at Berryfields and the Village Association for Missenden in Bloom. Discussions with Buckinghamshire Council about tender contracts and ways service users could support local work were underway. This was felt to be an important way to support a pathway of progression for their service users.

The Missenden Walled Garden received funding from Buckinghamshire Council per service user but looked to offer support and staff ratios over and above the required level which required alternative source of funding.

Since its inception in 2017 the charity had looked to build a strong local connection and the number of service users and staff members were increasing.

Missenden Abbey, where the charity was based, was now managed by Buckinghamshire University and a new lease was being negotiated. A recent site appraisal had identified work needed to outbuildings and the charity hoped to raise money for repairs and growth on site. HS2 community grants and lottery funding were identified as possible funding routes.

5 Presentation - Community Board Profile

Ms T Burch, Public Health, Buckinghamshire Council referred to the papers circulated with the agenda.

Ms Burch explained she worked for Public Health within Buckinghamshire Council, rather than the NHS, who were responsible for protecting and improving health but not the planning or administration of care.

The report included recommendations of focus for the Board. These included opportunities to engage with the Public Health team, such as training, as well as suggestions for allocating funds:

- Prevention of cardiovascular disease.
- Improving mental health including tackling social isolation and reducing stigma.
- Smoking cessation.
- Fund Active Community initiatives.
- Set up a local Grow to Give scheme including funding community gardens.
- Support schools to organise wellbeing service days.
- Organise Making Every Contact Count (MECC) training in the local area.

The following points were discussed as a result of questions:

- Regarding the county map use in the profile Ms Burch would ask if Great Missenden could be added as a point of reference. **Action Ms Burch.**
- Regarding emergency hospital admissions Ms Burch confirmed they referred to cases of unplanned visits that required admission to a ward e.g. not

planned operations or outpatient visits to Accident and Emergency. She would ask for confirmation on how multiple admissions were counted.

ACTION Ms Burch

- Chesham Community Board had worked with Public Health to provide outreach patient check-ups in addition to the official NHS check-ups offered in GP surgeries. This could be arranged locally if there was interest

Should community board members have questions about the Community Board Profile they could contact Stephanie Moffatt, the board Public Health contact.

6 Action Plan

Ms Charleston referred to the papers circulated with the agenda. It was noted that this was an active document.

7 Action groups

The following updates were received from action group leads:

Environment

- Projects approved for 2021/22
 - Bee Friendly School Garden competition.
 - Village improvement scheme in Great Missenden – planning for the provision of bike racks and additional seating and planning.
 - Eco Information Board
- Pipeline projects under discussion:
 - Climate café – pilot session held.
 - Solar generation for use by community groups.

Economic regeneration

- Potential 2021/22 projects:
 - Increasing footfall and improving accessibility – cycle racks, signage for points of local interest, benches along walking routes.
 - Bucks Business First – projects to support business to thrive. Developing skills for young people.
 - Local heritage and tourism – artistry/murals, working with Visit Bucks to promote the area.

Community Safety

- Areas to develop/support.
 - Neighbourhood Watch – DBS checked, trained volunteers could now provide home security surveys.
 - Speed Watch – these had become the leading concern locally. There had been work to relaunch the project locally.
 - Street Associations.
 - The next Chiltern and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum was planned for 29 November.

Young People

- Ongoing discussions for 2021/22 projects:
 - Commissioning a survey with Misbourne Area Youth Action Group to identify areas of need including mental health support.
 - Developing relationships with schools.

8 Community Matters

There were no questions received from members of the public.

A petition had been received to ban heavy good vehicle (HGV) in Holmer Green. The recommendation arising from this petition is for the Community Board to work with the petitioners and local representatives on scoping the challenges identified in the petition and facilitate development of the most appropriate solution balancing costs and benefits.

9 Date of next meeting

16 February 2022, 7pm via MS Teams.