



## Community Board Beeches

Action Group: Wellbeing

Meeting date: 25 May 2022

### ACTION NOTES

(high level notes for the purpose of tracking/monitoring activity)

#### Present:

George Sandy (Chair), Dev Dhillon, Nick Naylor, Carol Linton (Burnham Parish Council), Jackie Slater (Burnham Parish Council), George Chapman (Burnham Beeches Rotary Club), Monica Bergh (Lead Practitioner for Youth Work), Becca Nutley (Community Youth Ventures), Shirley Shaw (Learning and Sharing Together), Rachael Small (Lent Rise School), Sue Beach (Burnham Youth Club), Debbie Hulme (Family Support Service), Aldo Simone (Trading Standards), Joy Maisey (Terence Higgins Trust), Ellis Brickley (Royal British Legion), Tim Angellier (Scouts), Andy Chapman (CB Manager)

No	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and Introductions	Chairman
2	Apologies for absence Ralph Bagge, Eve Chason, Hayley Casey, Emily Davis	Manager
3	Notes from previous meeting 23.3.22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Noted</li></ul>	Manager
4	Project and funding updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Almost the Donkey Derby:</b> the meeting was reminded that the Burnham Beeches Rotary Club event would be taking place on 28 May. The Board had provided funding to support the event and would have a stall for promotion and to engage with residents.</li><li><b>Girl Guides Storage Shed</b> – it was reported that the Board had agreed funding of £2,675.99 for the purchase of a storage shed for Farnham Common Girl Guides</li></ul>	Manager



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active in the Community:</b> work on the floodlight upgrade had begun and a report has been requested for the next meeting</li> <li>• <b>Virtual Dementia Tour Bus:</b> Thanks were offered to Burnham Park Hall for hosting the event. Although not all spaces were taken, those who took part reported finding the experience illuminating and insightful and it was pleasing that, as well as individual residents participating, a number of local organisations had sent representatives.</li> </ul>	
5	<p>Applications and proposed projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Whizz Fizz Fest Library Tour</b> – further details of the summer children’s literature event for 5 – 10 year olds and their families were provided. In response to the group’s enquiry, it had been confirmed that the event would not be at Farnham Common library this year but would be at Burnham library on 27 July, along with a linked activity trail available for all for the following week – all funded by Buckinghamshire Culture. Information was provided on three optional additional activities that could be funded by the Board, including a craft workshop and a street entertainer. AC to provide further detail when available.</li> <li>• <b>Bluebell Memories Dementia Support</b> – an update was provided on the new fortnightly sessions held at Farnham Common village hall. Discussions are underway on a potential funding application to help the venture grow. AC to liaise with Sue Strange and the Community Board funding panel on next steps.</li> <li>• <b>Stoke Poges PC Playground Equipment</b> – as an update to previous discussions, the final costings were made available for a range of proposed improvements to Bells Hill and Plough Lane Recreation Grounds – either £4,500 or £5,940 for Bells Hill and either £13,839 or £15,279 for Plough Lane (depending on the quantity of zip wire matting purchased) . It was felt that this was a large amount of money, recognizing a total Board budget this year of £100,388. AC to liaise with applicant and explore alternative funding sources.</li> <li>• Burnham Royal British Legion PRIDE event – Ellis Brickley, club secretary, presented information on the proposed event, to be held on 23 July. It was acknowledged that no similar events are held in the area. The group expressed a willingness to support the</li> </ul>	Chairman



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	project, subject to sight of costings and further detail. AC to liaise with Ellis and to present information to the group.	
6	<p>Discussion – Young People in Beeches</p> <p>The Chairman introduced a discussion on how the Board might support partners and local groups to help improve the lives and life chances of young people, particularly those not already engaging with existing services and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue cautioned against seeing all young people as an issue, stressing that the vast majority are delightful, smart, intelligent and charming and that only a small proportion are difficult to engage with. It was acknowledged that some young people are not able to access things that others can, perhaps for reasons of a complex background, and that for some the education system can be inflexible and not practical enough.</li> <li>• Monica highlighted a need to have systems in place for young people who struggle to fit in and for more informal ways to engage – the importance of hearing directly from young people to better understand their world. How are we going to find them and hear what they are saying? What conversations are already happening? Monica advised that a new participation worker, to work directly with Community Boards, is expected to be in post in July.</li> <li>• Carol mentioned promotion of support in Chesham and suggested a similar local approach. Debbie advised that the courses, to support with mental health and anxiety, are available online but that a presence in Burnham would be ideal. Joy highlighted the need to include consideration of suitable mental health support in any planning.</li> <li>• Becca provided information about the work of Community Youth Ventures delivering street-based youth work where young people hang out, in partnership with organisations like the Family Support Service and youth clubs. The CYV mobile outreach unit could be available to support a local project in the summer.</li> <li>• Rachael stressed the importance of including the pupil voice – to get ‘hard to reach’ young people to engage would require a system and a focus on understanding what children want. Lent</li> </ul>	Chairman/All



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	<p>Rise School runs a successful peer mentor scheme supported by Bucks Mind and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellis, from a scouting perspective, suggested talks and activities for young people – youth led, youth shaped, youth run.</li> <li>• Joy highlighted that those on the margins were at risk of exploitation, such as county lines, and that the influence/reach of social media should not be underestimated – being at home was no longer a refuge from bullying. Joy stated that up to 50% of those who are being exploited or abused are not yet known to services. Opportunities to make changes existed, trust should be built first, especially with vulnerable children – talk in an open, friendly way – and listen.</li> <li>• Dev agreed with the need to reach out and meet the young people</li> <li>• George appreciated the contributions and the willingness expressed to work together</li> <li>• Is there a common theme? Joy – ‘fear’ – of not knowing what the future holds, of being out socially (inc knife crime), of not looking a certain way or having the ‘right’ clothes, of not having money. Without the necessary support, the risk of a gang being seen as family is very real.</li> <li>• Debbie suggested that while the situation can appear overwhelming there are things that can be done, and recommended starting with one focus. She offered use of the Family Centre youth room and kitchen.</li> <li>• Sue</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Agree actions to take forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above</li> </ul>	Chairman/All
8	<p>Dates of future meetings – 27 July 2022, 28 September 2022, 23 November 2022. All at 6pm on Teams</p>	Coordinator
	<p>Any other business</p>	Chairman/All



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