



Community Board Beeches

Beeches Community Board Action Plan 2022-23

Introduction:

The Beeches Community Board covers the parishes of Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Taplow. The aim of the Board is to improve outcomes for residents through ensuring strong connections between Buckinghamshire Council and the local community. This will be achieved by ensuring that Board members are able to make recommendations on local issues, and that they can influence the Council's service design and delivery in the local area. The Board will also work in partnership with a range of local stakeholders to find solutions to local concerns.

This action plan sets out how the Beeches Community Board will work with the community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

Aims:

- To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues
- To understand what is important to the Community Board area
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the Community Board priorities for funding, and to actively seek out local organisations that can deliver these projects in partnership with the Board
- To promote the Community Board and Community Board funding to the local community and encourage engagement
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level

Community Board Priorities:

- **Improving the environment**



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- Support tree and wildflower planting across the Board area
- Discourage the use of single use plastics
- Support active travel schemes
- Reduce litter in public areas and encourage recycling
- **Infrastructure & Highways**
 - Improving road safety
 - Supporting active travel
- **Wellbeing**
 - Provide opportunities for all residents, with a particular focus on young people, older people and vulnerable residents
 - Identify projects which can support residents to improve their mental wellbeing
 - Identify and support projects targeted at increasing physical activity
 - Combat loneliness and social isolation
 - Expand intergenerational projects

Aim	Action	Date/ Deadline	Lead	Progress update
Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues	Seek new, and develop existing, contacts and networks. Build relationships with key local groups and organisations. Share		Manager	Regular communications by email, with updates on funding proposals and decisions, partner news, Council information etc. Manager in regular contact with parish clerks and other partners, liaising with funded groups and



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	Board, Council and partner updates with the wider Board membership regularly			with potential applicants, exploring opportunities for collaborations.
	Develop a communications and engagement plan		Manager	Discussion underway with BC Comms team re support for CBs – report anticipated summer 2022 – will use to inform Beeches Comms Plan
	Meetings with community groups and parish councils		Manager/Buckinghamshire Councillors	<p>Chairman attended Farnham Royal parish Council annual meeting. Manager attended Burnham Parish Council annual meeting. Councillors regularly attend parish meetings and promote the Board.</p> <p>First joint meeting held with parish clerks. To arrange regular meetings to share updates, concerns etc.</p> <p>Manager invited to present to Rotary Club meeting, November.</p>



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	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards		Manager	<p>Updates have previously been circulated in The Farnhams magazine and Stoke Poges News.</p> <p>Manager to review local publications list and seek Members input for articles</p>
Understand local issues through conversations, social media, local press	Attend local events in person	Ongoing	Manager/Board Members	<p>Identify community events to attend throughout the year, prioritising as necessary for reasons of capacity and cost.</p> <p>Attended this summer:</p> <p>Almost the Donkey Derby</p> <p>Burnham Village Fete</p> <p>Pending:</p> <p>Community Orchard Day</p>
	Develop CB Facebook page; monitor local Facebook pages – join		Manager	<p>Facebook page has 207 followers (August 2022) – further promotion and posting strategy to be part of a refreshed communications plan.</p>



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	pages and share appropriate posts			Member of several local groups; posts are shared
	Promote partners' surveys and engagement exercises; review findings		Manager/Councillors	Promoted South Bucks Police Issues Forum survey and public meetings – July and September Promoted Community Safety annual survey
	Use resident feedback to inform areas of focus for the board area		Manager/Councillors	Prepared A5 leaflet for use at events, to seek resident's views and priorities.
	Discussions in action groups on local issues, agenda items on Community Matters		Chairman/Action Group Chairmen	All Community Board meetings to include an item on community matters, with an invitation in advance to local residents to raise matters of concern. Action groups confirmed for 2022-23 – Supporting the Environment, Infrastructure and Highways, Wellbeing.



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				Wellbeing to include a focus on young people and older people.
Theme: Improving the environment				
Understand local issues and concerns	Further develop action group; review and increase membership and identify key partners/community groups to invite			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manager/action group members to promote the group and identify other stakeholders who may wish to attend going forward. - Attending Community Orchard Day 24/9 to promote action group and encourage participation by interested residents/groups
	Hold a themed community board meeting	Autumn 2022/Spring 2023?	Chairman/Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November Board meeting to be themed around environment?
Address the problem of littering in the community board area	Explore installation of information boards		Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously discussed at Action Group - To revisit?



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	showing the time taken for items to biodegrade			
	Explore the possibility of installing “ballot box” style litter bins in local parks/open spaces		Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously discussed at Action Group - To revisit?
	Improve access to litter picking equipment	Summer 2022	Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 sets of litter pickers, hi-vis jackets, gloves and bag holders received via Welcome Back Fund – delivered to Burnham Parish Council and Lent Rise School for community use.
Discourage the use of single use plastics	Work with local parish councils to explore how water fountains could be installed in community spaces		Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burnham PC project on hold - Farnham Royal PC to revisit?
Encourage biodiversity in local green spaces	Identify areas where wildflowers could be introduced on roadside			



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	verges, opportunities for “rewilding” local green spaces or planting wildflower meadows			
	Identify areas that would be suitable for tree planting and explore the possibility of new community orchards			- Revised tree planting guidance raised at July Board meeting and to be circulated with minutes
Theme: Infrastructure and Highways				
Work with TfB to progress Community Board Transport Schemes		Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2022 PIDs reviewed by action group. Recommendations to submit some to Board for considerations; others to be revised in consultation with applicants. - TfB advise that three older projects require extra funding due



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				<p>to increased costs – funding agreed by Board and Parish for two; one to be paused.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TfB introduced RAG rating to reflect confidence in completing existing schemes before contract handover
Promote Active Travel	Develop an Active Travel Strategy for the Board area		Manager/Action Group Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To revisit - Action Group Chairman keen to develop during 2022-23.
	Work with parish councils to identify areas where bike racks could be installed			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burnham PC application on hold; other locations to be identified
Theme: Wellbeing				



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<p>Tackle social isolation and improve overall wellbeing of older people</p>	<p>Explore re-establishment of Movers and Shakers or other similar activity groups for older people to socialise and become more active</p>		<p>Action Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M&S support currently under review by Community Engagement team. - Funding provided to new dementia friendly gentle exercise classes in Stoke Poges
	<p>Work with schools to establish new intergenerational projects to tackle social isolation and facilitate learning</p>		<p>Action Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of Sharing & Learning Together intergenerational project, including resource pack. - Action group to explore opportunities for collaboration.
	<p>Consider projects to promote dementia awareness</p>		<p>Manager/Action Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding provided for GLL/Better dementia friendly exercise classes. - Second visit of Virtual Dementia Tour bus funded in May 2022. - New Bluebell Memories group started in Farnham Common – funding application to Board to support expansion pending



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<p>Engage with and support young people</p>	<p>Explore ways of encouraging young people to engage with the Board to ensure their views are represented</p>		<p>Action Group, Manager, partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Council previously explored and scoped – may be more effective to identify two young people to be representatives on the overall Buckinghamshire Youthvoice Executive Committee who could then attend Board meetings. - 9/9 Board invited to partner with Family Support Service and Youth Service to explore local opportunities for co-design of youth services - Engaged with new Youth Participation Coordinator for joint work on youth ambassadors – to link to proposed youth summit
	<p>Establish a youth outreach project to engage with 'hard to reach' young people</p>		<p>Action Group, Manager, partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Youth Ventures funded to deliver two pilot outreach sessions, August 2022 – also attended by police, family support service and Terence



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				<p>Higgins Trust. To be reviewed by action group 28/9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Group propose youth summit early 2023 to work with service providers, youth clubs etc to map effective engagement plan and develop local youth survey
Encourage projects to promote good mental wellbeing	Establish projects which will support young people's mental wellbeing in schools		Action Group/Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two projects with Bucks Mind to support mental health in schools funded 21/22 - Mental Health First Aid training for staff and Mental Health for Key Stage 1 pupils - ongoing
Work Planning				
Track and monitor action group tasks and projects	Action tracking sheet to be developed and kept up to date for each action group		Manager	To be refreshed for 2023.



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	Investigate implementation of an online tool for tracking action group and Board progress		Manager	Escalated to Management Team - need to explore what tools could be used across the different Community Boards if there is appetite. Trello looks most likely. Update awaited. On hold.
Develop a calendar of meetings for all Community Board and Action Group meetings	Calendar of meetings to be drawn up for 2022-23 and circulated to Board members. Meeting invites to be sent out for the year.		Manager	Calendar of all 2022 dates compiled, including parish dates – needs updating with 2023 Parish dates