



Community Board Beeches

Action Group:
Wellbeing

Meeting date: 25

January 2023 at 6pm via MS Teams

AGENDA and NOTES

In attendance:

Cllr George Sandy (Chairman), Cllr Kirsten Ashman, Cllr Paul Rowley (Farnham Royal Parish Council), Cllr Carol Linton (Burnham Parish Council), Cllr Jackie Slater (Burnham Parish Council), Cllr John Carey (Burnham Parish Council), Cllr Marilyn Rolfe (Farnham Royal Parish Council), Zoe Hatch (Taplow Parish Council and Sound & Song CIC), George Chapman (Burnham Beeches Rotary Club), Shirley Shaw (Learning and Sharing Together), Ian Griffith (Arbour Vale Enterprise Academy), Neil Sykes (Arbour Vale School), Jo Ward (Manager, Burnham Library), Aldo Simone (Trading Standards), Monica Bergh (Lead Practitioner, Youth VCS), Debbie Hulme (Community Coordinator), Andy Chapman (Board Manager)

No	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and Introductions	Chairman
2	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cllr Ralph Bagge, Cllr Paul Kelly, Cllr Trevor Egleton, Louise Hayday (Burnham Parish Council), Rachel Small (Lent Rise School), Terry Gamble (The Well @ Lent Rise), Ellis Brickley (Burnham Royal British Legion), David Alder (Neighbourhood Watch), Sue Strange (Bluebell Memories), Angela O'Connell (TVP Neighbourhood Team), Krissie Hutton (Youth Participation Coordinator)	Manager
3	Notes from the previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agreed	Wellbeing Action Group 23.11.22
4	Project and funding updates, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farnham Royal Parish Council - Festive Fun & Carols:	Manager

	<p>- Paul Rowley thanked the Board for its financial support and reported that the event had been very successful with a good turnout of local residents. It had been necessary to change the event location but this had not had a negative impact. Discussions are underway for next year's events, including an ambition amongst local groups to collaborate and share planning and resources for a more coordinated approach to the festive season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas Parcels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - George Chapman passed on the Club's gratitude for the Board's support and reported that, working with Burnham Care & Share and Lent Rise, St Peter's, St Mary's and Farnham Common Infant and Junior schools, parcels had been gifted to 317 families in the Farnhams and Burnham. As well as food and Christmas items, each pack also contained educational resources, with a cost per parcel of £30 but a value of £50. 	
5	<p>Applications and proposed projects for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound & Song CIC - Singing for Mental Health & Wellbeing for New Mothers Zoe Hatch spoke to the funding recommendation report previously circulated. ZH provided an update on a new partnership with Bucks Culture looking at how local pilots such as this could be expanded to become countywide projects. A question about the rates of pay for the facilitators was asked – ZH responded that facilitators are skilled in therapeutic delivery, as befits working with vulnerable people and/or those with conditions such as post natal depression, that it is in line with musicians' union rates and that overall the proposal represents good value – the questioner was content with the response. Jackie Slater recounted seeing a similar group delivered in Yorkshire, praising the skills of the facilitators working with new and pregnant mums. Debbie Hulme offered the Family Centre as a future venue – Burnham Parish Council is funding the £1,350 venue costs for the pilot; the Clare Foundation is contributing £1,200. The group recommended that the application progress to the Board. • Farnham Common – Village Hall Refurbishment Marilyn Rolfe described the role and importance of the Hall in village life, not least in helping combat loneliness and isolation and offering an affordable venue for residents to hire. The project aims to improve and upgrade the electrics, refurbish the main kitchen 	Chairman / All

and create a kitchen area in the small hall. A saving of £9,000 has been made against the original quotations – the request to the Board is for £15,000 towards a project cost of £32,000. The group agreed to recommend the project for consideration and MR will submit the formal application this week.

- **Learning & Sharing Together – The Monday Club & Lent Rise School** The group agreed that it would recommend this Small Grant application for less than £1,000 pounds to support this new intergenerational project. Shirley Shaw to liaise with AC on final costings and application
- **The Well @ Lent Rise – The Meeting Place and the Stitchers group.** The Well had proposed two funding applications – one for a contribution to the purchase of two parasols that would enable/encourage attendees to make more use of the outside area; one for a contribution to enable the Stitchers group to visit an exhibition to improve skills and knowledge. Current quote of £1,400 for two parasols that would have the stability and moveability required; cost for trip estimated at £500. Support for the parasol application – though GS suggested revisiting the costings to see if a cheaper alternative might suffice. Concern was expressed that funding a trip could set a difficult precedent. AC to liaise with the applicant.
- **Youth Practitioners’ Event** - to collaborate with local organisations and providers on designing a youth engagement strategy. Monica Bergh and Debbie Hulme provided an update on the planning for the event – expected to be held at Burnham Youth Club, early May date tbc. Draft poster has been created. A list of invitees had been created – AC to circulate for comment.
- **Burnham Library** – Joanna Ward, manager of Burnham, Iver and Gerrards Cross libraries, provided an update on the facilities and activities that are available to local residents. Regular sessions such as Scrabble, Craft, Knitting and Chess, and the activities for toddlers, are supplemented during school holidays with a range of bookable and drop-in events. Burnham Library has been selected to be one of the libraries taking part in the Healthy Libraries pilot project, running until April – more information to follow. JW asked for suggestions on how to help the library celebrate its forthcoming 50th Birthday – lib-bur@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- **Arbour Vale School/Employer Academy** Ian Griffith, as Chairman of this new collaboration between the school and Burnham Beches Rotary Club, spoke to the briefing document

	<p>that had been supplied in advance. With an ambition to help pupils prepare for and access employment and training opportunities in the local area, Ian described the wish to develop contacts who might be able to assist in building a network of employers and employment organisations to join the Academy. As Chair of Governors of a nearby school, PR offered to meet with Ian and Neil; as an Ambassador at Bourne End Academy, John Carey offered to discuss their World of Work programme and to share knowledge and experience; Zoe Hatch stated that a relative had been a previous Head at Arbour Vale and suggested linking with the Ark Café project at Marlow Methodist Church. AC had provided an introduction to Bucks Business First, which led to arrangement of a meeting with the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Further ideas to Ian at ianandvalgriffith@gmail.com</p>	
7	Agree actions to take forward	Chairman / All
8	Date of next meeting – 8 March 2023, 6pm on Teams	Manager
9	<p>Any other business/topics for future discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Rowley reported that, with an increase in the numbers of families facing financial difficulties, there is a number of local children unable to take part in school residential trip. Farnham Royal Parish Council's charitable side is providing some funding and Paul asked whether the Board would consider contributing. GS counselled against establishing a precedent but invited an application. - Debbie Hulme advised that an Early Help Partnership event for non-Local Authority partners to support local young people would be taking place at the Family Centre on Monday 30th and that she would feed back to the group. 	Chairman/ All