



## High Wycombe Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community Board held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 commencing at 6.35 pm at the Hive.

### **BC Councillors present**

A Hussain (Chairman), K Bates, A Baughan, L Clarke OBE, T Green, D Hayday, Majid Hussain, Maz Hussain, M Knight, N Rana, N Thomas, P Turner and J Wassell

### **Others in attendance**

Fay Ewing, Makyla Devlin, Kate Walker, Jackie Kay, Lisa Goodman, Heather Morley, Nick Adkins, Peter Cartwright, Daniel Crook, Stuart Grosse, Colin Hingston, Sajid Sardar, Matt Everitt.

### **1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr Arif Hussain

Welcome to everyone to High Wycombe Community Boards face to face meeting at The Hive.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Katrina Wood

Cllr Mahboob Hussain

Cllr Orsolya Hayday

Cllr Sarfaraz Raja

Louise Hurst – BC Public Health

Nicola Surman – BC Funding Support Team

Krissie Hutton – BC Youth Participation Officer

Michael Brown – Empower to Cook

Jo Belshaw – One Can Trust

Insp Stephen Bobbett – TVP

Rebecca Nutley – Feedback Global

James Boulton – Wycombe Homeless Connection  
Sally Clements – Disabled Friendship Club  
Colin McGregor-Paterson – Oasis Partnership  
Sue Hynard – Parliamentary Office of Steve Baker MP  
Rebecca Bennett – Hills Café  
Emily Davis – Action4Youth  
Khawar Asif – Reclaim Castlefield  
Nick Braisby – Buckinghamshire New University  
Health Graham – Growing Hope  
Matthew Rogers – Buckinghamshire New University  
Lew Headley – Community Impact Bucks

**3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – this did not take place**

Approved  
Seconded

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**5 BUCKS FIRE AND RESCUE – presentation – GC Stuart Grosse**

Presentations being made at request of Chairman of the Fire Authority (presentation attached to the notes published following the meeting)  
Discussion around key service delivery areas for the Fire Service locally.  
Safer homes – prevention of accidental dwelling fires  
Safer Environments – bonfires  
Road Safety – Biker down and parking related scenarios  
Safer Neighbourhoods – Community Engagement

**6 THAMES VALLEY POLICE UPDATE – presentation – Acting Inspector Daniel Crook and Anisa Shaikh, Community and Diversity Officer (presentation attached to the notes)**

An overview of local Officers within the Safer Neighbourhood Team, recruitment, anti-social behaviour, collaboration with Buckinghamshire Council and how the Police are working within the local community promoting the work that is being carried out to install confidence of Police to the public.

**7 TOWN CENTRE AND STREET WARDENS UPDATE – presentation – Nick Adkins – Community Safety, Buckinghamshire Council (presentation attached to the notes)**

Discussed rough sleepers in carparks in High Wycombe in particular, The Swan and Eastern Street. There is an interim injunction on rough sleepers for the next 9 months in both carparks. Discussed local success stories of rehoming. Reiterated that Street Wardens do not have powers of arrest but they do have anti-social behaviour powers and collaborate with the Police.

**8 DIVERTED GIVING AND COMMUNITY PAYBACK PROJECTS – verbal update – Melanie Williams, HWBIDCo**

Overview from HWBIDCo. Very thankful for the support of the Community Board with this project.

Encouraging people to not giving direct to beggars and instead to direct the support through diverted giving. Working with Oasis Partnership to provide contactless giving points in key begging areas within High Wycombe Town Centre.

Second project in progress is Community Payback to address town centre graffiti, fly tipping etc.

**9 OPPORTUNITY BUCKS UPDATE – verbal update – Matthew Everitt – Service Director, Service Improvement, Buckinghamshire Council. Kate Walker, Buckinghamshire Council (notes attached)**

**Opportunity Bucks Update – Matt Everitt**

Discussed the local approach to the levelling up agenda focussing on 6 ward areas in High Wycombe. There are 5 themed areas and data analysis includes crime and education.

Making every adult matter – national network, coalition of charities to help those individuals who have become disconnected from Society. This strand is in very early stages.

**Ward Partnerships – Kate Walker**

Looking at the local demographics and prioritising the challenges being faced including community clean ups, social isolation, community cohesion and anti-social behaviour.

**10 FORMAL COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATES – Fay Ewing – Community Board Manager, High Wycombe**

Funding – slide and report (attached to the notes following the meeting)

Thank you to all members of the action groups for the contributions to the discussions and development of projects.

Thanks from the floor to Fay Ewing for all of her hard work and dedication to the Community Board and its engagement.

**11 COMMUNITY MATTERS**

No community questions have been submitted prior to the Board Meeting.

No petitions outstanding.

Proud of Bucks Awards – Save the Date – 28 June 2023 – venue TBC

**12 CORPORATE UPDATE**

No corporate update currently available, however, this will be published with the notes from this meeting.

**13 TOPICS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
Looking ahead for topics for discussion

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
17 July – venue TBC