



Wendover and Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Thursday 2 November 2023 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

Members present

Councillor S Bowles (Chairman), M Baldwin, B Chapple OBE, M Collins and R Newcombe. Councillor A Hussain (Cabinet Member for Communities) attended also.

Town/Parish Councils and others organisations present: S Cotton, B Duggan, P Fox-Pendle, J Harmer, C Martin, M Mason, B O'Carroll, C Paternoster, C Read, F Richardson, L Ronson, K Shanahan, S Worth and P Wyatt.

Others in attendance

A Jenner and M Parker (Buckinghamshire Council)

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions - Cllr Steve Bowles

Councillor Steve Bowles welcomed and informed the board that it was unfortunate that due to weather warnings it was necessary to host the meeting online on this occasion.

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Strachan and Ward. There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4 Wendover Shed - Project Showcase (Bob Duggan)

Mr B Duggan gave background and summary of shed project. Open to all (under 18s if accompanied by an adult). He shared some case studies to highlight the reasons people have joined the shed and the positive benefits and impact of doing for. He also thanked the Community Board for its financial support.

Mr Duggan highlighted the quality of the shed and consideration of volunteer

management as really important. Careful consideration should be given to shed development. There were only 8 sheds in the county. Wendover had 20 active shedders - this was a minimum number really as chaperoning was required. There was an induction process to ensure safe use of kit etc, supervision/H&S. At the Wendover Shed currently 9 of 20 were shed leaders. Mr Duggan hoped the shed would grow to 40 by Christmas.

Mr Duggan informed that there was a referral pathway for shedders by social prescribers, medical contacts and general social media.

Mr Duggan advised if there was extra support a 'shedder' required that he had contacts to refer to, as well as Wendover Dementia which had 2 retired GPs and Nurses as well as those with social care experience.

Councillor Steve Bowles thanked Mr Duggan for all his work with developing this amazing charity for the Wendover and Villages area.

5 Supporting Young People Priority Focus

This item was postponed as it was planned to be a workshop.

6 Community Board Update

Michelle Parker, Community Board Manager shared the update as per the agenda pack.

Funding: The Board was informed that there was no funding deadline for applications and that the applications would be processed as and when they were received as part of the normal process. However, depending on the start date of the project it might be from the 2024/25 budget.

Priorities: The agreed priorities for the Community Board from the last meeting were:

- Supporting Young People
- Supporting Older People
- Health and Wellbeing
- Environment and Climate Change
- Community Spirit

The following projects were Community Board led projects which had a main focus for the board:

Supporting Older people- Forever Cycling

As a result of a conversation with the local social prescriber, explored the Forever Cycling project with the delivery partner Active in the Community. This was a programme of seated cycling with routes displayed. Initially looking at Wendover Health Centre and Aston Clinton Baptist Church, expected to start in early 2024.

Health and Wellbeing- Meal Planning

Working with Feedback Global to explore cooking sessions for anyone who needed support- cooking on a budget, using air fryers and slow cookers. Looking for venues for that to go forward in the New Year.

Environment & Climate Change

Working with Climate Action Wendover with a task and finish group with other Buckinghamshire Council staff as well as a representative from Wendover Parish Council. A joined-up approach was being undertaken to supporting schools to look at active travel within the Wharf Road Campus and how we can work collaboratively.

Supporting Young People

The workshop that had been intended to be held today would be revisited in early 2024 to drive this priority forward.

Community Spirit

Working closely with the Parish Councils this priority was focussed on local events and improving how people work and live in the area.

7 Community Matters

No residents' questions were received.

A question was raised by Kirsty Shanahan in regards community transport for the area and what was currently in the pipeline.

Councillor Newcombe informed the Board that there was a proposed scheme in the pipeline for the Wendover and Villages area. Tendering of this contract was ongoing but when the Councillors were informed they would let the Board know.

Wendover Parish Clerk, Andy Smith mentioned there were community car schemes already in existence and that the Community Board could co-ordinate a list to help integrate and avoid duplication.

Action: CB Manager to speak with Parishes and local organisations to obtain a list which could be shared.

The Bucks Council Update was presented to the Board to inform them of service updates. Details were provided within the agenda pack.

8 Date of next meeting

Councillor Bowles thanked everyone for attending and appreciated the time people had taken to be part of the Community Board.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 22 February 2024 at 7pm, at a venue to be confirmed.