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Notice of Meeting of

LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK - CHEDDAR AND AXBRIDGE

Thursday, 26 October 2023 at 7.00 pm

Shipham Village Hall, New Road, Shipham, BS25 1SG

To: The members of the Local Community Network - Cheddar and Axbridge

Chair: Councillor Pauline Ham
Vice-chair: Councillor Frankie Mitton

Councillor Ben Ferguson	Councillor Bob Filmer	Councillor Tony Grimes
Councillor Matthew Martin	Councillor Harry Munt	Councillor Heather Shearer
Councillor Ros Wyke	Axbridge Town Council	Badgworth Parish Council
Chapel Allerton Parish Council	Cheddar Parish Council	Compton Bishop Parish Council
Mark Parish Council	Rodney Stoke Parish Council	Shipham Parish Council
Weare Parish Council	Wedmore Parish Council	

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AGENDA

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1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#))

3 Public Question Time

The Chair to advise of any questions, statements or petitions received that are not covered by items on the agenda for the meeting on which members of the public have requested to speak.

4 Notes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 14)

To approve the notes from the previous meeting held on 3rd August 2023.

5 Highlights of themes discussed at the previous meeting

To discuss the highlights of the themes discussed at the previous meeting

6 An introduction to data

7 Discussion

To start to identify priorities we as an LCN can deliver upon and influence building on the first meeting.

8 Dates of future meetings

Core Membership

Unitary Councillors:

Councillor Ben Ferguson
Councillor Bob Filmer
Councillor Tony Grimes
Councillor Pauline Ham
Councillor Matthew Martin
Councillor Harry Munt
Councillor Heather Shearer
Councillor Ros Wyke

City, Town and Parish Councils (one voting member from each):

Axbridge
Badgworth
Chapel Allerton
Cheddar
Compton Bishop
Mark
Rodney
Shipham
Weare
Wedmore

Other Stakeholders (one voting member from each):

Avon and Somerset Police
NHS
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Education
Spark Somerset
Society Local Council Clerks
Somerset Association Local Councils
Somerset Activity Sports Partnership
Community Council for Somerset
Citizens Advice
Department of Work and Pensions
Somerset Rivers Authority
Somerset Local Nature Partnership
Business Chamber

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Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Cheddar and Axbridge

Date: Thursday, 3 August 2023

Time: 7.00pm – 8.17pm

Location: Axbridge Town Hall - Axbridge

Chaired by:

LCN core membership attendance:

Name:	Representing
Ben Ferguson	Somerset Council
Bob Filmer	Somerset Council
Pauline Ham	Somerset Council
Matthew Martin	Somerset Council
Heather Shearer	Somerset Council
Mike Taylor	Axbridge Town Council
Jackie Hipwell	Badgworth Parish Council
Fiona Torrens-Spence	Chapel Allerton Parish Council
Paul Fineran	Cheddar Parish Council
Delia McCarthy	Compton Bishop Parish Council
Val Bullen	Rodney Stoke Parish Council
Gemma Gaut	Shipham Parish Council

Lynn Myland

Weare Parish Council

Lindsey Baker

Wedmore Parish Council

Officer attendance:

Name:

Representing

Jeff Brown

Somerset Council

Sam Crossman

Somerset Council

Kate Hellard

Somerset Council

Ally Laing

Somerset Council

Emma Plummer

Somerset Council

Steve Taylor

Somerset Council

Other attendees:

Name:

Representing

Val Keitch

Associate Lead Member for Localities (LCNs) & Public Health

Doreen Smith

Connect Somerset

Jeff White

Avon & Somerset Watch

Vicky Brice

Axbridge Town Council

Frankie Mitton

Axbridge Town Council

Margaret Wallach

Chapel Allerton Parish Council

Derek Bradley-Balmer

Cheddar Parish Council

Corran Fineran

Cheddar Parish Council

Claire Settle

Compton Bishop Parish Council

Virtual attendees:

Name:	Representing
Alan Anderson	Cheddar Parish Council
Sarah Catling	Cheddar Parish Council – Clerk
Frances Gully	Somerset Council
Sam Peake	Shipham Parish Council – Clerk
Dawn Rogers	Somerset Council

Apologies:

Name:	Representing
Tony Grimes	Somerset Council
Ros Wyke	Somerset Council
Harry Munt	Somerset Council
Helen Marshall	Clerk to Badgworth PC and Rodney Stoke PC

Summary of discussion:

Agenda Summary of key points of discussion and outcome: Action by: item:

Item 1: To appoint the Chair of the Local Community Network

Somerset Councillor Pauline Ham was nominated by Somerset Councillor Ben Ferguson and seconded by Somerset Councillor Matt Martin.

No other nominations were received, Councillor Pauline Ham was duly elected as Chair for the Cheddar and Axbridge LCN.

Item 2: To appoint the Vice Chair of the Local Community Network

Axbridge Town Councillor Frankie Mitton was nominated by Somerset Councillor Pauline Ham and seconded by Somerset

Councillor Ben Ferguson.

No other nominations were received, Axbridge Town Councillor Frankie Mitton was duly elected as Vice-Chair for the Cheddar and Axbridge LCN

Item 3: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Somerset Councillors: Tony Grimes, Harry Munt and Ros Wyke and from Helen Marshall (clerk to Badgworth and Rodney Stoke Parish Councils).

Item 4: **Declarations of Interest**

No additional declarations of interest were made.

Item 5: **Public Question Time**

In response to a question over the core-membership it was explained that the membership of a LCN would evolve over time.

The LCN recommended that the Mendip Hill AONB Service be included as a Core-Member

Item 6: **To determine the priorities and areas of focus for the Local Community Network for the next 12 months**

Item 6a: What are LCNs and how will we work together

A presentation was given which explained the concept of the LCN meetings and their purpose.

Item 6b: Discussion – What is important to residents and businesses in our area? (An opportunity to raise any local issues or concerns for LCN to consider)

During the group discussions LCN) members highlighted the following as priorities for their area:-

- Current issues, that have been notified to the Council, need to be resolved, so that the current relationship can be built on and mutual trust can be restored.
- The need for the Police to engage with LCNs when topics arise for them
- Anti-social behaviour – predominantly anti-social driving e.g. noise and speed.
- Speeding and the lack of speed limit enforcement
- Care and support in the community
- Access to services – hospitals, GPs, mental health and

youth services.

- Planning – its impact on local services, planning enforcement and the need for regard to local views on planning.
- Traffic & Transport – Public transport, parking, rights of way, road/pedestrian safety and maintenance of highways.
- Communications with town and parish councils and details of who to contact in Somerset Council.

Other priorities, which were captured on flipchart paper included:-

Planning

Enforcement, planning needing to liaison with licensing, infrastructure.

Highways

Fly tipping, speeding (rules of operation/decisions on this), volume of traffic, department of highways needs to be more involved, listening, investigating, parking at school times especially, drain maintenance, verge maintenance, rights of way, road closures, Lack of pavements and cycle paths, vulnerable road users, flooding issues

Transport

Volume of transport needs to be looked at, sustainable transport, school kids transport, elderly people transport, transport to services.

Services

Visitor economy (pros/cons), hospital provisions + parking, doctor surgeries, direct support and not going through remote systems to get to services, youth clubs, links to education, connections with planning, services and schools linking, care and support in the community, the need to share good practice as well as between Axbridge and Wells.

Environment

Nature reconnect, natural environment, green issues.

Communication

Communication needs to be better, connect with parish facebook page.

Who else to invite to these meeting: -

- Highways authority
- Police
- NHS
- Neighbourhood watch

Item 7: **To agree the frequency of meetings**

The Cheddar and Axbridge LCN agreed that the frequency of meetings should be bi-monthly and that this could be reviewed as the LCN developed.

Item 8: **The schedule of meetings for the next 12 months**

The LCN Team would work with the Chair of the LCN to schedule the meeting dates for the remainder of the year and this would be circulated.

A statement from the Chairman of the Avon & Somerset Watch for LCNs within the Avon & Somerset region was read out. This emphasised their vision, together with the key objectives they felt collaboration with LCN could help them achieve.

Item 9: **Statement from Avon and Somerset Watch for LCN**

Copy of the statement provided at the LCN meeting.

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