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Notice of Meeting of

LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK - BURNHAM

Wednesday, 10 January 2024 at 6.30 pm

**Main Hall - Puriton Village Hall, Riverton Road,
Puriton, TA7 8BP**

To: The members of the Local Community Network - Burnham

Chair: Councillor Suria Aujla

Vice-chair: Kevin Bray

Councillor Peter Clayton

Councillor John Cook-
Woodman

Councillor Bob Filmer

Councillor Tony Grimes

Councillor Mark Healey

Councillor Alistair Hendry

Councillor Mike Murphy

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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 Notes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 14)

To approve the notes from the previous meeting held on 31 October 2023.

4 Actions from the Previous Meeting

To discuss matters arising from the notes not covered in later agenda items.

5 Update on Somerset Council's current financial position Q & A

6 Public Questions

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.

7 Discussion

What can we do / want to do locally regarding asset and service devolution?

- a. What are the opportunities and risks?
- b. What information do we have and what do we need?
- c. How can we work together to achieve agreed actions?

8 Update Young People`s Working Group

9 Dates and topics for future meetings

Thursday 14 March 2024 6.30pm Woolavington Village Hall.

Core Membership

Unitary Councillors:

Councillor Suria Aujla
Councillor Peter Clayton
Councillor John Cook-Woodman
Councillor Bob Filmer
Councillor Tony Grimes
Councillor Mark Healey MBE
Councillor Alistair Hendry
Councillor Mike Murphy

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

Berrow
Brean
Brent Knoll
Burnham on Sea and Highbridge Town Council
Burnham Without
East Brent
East Huntspill
Lympsham
Pawlett
Puriton
West Huntspill
Woolavington

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
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Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Burnham

Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2023

Time: 7.00 pm - 8.24 pm

Location: East Huntspill Village Hall, Church Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset,
TA9 3PQ

Chaired by: Kevin Bray (Vice-Chair)

LCN core membership attendance:

Name:	Representing
Peter Clayton	Somerset Council
Bob Filmer	Somerset Council
Alistair Hendry	Somerset Council
Kevin Bray	Vice-Chair (East Brent PC)
Martin Chatterton	Brean Parish Council
Colin Townsend	Brent Knoll Parish Council
Leslie Millard	Burnham & Highbridge Town Council
Luke Adams	East Huntspill Parish Council
Robin Loveridge	Lympsham Parish Council
Alan Sharp	Woolavington Parish Council
Gina Pring	Community Council for Somerset

Officer attendance:

Name:

Leila Nicholson

Julie Cooper

Jeff Brown

Representing

Democratic Services

LCN Team

LCN Team

Other attendees:**Name:**

Jim Murray

Cath Searing

Jane Watkins

Helen Broderick

Sally Diaz

Richard Young

Carole Carter

Representing

Clerk at East Brent Parish Council

Burnham & Highbridge Town Council

Member of Public

Member of Public

Clerk at Puriton Parish Council

Clerk to Burnham Without Parish Council

East Brent Parish Council

Virtual attendees:**Name:**

Kate Hellard

Simon Langley

Doreen Smith

Peter Stolze

Representing

LCN Team

Puriton Parish Council

Connect Somerset

Somerset Community Foundation

Apologies:

Name:	Representing
Suria Aujla	Somerset Council
Tony Grimes	Somerset Council
Avon & Somerset Police	
West Huntspill Parish Council	
Theresa Foxtton	NHS Somerset

Summary of discussion:

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

Item 9: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:
Councillor Suria Aujla, West Huntspill Parish Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Theresa Foxtton (NHS Somerset).

Item 10: **Declarations of Interest**

There were no additional interests declared.

Item 11: **Public Question Time**

Jim Murray, Clerk to East Huntspill Parish Council asked why there were no other officers at the meeting i.e. Highways, Planning etc when these were areas that had been raised at the last meeting?

Julie confirmed that when the priorities had been agreed at this meeting, then specific officers would be asked to attend.

Item 12: **Notes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of 9 August 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

Item 13: **Highlights of themes discussed at the last meeting**

The meeting were provided with an update and highlights of what was discussed at the last meeting and these included:

Young People, Transport, Tourism, Health & Wellbeing, Crime & Policing, Housing, Climate & Environment, Planning.

Item 14: **An introduction to data**

The members were shown a slide with various data from around the County and included areas relating to crime, schools/education matters, Housing and health & wellbeing. It was explained that detailed stats would be provided when the specific areas were known but these would need to be set within the context of local knowledge.

Item 15: **Discussion**

It was explained that at the last meeting, a number of areas that the group wished to look further into and explore.

These areas included:

- Transport – Road Maintenance & Public Transport
- Young People – Education
- Planning – Policy & Procedures
- Health & Wellbeing
- Crime & Policing
- Tourism
- Housing
- Climate & Environment

Everyone had three dots to use to highlight what they thought the priority themes to look into first were.

Within the room, the 3 priorities voted for were:

Planning, Young People and Transport.

The other priorities in order of preference were:

Health & Wellbeing

Crime & Policing

Tourism

Housing

Climate Change & Environment

Members then discussed within their groups how they thought these priorities could be tackled as a group and who else could

assist and how this could be undertaken.

Feedback from the groups was as follows:

Young People

Highbridge and Puriton areas have Anti-Social Behaviour issues, Connect Somerset looking at gaps in youth provision, funding available from Somerset Community Foundation

Action: Data is needed for Children and Young People around what is available for Children and Young People and to identify any gaps. Working group can be set up joining with project being undertaken by Connect Somerset to map provision.

Transport – East Huntspill , Burnham and Puriton struggle with links to trains as no buses, also to local hospitals. There was a community car scheme within Woolavington and surroundings villages which could be extended?

Highway Maintenance – potholes and no resurfacing, made worse by

EDF buses due to number of journeys.

Youth clubs – needed in outer/rural areas and villages.

Groups within the room made the following comments on the main priorities:

Transport - integration/affordability, young people and transport should be incorporated within planning applications, along with infrastructure i.e. schools, medical centres, shops, footpaths, parking and flooding/climate change implications. There were also comments on the lack of maintenance of the road network and other comments related to the lack of buses, especially in the villages to connect to the towns for medical and hospital appointments.

Planning – housing applications did not take into account, flooding, parking and anti-social behaviour.

Young People – need a transport system to enable young people to attend youth clubs/activities in the bigger towns, facilities needed and involvement in local organisations and activities as not encouraged to do so at present, community engagement is lacking.

Also need SEN provision, skills for life and employment

opportunities in the area.

Item 16: **Next steps**

It was agreed that for the next meeting that someone from Transport would be invited to the meeting to talk about public transport and funding from other organisations.

The group also suggested that someone from Planning Policy and Highways be invited to future meetings.

It was proposed that a working group be created on young people and access to engagement to activities – a list was created for those who were interested in joining that group.

Item 17: **Dates of future meetings**

Proposed dates:

Wednesday 10 January 2024

Thursday 14 March 2024

Venues to be confirmed.

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