

Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Burnham

Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2024

Location: Pawlett Pavilion

LCN core membership attendance:

Name:

Alistair Hendry	Somerset Council
Bob Filmer	Somerset Council
Suria Aujla	Somerset Council
Danielle Hardaway	Avon and somerset Police
Gina Pring	Community Council for Somerset
(Robert) Martin Chatterton	Brean
Lesley Millard	Burnham & Highbridge Town Council
Kevin Bray	East Brent
Robin Leveridge	Lympsham
Sam Warren	Pawlett
Jonh Wakefield	West Huntspill
Alan Sharp	Woolavington Parish Council

Other attendees:

Name:

Representing:

Doreen Smith	Somerset Connect
Margaret Sims	Pawlett
Julie Cooper	LCN Team
Emmaline Kay	LCN Team
Micheal Hardwick-Ford	LCN Team

Virtual attendees:

Name:

Sally Diaz

Maureen Phillips
Simon Langley
Emma Plummer

Apologies:

Name:

Cllr Peter Clayton
Cllr Tony Grimes
Cath Searing
Jim Murray

Summary of discussion:

**Agenda Summary of key points of discussion and outcome:
item:**

Item 1: **Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network**

Nominations – Kevin Bray was nominated by Bob Filmer, Seconded by Suria Aujla.

Unanimous election of Kevin and Kevin was voted in as chair.

Item 2: **Appoint the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network**

No one put themselves forward as vice-chair, the vice-chair to be voted in at the next meeting in September

Action 1: Nomination for vice-chair, this need to be done at the next meeting, they will also need to be a Somerset councillor.

Item 3: **Consider the Yearly Report of the LCN's work in the last 12 months**

All agreed the yearly report was great and progress has been made.

Item 4: **Overview of Highlights from LCNs across Somerset**

The LCN link officers present provided an overview of the work of the LCNS across Somerset.

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The meeting reviewed the highlights of other LCNs in Somerset, including their work on issues such as children and young people, active travel, highways and traffic, health and well-being, housing, economic

development, support for businesses, and climate, environment, and conservation.

Young Person's Working Group: Doreen provided an update on the young person's working group, including challenges faced in securing youth provision and the success of a recent community breakfast event.

Highways Working Group: Alan discussed the highways working group's priorities, including road surfacing, road design, traffic calming measures, and footpath maintenance, emphasizing the need for better engagement from all parishes.

Item 5: **To determine the priorities and areas of focus for the LCN in the next 12 months**

At this point the room divided into a breakout session including those participants online.

Planning across all parish in the LCN Area, be discussed at LCN Meetings

The LCN broke into groups for discussions

Breakout groups feedback

Table one

Table two:

Child, young people and families

What matters to our residents?

Young People: should include children, young people and Families – young people need a safe space. Police / Local agencies – one team.

Crime and policing: as above / Travellers

Transport: Buses / trains westlink on demand? / use bus pass? / slinky?

Highways: steward service devolution!

Health / Well-being: housing

Flood / emergency planning (Climate / environment)?

Are all Parish council engaging with LCN?

Find out from resident - communication, engagement.

Table three:

Active Travel

- Public Transport
- Footpaths

Input to the local plan

Full fibre rollout

Transport and public transport

Housing – Planning

Broadband

Online – Sally – Roads, Highways and Planning.

Topics for the next meeting

- Planning, make a list of questions to put to the planning team for a future meeting.
- Volunteers and Funding
- Feedback from Highways group
- Update on the young people working group
- Look at other working groups needs to be set up
- Discussion on how the parish can be involved in the LCN

12 parish and town Council, all have been engaged attendance has reduced.

Emmaline spoke to the meeting about Gravity– As you might be aware, the report taken to Full Council on 18th June 2024 referenced the Council’s ambition to set up a Gravity Enterprise Zone Local Community Forum. The Local Community Forum would have representatives from both site owners – This is Gravity Limited and Agratas (and any future occupiers), alongside Council officers. The Local Community Forum will seek to make sure that there is a forum for the local community to engage with the project and get a holistic update from the relevant stakeholders involved with the delivery of the project. It will also act as a vehicle to raise issues and provide feedback that will be reported back to the Executive Sub-Committee to act upon.

The Local Community Networks are key local stakeholders and therefore could play an important role in the delivery of the Forum to ensure the interest of the communities are represented.

We expect the details of how the Forum will operate to emerge in the near future and the LCNs closest to the site, and therefore most affected by the

development, should in due course consider how they want to engage with the Forum.

Item 6: **Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months**

- Tuesday 24th September – Princess Theatre, BOS
- Tuesday 17th December – Venue TBC
- Tuesday 25th March – Venue TBC
- Tuesday 17th July – Pawlett Village Hall

18:30 start and 2 hours meetings

All dates have been agreed.

Table of Actions:

Date asked	Information	Responsibility
24/09/24	Nomination of Vice-chair	LCN Core members
24/07/24	Set meeting for next Highways working group meeting with SC colleagues	LCN Link officer
24/07/24	Set meeting for CYP & Families working group	LCN Link officer
24/7/24	Create task and finish group for “Planning” questions	LCN Link officer and Chair

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