

Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Crewkerne and Ilminster

Date: Thursday, 20 June 2024

Location: Donyatt Village Hall, Little Hatch, Ilminster TA19 0SG

Chaired by Cllr Mike Best

Attendance:

Somerset Councillors

Mike Best
Steve Ashton

Core membership

Peter Seib

Core parish

Steve Neat – Broadway
Geraldine Wills – Chaffcombe
Kathy Head – Crewkerne
Steve Payne – Donyatt
Leanne Taylor – Ilminster

Other Parish

David Way – Dinnington
Jane Thicknesse – Misterton

LCN

Emily Window
Nathan Turnbull
Tom Parkinson
Pippa Huges

Virtual attendance

Cllr Olive Patrick
Cllr Sue Osborne
Hugh Williams – Haselbury Plucknett
Martyn Hamlin – Chiselborough
Louise Brooks – Norton Sub Hamdon
Nick Howard – Shepton Beauchamp
Nathan Mode – Winsham
Nataliya Wills – LCN

Summary of discussion:

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

Item 1: Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network

Due to insufficient number of core members in the room, the election of the chair and appointing of the vice chair was postponed until the next LCN meeting.

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

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

Nathan Turnbull, Link Officer, presented the annual report, which highlighted the new partnerships and participation, the creation of the highways and traffic working group and the active travel working group, and the next steps for engaging with the wider community and the civil contingency.

Item 4: Overview of Highlights from LCNs across Somerset

The LCN link officer present provided an overview of the work of LCNs across Somerset. More information is available in the slide pack [here](#).

Mr Paul Bradley from Misterton Parish gave a short statement of his Parishes work on Civil Contingency Plans and offered to visit and speak to other Parishes to show them what they have done and help create one for others.

Item 5: Consider the Priorities and areas of focus for the LCN for the next 12 months

Nathan asked for the attendees to get into groups to discuss the below questions. The information was gathered and applied below as well.

- a. Reflections from previous speakers and discussions
Continuation of the Highways and the Active Travel working groups.

- b. Are there topics / areas missing from the initial list?
 - Vulnerable adults.
 - Children who are isolated.
 - Public transport – how can people access services if they don't have a car.
 - Connectivity.
 - Planning (how can we have the same sort of transparency as we now have with highways)
 - Parish plans.
- c. How can we find out more from residents?
 - A survey
 - A suggest that we may already have a lot of information but talk with each other could be a good use of time.

Nathan then presented a questionnaire that was created by the Vale of Frome parish to gather feedback from the parishes and the community groups on their strengths, challenges, and aspirations. The participants were asked to review the questionnaire and see if it would be useful for the LCN to send it out and collect the information.

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

Wednesday 25th September 2024
 Monday 9th December 2024
 Wednesday 19th March 2025
 Wednesday 11th June 2025

Actions table		
Date asked	Information	Responsibility
19 th June	Request for Wessex internet to come to the next LCN meeting for a technical information/detailed project update.	Link Officer
19 th June	For Wivey care to come to a meeting to talk about what they do.	Link Officer
19 th June	To potentially use the same venue again.	Link Officer
19 th June	Engage with the wider community to participate at the LCN meetings	Everyone
19 th June	Set up a meeting with Civil Contingency to go through emergency plans, possibility of creating a working group.	Link Officer

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