

Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Hestercombe

Date: Wednesday, 19 June 2024

Time: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Location: Broomfield Village Hall, Broomfield, Bridgwater TA5 2EQ

LCN core membership attendance:

Name:	Representing
Cllr Norman Cavill	Somerset Council
Cllr Alan Bradford	Somerset Council
Cllr Dixie Darch	Somerset Council
Cllr Doug Wilson	Broomfield Parish Council
Cllr Kieran Row	Creech St Michael Parish Council
Cllr Phillip Spencer	North Petherton Parish Council
Cllr Hendrick Coombs	Thurloxtton Parish Council

Officer attendance:

Emmaline Kay (LCN Link Officer), Emily Window (LCN Project Officer), Ollie Lindsell (ICT Specialist) and Michelle Brooks (Virtual Attendee).

Other attendees:

Name:	Representing
Mr Andrew Williams	Creech St Michael Parish Council
Cllr Charlie Cudlipp	Creech St Michael Parish Council
Mrs Helen Barrington	Thurloxtton Parish Council
Amy Shepherd (Clerk)	West Monkton Parish Council

Virtual attendees:

Name:	Representing
Cllr Paul Townsend	Kingston St Mary Parish Council
Andrew Pritchard	MIND

Apologies:

Cllrs David Fothergill and Tom Deakin (Somerset Council), Katie Gibbins & Margaret Way (Kingston St Mary PC),

Summary of discussion:

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

Item 43: Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network

Cllr Norman Cavill advised that Stuart Haskins would like to step down as chair of the LCN.

Nominations for the position of Chair:

Cllr Phillip Spencer from North Petherton town council was nominated by Cllr Alan Bradford from Somerset Council, Cllr Dixie Darch from Somerset Council seconded this. Cllr Philip Spencer accepted the nomination.

The core membership voted in agreement; Cllr Philip Spencer was duly elected as chair of the Hestercombe LCN.

Item 44: Appoint the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network

Philip invited nominations for Vice Chair.

Cllr Norman Cavill from Somerset Council was nominated by Cllr Dixie Darch, Cllr Alan Bradford seconded this. Cllr Norman Cavill accepted the nomination.

The core membership voted in agreement and Cllr Norman Cavill was duly elected as vice chair of the Hestercombe LCN.

Item 45: Consider the Annual Report on the Local Community Network's work in the last 12 months

The Hestercombe LCN Yearly Report is available to view on this link:-

[Hestercombe Annual Report.pdf \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#)

Item 46: **Overview of Highlights from LCNs across Somerset**

The LCN link officers present provided an overview of the work of the LCNS across Somerset. More information is available in the slide pack which can be viewed [here](#).

Item 47: **Consider the Priorities and areas of focus for the LCN for the next 12 months**

a. Reflections from previous speakers and discussions

Continuation of the Highways and the Young people's working groups.

b. Are there topics / areas missing from the initial list?

Discussion around active travel would be useful.

Traffic calming.

Input into the Local Plan.

Reduce priorities.

Climate and Environment should be at the heart of all work being produced.

Flash flooding to be added to the flooding working group.

Housing to be added for a deeper dive into all areas of this.

Explore population data for the LCN (what does this mean for the area? What planning is required for the area?)

c. How can we find out more from residents?

Contact local business to get their input.

More communication from Micro providers –

Wiveliscombe and Blackdown hills have group concerning help for people. (Can we find out more on this?)

More information could be obtained from Parish surveys and combine the information for the LCN.

During the feedback portion we heard from Cllr Cavill regarding business. He advised that working and engaging with local businesses, from local farmers to bigger businesses, could be insightful and working with them could potentially get them involved.

This could also help Parishes in general as having a list of all business within the area could be used in the

emergency planning records.

If each Parish could bring a list of business within their area to the next LCN meeting then a discussion around who should be contacted and by whom can be arranged. Then more investigating can happen on what the businesses concerns are for the area.

Item 48: Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months

Thursday 19th September 2024

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Thursday 13th March 2025

Thursday 12th June 2025

Venues to be confirmed.

Item 49: Action Table - Log of action required

Actions table		
Date asked	Information	Responsibility
June 2024	If parishes wish to be more involved with FWAG please contact them directly.	Parishes
June 2024	Each Parish to research their area and find out all businesses within the Parish, and bring the list to the next LCN meeting.	Parishes, Link Officer, Chair & Vice Chair
June 2024	Reach out to businesses within all parishes, to get their concerns, and what they provide in the area.	Parishes, link officer, chair & vice chair

June 2024	Ask the micro providers leader to come to the next meeting to give an overview of what they do.	Link
June 2024	Ask for Police to attend the LCN meeting.	Link

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