

Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: Local Community Network - Wellington and Wiveliscombe

Date: Thursday, 12 October 2023

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Location: Wellington Rugby Football Club, Corams Lane, Wellington TA21 8LL

Chaired by: Ross Henley (Chair)

LCN core membership attendance:

Name:	Representing
Marcus Barr	Somerset Council
Andrew Govier	Somerset Council
Dave Mansell	Somerset Council
Sarah Wakefield	Somerset Council
Gwil Wren (Vice-Chair)	Somerset Council
Joy Norris	Bradford on Tone Parish Council
Alison Kent	Fitzhead Parish Council
Ian Walker	Halse Parish Council
Derek Sowden	Langford Budville Parish Council
Jenny Hoyle	Milverton Parish Council
Malcolm Vest	Nynehead Parish Council
Sue Davies	Oake Parish Council
Janet Carol Lloyd	Sampford Arundel Parish Council
Peter Berman & Bryn Wilson	Wiveliscombe Town Council

John O'Connor

David Mitten

Christine Brewer & Brigitte Kuipers

Avon & Somerset Police

Somerset Association of Local Councils

Community Council for Somerset

Officer attendance:

Name:

Beverley Norman

Peter Joint

Andrew Turner

Gwyn Hughes

Jamie Jackson

Representing

Somerset Council Highways

Somerset Council

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Somerset Council

Other attendees:

Name:

Elizabeth Hurry

Michael Lodge

Andy Minchie

Representing

Wivvy Pool

Wivvy Civic Society

Wivvy Area Partnership

Virtual attendees:

Name:

Susane Levinte

Virginia Murray

David Farrow

Representing

Apologies:

Name:

Representing

Summary of discussion:

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

Item 9: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Paula Appleby and Anne Shilton (Spark Somerset).

Item 10: **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members of the Somerset Council.

Item 11: **Notes from the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the previous meeting held on 06 July 2023 were approved as a correct record by those present.

Item 12: **Public Question Time**

Peter Berman of Wiveliscombe TC asked that (clinical – involve health)

In response to a question from Michael Lodge of the Wivvy Civic Society, it was noted that the role of Spark Somerset was to support all voluntary organisations especially those who identify who are the right people to bring a broad range of partners to the LCN meetings.

David Mansell noted that some of the wider Somerset organisations were in the core LCN membership partnerships. It was noted that only core members could elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the LCNs.

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

The list of themes discussed at the last LCM meeting were provided any the LCN members present were asked to identify any missing items.

It was noted that CFYP support was not listed.

Item 14: **An introduction to data**

The Locality Officer, introduced a slide of statistics which related directly to the Wellington and Wiveliscombe LCN area. They advised that the data gave an indication of what was available and to give an understanding of the area. They noted that some of the data could be misleading and the Census 2021 data would now be 2 years old. The school census data was updated twice a year and the Somerset Intelligence Network could provide data on a parish by parish basis: <http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/>

There were ongoing opportunities to build data for the LCN working groups to gain further information which could help towards funding bids for projects.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- Helpful to have data circulated in advance.
- Need data on the subject the LCN is focusing on like Highways.
- Number of households with off-street parking related to charging electric cars.
- Comparison of data with other local authorities to provide comparison.

The Locality Officer advised that 9 Link officers, once appointed would be in position to provide best practice so there was no duplication of work or data.

Item 15: **Presentation from Somerset Highways**

The Highway Officer advised that it was likely the future funding of the Highway Service would be impacted by the Council's spending on Adult and Childrens Services.

He said there was an opportunity for an LCN Working Group to understand the issues within the service and the 100+ enquiries received each day. Also car parking across the County was a huge challenge.

During discussion, the following points were made:

- New changes in Wellington carpool – will we get information?
- Rodwell area primary sign
- Hedges – vegetation and hedge issues
- Milverton flooding – run off water & road contour taking water away from the drains
- Hopeful that the LCNs could cut through some of the hierarchy
- Statutory road closures for town or village events now cost around £1,000 for closures for fetes or carnivals
- It would be useful to know the road sweeping dates so roads could be cleared of vehicles

Item 16: **Discussion: What are the more detailed issues, how do we know and what can we do about**

The Locality Officer advised that 5 topics which had emerged from the first LCN meeting had been circulated so people were prepared in advance.

Should we be drawing on previous experience of LCNs and best practices?

Lengthsman / Highway standard or community handyperson

Officers to communicate ...?

First item on main agenda

Will ask for volunteers for sub-groups

Item 17: **Dates of Future Meetings**

The provisional dates for future meetings were noted as:

- Thursday 12 December 2023- venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 29 February 2024 – venue to be confirmed.

Please note that the LCN team work hard to minimise diary

clashes but asked that they be contacted
on lcn@somerset.gov.uk if there are any issues.

Contact officer for meeting: LCN Team lcn@somerset.gov.uk