

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 |
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| 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

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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 |
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| 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.

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