

## REPORT OF VIRTUAL MEETING OF WENDOVER COMMUNITY BOARD

held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Chairman: Julie Ward Buckinghamshire Councillor**

For most of the time forty- four people were present comprising members and officers of the County Council, representatives from Parish Councils and the Voluntary Sector, Speakers from HS2, Primary Care -Westongrove Practices, Thames Valley Police and members of the public.

### **1. Impact of Covid In the Community**

Reports were given by Support Groups and other organisations as to the current situation and the work being currently undertaken. BC is to draw up an action plan bringing together experiences in order to share knowledge learnt. Beth from the SM Community Support Group was attending

In terms of numbers of people affected by CV it was stated AV was currently below the average for Bucks [although noted that figs were 6 days out of date]

The numbers of those shielding were currently high, and BC were in contact with +300. Food parcels and prescription delivery was ongoing but there was less need for befriending in this second period. The Bucks Directory was being used to signpost to other organisations. GP Practices a now open as normal.

Examples of the impact of Coronavirus on vulnerable groups such as young carers were given. Work was being undertaken by voluntary agencies in schools. The importance of paper information as well as IT was emphasised especially for older people and a two- pronged approach should be in force. Lindengate had organised a Rest and Reflect drop-in sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

### **2. TV Police – Inspector Neighbourhood Team**

The Police were seeing more enforcements being necessary due to people ignoring the regulations. Mostly centred around licenced premises. TVP were working with BC on breaches and dealing with the worst offenders. Any public s breaches should be reported to the Police who would take action. Anti -social behaviour was prevalent at former premises of RAF Halton.

### **3. HS2**

Updated information was disseminated by HS2 /Fusion Engagement Managers. [similar to that advised to PC]. A newssheet Commonplace was issued giving details of any disruption and traffic guides. Trial holes would be undertaken at Risborough Road SM between 7 – 19 January. Questions could be referred to the HS2 Help Desk.

*Nb: is it possible for the meetings between the PC and HS2 to be made available to the public. [JH]*

### **4. Strategic Infrastructure – Highways**

Considerable discussion took place about the Aylesbury Eastern Link from Bierton to Watermead and onwards as well as this linking to the A41 Aston Clinton and the SEALAR. The SM arm of the SEALR A4013 to A4010 is anticipated to be complete in about three years. I expressed the importance of the SEALR and the SM relief road being coterminous, that emerging traffic from the SEALR on to Lower Road should travel as originally planned and the adverse reaction this would have on Lower Road if the relief road were not to be in place. It was understood that if these potential infrastructure schemes did not run to plan, traffic to the A4010 would continue through the village and that for Oxford/Thame via Churchill Avenue. AGT was an important part of the road infrastructure and the planning application for housing along Lower Road would enable these two road schemes to come together. BC has taken over the roundabout in Lower Road in tandem with HS2.

## **5. Grant Applications**

£489k is available for local projects. Bierton Parish Council received funding of £440 for a project to support older, vulnerable adults in the community in terms of a tailored care package.

Lindengate Wendover a mental health charity, received funding of £26,00 to provide nature - based learning activities for young people between the ages of 13 – 15.

*The Chairman added that the Board was keen to hear from organisations and groups who would benefit from funding.*

## **6. Name of the Board**

Due to a suggestion at the previous meeting that the name of the CB should be changed to reflect the area covered, many suggestions were made. No decision was reached and members are to be circulated on alternative choices.

Jenny Hunt

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