

Local Community Network Meeting Notes

Local Community Network - Yeovil

Date: Monday, 17 June 2024

Location: Brympton Way Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT

LCN core membership attendance:

Emily Pearlstone	Somerset Council
Mike Hewitson	Somerset Council
Peter Seib	Somerset Council
Tony Lock	Somerset Council
Paul Herbert	Brympton
Clive Wakley	East Coker
Leona Drayton	Montacute
David Neal	West Coker
Rob Stickland	Yeovil without

Other attendees:

Anita Perry	West Coker
Emily Bull	Youth Adventure Trust
Kate Hellard	LCN Team
Nathan Turnbull	LCN Team
Micheal Hardwick-Ford	LCN Team

Virtual attendees:

Natasha Rand	Connect Somerset
Jeff Brown	LCN Team
Emmaline Kay	LCN Team

Summary of discussion:

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

Item 1: Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network

Chair Nominations – **Mike Hewitson**

All agreed and Mike has been elected Chair.

The Chair made a statement “The LCN is only as good as the participation we get from all of you, so thank you for showing up. Thank you also for participating with f the various working groups that are going on, but we can always do with more attendees and input. Next time, maybe bring a friend along; try and encourage your neighbouring parish councils or community groups to come along. There's no restriction in terms of who can turn up. As far as I'm concerned; the more, the merrier because the wider the cross section of life in the area, the better the outputs we get.”

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

Vice Chair – Nominations Rob Stickland nominated by Tony Lock

All agreed Rob has been appointed Vice-Chair

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

The annual report of the LCN was presented and discussed. The report highlighted new partnerships and participation, the creation of the Highways and Traffic Working Group, and the exploration of issues such as anti-social behaviour, connectivity, and flooding. The report was formally adopted by the LCN.

The LCN are aiming to improve community involvement and collaboration within the LCN.

Item 4: Overview of Highlights from LCNs across Somerset

The meeting reviewed the highlights of other LCNs in Somerset, including their work on issues such as children and young people, active travel, highways and traffic, health and well-being, housing, economic development, support for businesses, and climate, environment, and conservation.

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

All the tables and online broke into groups for a discussion and ideas:

a) What are we missing from the local LCN?

Local somerset engagement groups are being held. There has been a lot of development that can be fed into the LCN. It would be better to hold the meeting in local villages and halls.

Violence antisocial behaviour,

Early help for families including family support

Working together with Somerset Council,

Working together between town and parishes e.g. management of Facilities such as dog bins, and how to get potholes fixed,

Yeovil / parish wide booking system for village halls,

Boundary commission may include parishes discuss at LCN Level?

LCN info sharing i.e. what are other LCNs looking at.

Revisit e.g. update on previous presentations.

Communications with Parishes and councillors through highways teams on gully cleaning schedule to optimise access for contractor – Flood prevention.

b) What matters to residents in our communities?

Directory of community Groups that liaise with parishes and towns.

Housing – Abri Customer Services

Duty of care in the Community

Discussion from the group work:

The meeting discussed the priorities for the next 12 months, including working together with Somerset Council and between towns and parishes, housing, communications with parishes and councillors, LCN info sharing, and a directory of community groups.

Questions

Are there any local directories with information on youth groups or clubs?

Youth anti-social behaviour is happening a lot in Yeovil.

How can we have crime reduction in the LCN area? The LCN will need to feed into the workshops.

Getting more interactive with other LCN and social housing.

Action 1 – The LCN agreed to invite the Yeovil Crime Reduction Partnership team and the local neighbourhood policing team to the next meeting to address the concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime.

Action 2 – Explore the possibility of creating a directory of community groups.

Action 3 – Consider the possibility of having a revisit from the representative of First Buses

The LCN was asked to review and comment on the questionnaire deployed in the Vale of Frome LCN.

- Does it meet our needs?
- Do we think a questionnaire for parishes is a good idea?
If so:
- What is missing?
- What might we change? If not:

What tools can we use to find out more from residents?

Questionnaire

Action 4 – The LCN received a questionnaire to collect information about the community groups, services, and activities in their area, and to identify the gaps and needs.

Active travel is going well in other areas and would like to see this extended to include active travel into Yeovil LCN.

The LCN are looking at getting more people in attendance,

- Does the venue matter?
- Are there any good local parish venues?
- What about having tea, coffee and biscuits?

Ilchester pavilion at West Croker was suggested.

Natasha – there needs to be co-ordination more with locals, getting them more involved.

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

All Members are happy with the meeting dates below:

Monday 23rd September 2024 – for antisocial behaviour – call out \ actions.

Monday 16th December 2024

Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 16th June 2025

Table of Actions

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17 th June	The LCN agreed to invite the Yeovil Crime Reduction Partnership team and the local neighbourhood policing team to the next meeting to address the concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime.	LCN Link Officer
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