



Your Local Community Network

Taunton Area LCN

Agenda for Annual General Meeting

1. 6.30pm ~ 7pm Networking
2. 7pm start -the meeting begins with an introduction to the first AGM for the Taunton LCN
3. Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network
4. Elect the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network
5. Testimonials on the first year of the Taunton LCN
6. Consider the Annual Report on the Local Community Network's work in the last 12 months.
7. Overview of Highlights from LCN's across Somerset
8. Consider the priorities and areas of focus for the Local Community Network for the next 12 months – what are your priorities?
9. Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months.

LCN Highlights – Children and Young People

Taunton **Young People's** working group

- Collaborative networking group of organisations working with CYP
- Development of new free training for volunteers who work with CYP delivered by Somerset Youth Alliance
- New Safe Spaces in Taunton and Yeovil supported by collaborative working with SASP and MIND
- Taunton Minster supported by Somerset Youth Alliance with new working model to deliver young peoples space
- Violence Reduction Unit now funding Young Somerset to deliver walking hub sessions in Taunton McDonalds and Coffee #1 Bridgwater

Other LCNs have facilitated Children and Young People Working Groups, bringing a wide range of statutory and VCFSE partners together, supporting and enabling the delivery and development of local action plans to fill gaps in local services and meet local need.

LCN Highlights – Highways and Traffic

Exmoor Pilot LCN – **Highways and Traffic Working group**

- Significantly improved communications between SC and the parishes regarding planned work on the Highways Network – with regular meetings informing the planning of works around local events and business priorities.
- Delivery of a major capital project which involved a 5 month road closure on Exmoor through a cooperative approach to planning and delivery through the facilitation of the LCN bringing the project delivery in ahead of schedule and with a positive community response.
- Almost all LCNs (with the exception of Bridgwater and Taunton to date) have now had their initial Highways and Traffic working group with very positive feedback received in main LCN meetings.

LCN Highlights – Flooding and Emergency Planning

Delivery of **Flooding and Community Resilience workshops** across many LCN areas has significantly increased the number of City, Town and Parish Councils who now have up to date and realistic Emergency Plans. These plans have been developed in collaboration with neighbouring parishes improving the experience of residents and reducing risks across communities.

LCN Highlights – Other

LCNs are also considering how to address issues and topics including Health and Wellbeing, Housing, Economic Development, Support for businesses and Climate, Environment and Conservation.

Many LCNs have facilitated local conversations about local topics with guest speakers discussing significant projects and local issues including bus services, illegal raves, road safety and the Tone Dale Mill project.

Highlights and themes from last years discussion

Planning and
Enforcement

Flooding

Highways
Road Maintenance

Footpaths

Young People

Environment

Public Transport

Anti Social
Behaviour –
including Dog
fouling

Road Safety

Dates for the next meetings

Future dates :

Venues to be determined

Monday 7th October 24

Monday 13th January 25

Thursday 3rd April 25

Monday 7th July 25