



**Note of the meeting of the Cam Valley Forum  
held on Wednesday, 11th April, 2018**

**in Freshford Village Memorial Hall - Freshford Lane, Freshford, Somerset, BA2 7UR.**

**Meeting Attendance**

<b>In Attendance</b>
Councillor Neil Butters
Louise Callan
Shoscombe Parish Clerk
Richard Clist
Janet Dabbs
David Dixon
Mark Hayward
Marc Higgins
Paul Humphries
David Orme
Martin Robinson
Gemma Vittozzi
Des Wighton

<b>Apologies Received from</b>
Councillor David Veale

**1. Notes from the previous meeting**

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

**2. One Big Database BathNES, Rainbow Resource and Wellbeing Options**

The Forum welcomed Gemma Vittozzi from B&NES Council's People and Communities Communications Team.

The People and Communities Communication team provide information for all ages and needs. The team are responsible for maintaining, reviewing, promoting and updating the information held on One Big Database BathNES, Rainbow Resource and Wellbeing Options

One Big Database Bathnes supports local families with information including registered childcare, parenting support, activities and clubs, news and calendar of local events, baby and toddler groups and much more.

The Family Information Online Facebook page complements the website.

[www.bathnes1bd.org.uk](http://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/BathnesFIS](https://www.facebook.com/BathnesFIS)

Rainbow Resource provides information about organisations, activities and services for children and young people aged 0-25 years with special educational needs, disability and those requiring additional help. This includes inclusive activities, SEND information, news and events, parenting support and much more. The Rainbow Resource card entitles holders to concessions at several local organisations.

[www.rainbowresource.org.uk](http://www.rainbowresource.org.uk)

Wellbeing Option provides a wealth of information for adults (or their family/carer) needing support to live a full, independent life. Wellbeing Options provides information about local activities, clubs, 'What's On' and care and support providers.

[www.wellbeingoptions.co.uk](http://www.wellbeingoptions.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/wellbeingoptions](https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingoptions)

The presentation for this can be found below:

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/people\\_and\\_communities\\_communications\\_team\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/people_and_communities_communications_team_presentation.pdf)

The People and Communities Communications Team can be contacted on 01225 395345 or [p\\_c\\_comms@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:p_c_comms@bathnes.gov.uk)

### **3. Fire Service Update**

Paul Humphries from Avon Fire and Rescue provided their latest update on work they that they are involved in within the Bathavon Area. I have included this operational update as an attachment. The number for any person wanting to arrange a free home fire safety visit is 0800 1693999.

### **4. Age UK Services**

Age UK B&NES is local charities who are reliant on funding to provide twenty different services to older people.

The Forum welcomed Janet Dabbs from [Age UK B&NES](#) with an overview of the many services they offer to manly the over 55s across the B&NES area.

The 'Home from Hospital Service' has been running for twenty years and now works with the health services and the local authority (Virgincare) at Paulton and the Royal United Hospital. Work is carried out by a team of about twenty people to provide a service for helping people who are going from the ward of a hospital back to their home. There is a variety of support that helps individuals with medication, staying warm and standards around the home.

The service can be provided for a period of up to six weeks, this can be every day if needed.

The support is a transition period that allows people to build in confidence and receive help and support alongside statutory services.

Home response is a service that prevents people from going into hospital. There are a number of ways that can help with this, lunch clubs, befriending, working with GPs and connections for people are all such examples.

Networks can tend to disappear as people become older. Age UK looks to help people that need advice, this could be help with the entitlements to benefits that people are unaware they can claim for. The visits that are made to people in their homes can pick up all sorts of issues.

Age UK are keen to receive feedback for on issue that are local to the forum area, this could be help finding volunteers, help with groups and working together with those in need.

Janet can be contacted on 01225 421216 or [janet.dabbs@ageukbanes.co.uk](mailto:janet.dabbs@ageukbanes.co.uk) their [website](#) contains details of the services available.

## **5. Fit for Life**

The Forum heard from Marc Higgins on how the Council wish to follow on from the Fit for Life Strategy. Marc spoke about the wish to take an new approach going forward, working closely with communities on how existing facilities in local areas (including cycle paths and safe walking routes) might be used to get people moving in ways that suit their own pace and lifestyle.

Fit for Life is the approach from B&NES Council which is looking to understand the activities that residents are taking part in to become more active. The idea is that everyday activities will be seen as an opportunity to move more and sit down less.

Where good ideas already exist there is keenness to harvest these and replicate them in other places. These could be ideas such as walking football and the good gym where people fitness is being developed.

Many of the resources that already exist in small villages need to be recognised, this could be outside facilities such as public rights of way, parks and Bathscape. The interest around places to launch canoes and access to the water spaces in general need to be included.

Through the Area Forum the Active Leisure Team wishes to pull together local ideas and understand any barriers that prevent participation.

The refurbishment at the Sports Centre in Bath continues, the swimming pool will reopen around the end of May 2017. There are successes in the new gym, new spaces created for social activities and new the ten pin bowling area.

For anyone wanting to get in touch with Marc his email address is – [Marc.Higgins@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Marc.Higgins@BATHNES.GOV.UK) or the Active Leisure Team are available on 01225 396429 or [getactive@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:getactive@bathnes.gov.uk)

## **6. Boundary Review of Bath & North East Somerset Council**

Parish Councils have had the opportunity to respond to the electoral review of Bath & North East Somerset Council through the consultation process which closed on 19 February 2018.

Fourteen parishes were among the representations that have been made; these can be found on the website -<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/somerset/bath-and-north-east-somerset>

The next step will be publication of the consultation on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## **7. Future Meeting Date**

The next meeting takes place with a later start time of 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, Shoscombe Village Hall - Barn Hill, Shoscombe, Bath, BA2 8LX

Any agenda ideas / requests should be sent to John Adler and Mark Hayward



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## Bathavon Communities Forum

### Fire Service Summary

March 2018

#### Neighbourhood Map:



The Communities Forums are unique areas set up by the Local Authority. Each Communities Forum is made up several Wards.

#### Community Fire Safety Activity:

Total of last Three months

December 2017 - February 2018

Home fire safety visits	12
Education Institutions visits	0
Off Station Community Events	0

#### Fire Incidents:

	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017	Mar 2017 - Feb 2018	Change
Deliberate vehicle fires:	1	3	2
Deliberate small fires:	0	0	0
Deliberate large non-vehicle fires:	5	7	2
Accidental dwelling fires:	7	4	-3
Other fire incidents:	-2	8	10
Non-fire incidents:	0	1	1
False Alarm incidents:	22	29	7
Total number of incidents attended:	33	52	19

#### Station Managers report:

Crews continued their work on delivering winter safety messages when attending Home Fire safety visits and community events. We have visited local foodbanks over the winter months offering fire safety visits to those who would benefit from this intervention. Boat safety talks and safety visits have been carried out in the Bath area as well as river patrols being carried out by Community Resilience volunteers supported by Bath crews to help deliver safety messages when near water. Premises which have high false alarm rates have been visited to offer advice in helping them to improve to prevent future false alarms. During Arson awareness week crews delivered leaflets and talked to residents in areas deemed to be more at risk.

#### National Campaign Theme:

This spring Avon Fire & Rescue Service are working with key agencies to target the most vulnerable in our community for a home fire safety visit, whilst making sure that we provide clear safety advice for the wider audience.

#### How to contact us:

**Fire Station:** Bath  
**Station Manager:** Gareth Lloyd  
**Station Address:** Cleveland Bridge  
 Bath  
 BA2 6PU  
**Email:** Gareth.Lloyd@avonfire.gov.uk  
**Telephone:** 01179 262061

#### Local Contact:

Watch Manager Tom Coombs, Bath Fire Station. Tel 01275 396100 ext 8120. E mail thomas.coombs@avonfire.gov.uk

**In an emergency:** 999 or 112  
**For non emergenc** 01179 262061

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