

Final Minutes of the
Chew Valley Forum
 24th September 2018, 6.00pm
 The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School, Chew Magna

Present

Name	Organisation Represented
Chris Head	Chair of the Forum and Executive Director of the West of England Rural Network
Gareth Beynon	Headteacher – Chew Valley School
Lucy Boulton	Technical Officer, Environmental Services – B&NES
Cllr Heather Clewett	Vice Chair - Stowey Sutton Parish Council
Cllr Chris Craig	Compton Martin Parish Council
Sara Dixon	Locality Manager - B&NES
Cllr Mark Dury	Whitchurch Village Council
Jane Eagon	Resident
Cllr Lynne Easton	Chew Magna Parish Council
Nick Goldsmith	Hidden Valley Bushcraft
PC Kerry Grace	Avon and Somerset Police
Cllr Tony Hooper	Chair - Temple Cloud and Cameley Parish Council
Hannah Kenyon	Assistant Headteacher Students and Inclusion - Chew Valley School
Cllr Richard Ireland	West Harptree Parish Council
Chris Major	Group Manager, Transport and Parking Services, B&NES
Cllr Paul Myers	Ward Councillor for Midsomer Norton Redfield and Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration
Denise Perrin	West of England Rural Network Village Agents
Tracey Pike	Service Manager, Youth Connect - B&NES
Cllr Vic Pritchard	Ward Councillor - Chew Valley South
Kate Rowlands	Deputy Headteacher - Chew Valley School
Mike Strathdee	Community Resources Manager, DHI
Cllr Tim Warren	Ward Councillor, Mendip and Leader of the Council
Cllr Karen Warrington	Ward Councillor, Clutton
Alison Wells	Community Engagement Officer, B&NES
Anna Wheeler	City of Bath College
2 x Guests	DHI

Apologies

Name	Organisation Represented
Janet Ward	Resident
Cllr David Duckett	Vice Chair – Hinton Blewett Parish Council
Helen Harris	Chew Stoke Practice
Cllr Rosemary Naish	Chair – Clutton Parish Council

		Action
1.	Welcome from the Chair, Chris Head	
1.1	CH welcomed those present and introduced himself as both Chair of the Forum and Chief Executive of the West of England Rural Network. He also introduced Tony Heaford as Vice Chair and Sara Dixon and Alison Wells as the officers from B&NES supporting the Forum. He said there would be a change to the agenda with the item on Air Quality to be taken at the end of	

	the meeting.	
2.	Notes of the 23rd July 2018 meeting and Matters Arising	
2.1	CH gave an update on the community library proposed for Chew Valley School. A public consultation has taken place which ended on 21 st September. Forty-four were completed on-line and twelve off-line. It is still available on-line and the link was circulated after the meeting. https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CVLibrary)	
2.2	CH said there is enough information from this to formulate a proposal and they also have some firm offers from volunteers. Saturday morning seems to be the most popular opening time and the click and collect service preferred.	
2.3	CH said that at the previous meeting the Forum heard from the Community First Responders – they put out a request for support from parishes and as a result, every parish in the Chew Valley has made a donation. CH thanked the parishes for this contribution.	
2.4	The proposal for the Chew Valley Trail has changed – the Government has changed the deadline for the funding available which means there is more time to look at it and submit the planning application. The topic will be brought back to the Forum when the planning process has been completed.	
3.	Update from the local Police team	
3.1	PC Kerry Grace attended. KG explained that he is not the beat manager for this area as the post is vacant at present. Jon Beswetherick has been given the role but the start date not confirmed as yet - Jon works in Bristol at present. PC Gemma Lindow is on a career break.	
3.2	There has been a rise in burglaries – both dwelling and non-dwelling with machinery and quad bikes targeted. This is believed to be travelling criminals with some items found in south Bristol. Do keep an eye on vulnerable residents and warn them about rogue traders.	
3.3	The Chew Valley area is being covered from Bath so response officers are not on the doorstep, particularly after midnight. There is some coverage from Bristol but it means officers can take some time to get to this area. They do their best to patrol to look for anything suspicious and deal with reported crimes.	
3.4	Q: Is our PCSO still operative? A: Yes – Martyn Bragg and Dave Holmes – they do not have powers of arrest but are good eyes and ears.	
3.5	SD asked whether the topic of scams, loan sharks and rogue traders would be of interest to the Forum? The team have had an approach from Nat West who would like to present.	
3.6	CH said that people do not bother reporting crimes because they think that no-one will come. KG said that crimes still need to be reported as the Police need information on activity in particular areas.	
4.	Notices – B&NES Our Power, Community Awards, Pukka Community Challenge	

4.1	<p>B&NES Our Power: Bath & North East Somerset Council has recently launched the Our Power in B&NES scheme which offers residents access to greener and more affordable energy through the choice of two new energy deals in the Bath and North East Somerset district. One of the tariffs is aimed at pre-payment meter customers and is one of the cheapest dual fuel tariffs available on the market for them. https://our-power.co.uk/bathnes</p>	
4.2	<p>Community Awards: Nomination for the Bath and North East Somerset Community are now open and provide an opportunity to recognise inspirational local people. There are three main categories – Volunteering in the Community; Business in the Community and Service to the Community. There is a range of awards in each category for individuals, groups and professionals. The deadline for nominations is 21st December 2018. We will circulate the details after the meeting. http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/local-awards/chairmans-community-business-awards</p>	
4.3	<p>Pukka Challenge: A team of 50 staff from Pukka teas came to help out for the morning at Chew Valley Children's Centre. The team provided the people power to help tidy up the garden by creating a level path to improve access to the men's shed, general clearance, painted the storage huts and planted herbs in raised planters, created steps in the woodland. All supported by Nick Goldsmith. The request came to the Council and Alison Wells helped find them a suitable project.</p>	
4.4	<p>NG said the volunteers were great – he helped them to make some steps into a bank to assist with access from the garden to the path. Also put down some woodchip to help with walking through the wooded area.</p>	
4.5	<p>CH – Chew Magna Flood resilience conference will take place on Saturday 6th October 1pm – 4pm. There are some places left. Richard Pardoe will be speaking about flood mitigation. If you are interested, see Lynne Easton. https://www.chewmagna.org.uk/index.php/2018/08/27/chew-magna-annual-resilience-day-6th-october-2018/</p>	
5.	<p>Young People's Issues</p>	
5.1	<p>CH said this theme for the Forum is a result of items raised by Dr Chris Lewis. It also links with previous presentations on housing and sofa-surfing. Young people living in rural areas face issues relating to transport, housing, training, employment and mental health. We have a range of speakers and questions will be taken when all have spoken.</p> <p>See Appendix 1 for details of the presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHI Family support services and Project 28 • Young Carers, Carers Centre • Hidden Valley Bush Craft • Chew Valley Secondary school • B&NES Youth Connect 	
6.	<p>Air Quality – impact in the Chew Valley and Clean Air Zone for Bath</p>	
6.1	<p>CH welcomed from B&NES Chris Major - Group Manager, Transport and Parking Services and Lucy Boulton - Technical Officer, Environmental Services</p>	

	See Appendix 2 for their presentation.	
7.	Any other business	
7.1	CH said the Joint Strategic Plan needs to go on a future Forum Agenda.	SD/AW
	Date of Next Meeting 26 th November 2018, 6pm The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School, Chew Magna CH said the meeting will be the Forum AGM and feature the Council's Budget – it is an opportunity make your voice heard.	

Actions

Action	Responsible
Joint Strategic Plan as future Agenda Item	SD/AW

Presentation 1: Developing Health & Independence (DHI)

Presenters: **Mike Strathdee – Community Resource Manager - DHI**
 2 x service users

MS said DHI (Developing Health & Independence) provides services for all ages. One is a Council commissioned service providing support to families and friends affected by another's alcohol or drug use. When a family is affected, it can become dysfunctional and the service provides a listening ear as well as access to support groups so they know they are not alone. It can take about five years for a family to realise they need help as well and their involvement helps to increase the chance of a sustained recovery by the addict.

A local couple then gave their moving story about their son's drug addiction, the effect it had on them as a family and the support they received from DHI.

MS went on to speak about Project 28 which is a commissioned young person's (11 – 18 years) support service. This covers drugs, alcohol and sexual health. Young people will not always take advice on these topics from parents and peers. Over the last two years, DHI has learned that there is an issue with child exploitation both sexual and drug related (County Lines). For example, young people might be given a flat in return for dealing in drugs.

Young people facing mental health issues can self-medicate with drugs – there is a lot of cannabis use. They may also experience homelessness issues – largely sofa-surfing because they have fallen out with their parents. This situation can happen to anyone including middle-class families.

DHI looks at these issues holistically, dealing with them together. They collaborate with other services as well – Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), the Police, Youth Agencies. They also provide outreach and engagement services. They visit a lot of schools and speak to assemblies, sixth forms, parents' evenings, Freshers' events as well as going out onto the streets. Their speciality is getting the young people to talk – not to talk at them.

DHI organise residential activities too such as taking young people to the seaside - one suicidal young girl's life was changed as a result – she realised the value of her life, found activities she liked and is now looking at college courses. Another young lad had never seen sand before. The youngest child they have supported was ten and a cannabis user – he had been groomed by an older group.

MS thanked the group for the invitation and said by working together – we really can change things.

Mike can be contacted by e-mail to: MikeStrathdee@dhibristol.org.uk.

DHI Website: www.dhi-online.org.uk/do/bath

Project 28: www.dhi-online.org.uk/do/bath/project-28

Presentation 2: Hidden Valley Bushcraft

Presenter: **Nick Goldsmith**

NG said he was a Royal Marine for 11 years until January 2018. His business is based in woodland near Pensford but he can deliver outdoor activities almost anywhere. He undertakes bushcraft activities with young people and his wife runs an Ofsted approved kindergarten which is a true Forest School.

The Woodland Warriors Group is specifically for children with a range of issues. He has worked with WERN to deliver days for families to bring them together in the outdoors – sitting around the fire encourages conversation, particularly in men who don't talk in the same way as women.

Three quarters of children in the UK spend less time outdoors than prisoners. People's natural cycles are interrupted by working longer hours than they should and artificial light from devices.

Humans are hardwired to find 'tribe'. Some children find this via computer games but this can, in some instances, lead to on-line bullying.

Hidden Valley Bushcraft engages them in outdoor activities, courses, 1-1s and mentoring. The Woodland Warriors programme was originally aimed at veterans with PTSD but is suitable for anyone in crisis. Most organisations deal with post and pre-crisis, not when people are in it.

The group has dredged streams, made steps, worked in an orchard – the young people really benefit.

Exam pressure is an issue and can lead some to go down a negative route. Legacy, self-worth and identity is important – learned this through work with veterans.

It is a means to get a message across through bushcraft – they have helped 26 veterans now including 18 Royal Marines and lots of young people.

Hidden Valley Bushcraft Website: <https://www.hiddenvalleybushcraft.co.uk/>

Presentation 3: Young Carers

Presenter: Carers' Centre

The Carer's Centre were unable to attend but will be invited back at another time. In the meantime, a video about their work with Young Carers can be found here:

<https://banescarerscentre.org.uk/youngcarers/news/young-carer-becca-featured-on-co/>

Carers' Centre website: <https://banescarerscentre.org.uk/youngcarers/>

Presentation 4: Chew Valley School

Presenters: Hannah Keynon - Assistant Headteacher Students and Inclusion, Chew Valley School
Kate Rowlands - Deputy Headteacher, Chew Valley School

The types of mental issues seen in school are:

- Anxiety
- Exam Stress
- Fitting in/social aspect (often linked to on-line activity)
- Body image
- Suicidal thoughts
- Perceived anxiety
- Parental anxiety/attendance issues
- Self harm (although this seems to be declining)
- Hair pulling
- Eating disorders
- Phobias (eg wasps, being sick)
- Mental health of parents

They often have children in hospital for periods of time as well.

They are an Emotional Hub with CAMHS and hold a safeguarding group every six weeks which includes training for suicide prevention. They also work with school nurses who come in once a week – pupils can refer themselves for this.

Pupils also have access to a counsellor once a week. Time for this is generally limited to eight sessions and it can then be accessed as a paid for service. However, it would continue for longer than this for very vulnerable children on child protection plans. The school also works with Mentoring Plus to train 6th Form pupils to be peer mentors to younger pupils.

The pupils take part in a Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme. They have worked with Kate Murphy from B&NES who has developed materials for these. They also hold Relationship and Sexual Health Evenings (RSE) and well-being sessions for parents.

The schools site has a number of safe spaces and the Special Educational Needs staff would like to use these to greater effect following the improvements made by the Pukka volunteering.

Gareth Beynon said that he has not experienced this level of mental health issues among pupils in 25 years of reach. However, it is not down to schools to solve these – they are teachers. This time last year, he had no idea what county lines were but does now.

Presentation 5: B&NES Youth Service

Presenter: Tracey Pike – Service Manager, Youth Connect, B&NES

TP said the Youth Service provides one to one support and group support. They work with other organisations as well and supported 450 individuals last year. The Youth Service for B&NES will end this week and 20 Youth Workers will be made redundant. They are in the process of trying to establish a new Youth Mutual which will be staff led. The business plan for this is with senior officers and councillors at present. If it goes ahead, it will start on 1st April and be the biggest youth charity in B&NES. Local parishes have been very supportive including Bishop Sutton in this area. They are also speaking with the Bath City Forum.

CH thanked all the presenters and said it is a heavy topic – the aim is to highlight the issues to the Forum but also show that support is available. Please assist in signposting to services.

TW thanked the Forum for hosting this topic. He said that he attended the Bristol Young Heroes awards last year and wants to run a similar event in Bath in March 2019. It will be launched soon with a variety of categories.

AWheeler said that at the City of Bath College they often have people on courses that did not achieve academically when they were young but it is important as it is harder to study when you are older.

CH said young people's mental health is key – picking up the signs and signals.

Presentation: **Air Quality and Clean Air Zone for Bath**

Presenters: **Chris Major - Group Manager, Transport and Parking Services**
 Lucy Boulton - Technical Officer, Environmental Services

Slide	Comment
1 - Title Slide	Air quality is linked to people's health. We will cover monitoring first and then move on to the clean air zone for Bath.
2 – Pollution in B&NES	The main source of pollution is road transport and the pollutant is nitrogen dioxide, either directly from the exhaust or reaction in the atmosphere. The areas affected in B&NES at present are Bath, Saltford, Keynsham, Farrington Gurney and Temple Cloud.
3 - Monitoring Network – Continuous monitoring	The Council monitors in three ways: Continuous monitors: There are three in Bath on the London Road in the High Street and at Windsor Bridge. These give hourly reports.
4 - Monitoring Network – Mobile monitoring	Air meshes: These are sited in Bath and Keynsham at present but one is being moved to Westfield soon at the request of the Parish Council.
5 - Monitoring Network – Diffusion tubes	Diffusion Tubes: These are collected monthly and the results used to create an annual average. The annual average objective for Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations is 40 µg/m3
6 - Local monitoring	Pensford Map. Levels are 16 at the bottom of hill; 33 further up but 38 in latest location.
7 - Local monitoring	Temple Cloud Map. Levels here are very high. Pollution generally disperses quickly so there are lower levels in the side streets.
8 - Local monitoring results	Graph detailing levels in Pensford and Temple Cloud.
9 – Title Slide - Bath's Clean Air Plan	Bath has some of the worst levels in country.
10 - Direction from DEFRA	The Government has issued B&NES with a Directive to comply by 2021 at the latest.
11 - Proposed Zone Boundary	On our website, there is a range of options to address this. One is a charging clean air zone, although this is an early stage proposal. We are currently looking at the technical modelling of the impact and this is nearly finished.
12 - Shortlist	Note: The Council does not set the criteria for CAZ classes or the mandatory exemptions listed below. These are in line with the Government's Clean Air Zone Framework.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class B zone (high emission taxis, HGV's, Buses and coaches) plus complementary non-charging measures • Class C zone (all of the above plus LGV's) plus complementary non-charging measures • Class D zone (all of the above plus cars) plus complementary non-charging measures <p>The number of class C vehicles has increased due to on-line deliveries.</p> <p>In line with Government guidelines, the following vehicles will be exempt from charges in each of the CAZ classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrol vehicles with Euro 4 (or newer) emissions rating, manufactured from approx. 2006 • Diesel vehicles with Euro 6 emissions rating, manufactured from approx. 2015 • Fully electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles • Vehicles within the disabled passenger tax class <p>The charge has yet to be agreed – Birmingham charge £12.50 a day for cars – HGVs are £100.</p> <p>Funding raised would be reinvested in other areas – urban area first, then others.</p> <p>Many people come to city to access services and shops. If the class D option is selected, there will be impacts to service providers.</p>
13 – End slide	<p>There is a consultation in October for 6 weeks. We want as many views as possible and really want to hear from rural areas too. Information can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk/breathe</p> <p>#BathBreathes2021</p> <p>We also have leaflets – please take them and share.</p>

Questions following the presentation

Q1: Are the high levels in Temple Cloud due to bottlenecks?

A1: Yes – there are unique conditions here including areas where HGVs cannot pass each other.

Comment1: They changed the road markings in Pensford to cut acceleration.

Comment 2: It is hard to get out now – there is a steady stream of traffic.

Q2: Are there solutions for the A37

A2: There is a list of ideas internally but some may be unfeasible. We really need a

consultant to do a feasibility assessment and have put a budget request in for this for the next financial year.

Comment 3: **There could be impacts on villages from vehicles not going through Bath.**
Response 3: Bristol is considering a similar scheme, which could also impact on villages here.

Q3: **Have you taken into account pollution from aircraft at Bristol Airport?**
A3: The monitoring would pick up background pollution but most is at take-off and landing. Around 1km from the airport, it is at lower levels. It does disperse quickly.

Comment 4: **Plant more trees – London planes absorb pollution. Trees also help with flood defence.**

Q4: **How long will the consultation run for?**
A4: Six weeks.

Comment 5: **Parishes meet monthly or every other month – you need to take this into consideration when consulting.**

Q5: **Are public transport improvements also planned?**
A5: Yes – we are taking an holistic approach to the solutions. Funding generated by a charging scheme would also be reinvested in sustainable transport.

Q6: **Would this be parallel provision or reinvestment?**
A6: Reinvestment.

CH thanked the presenters and urged everyone to respond to the consultation – many people travel to Bath for work and leisure so the impact will be wide.