

Agenda item: SC 38/21

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services & Communities Committee

Wednesday 17th November 2021

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

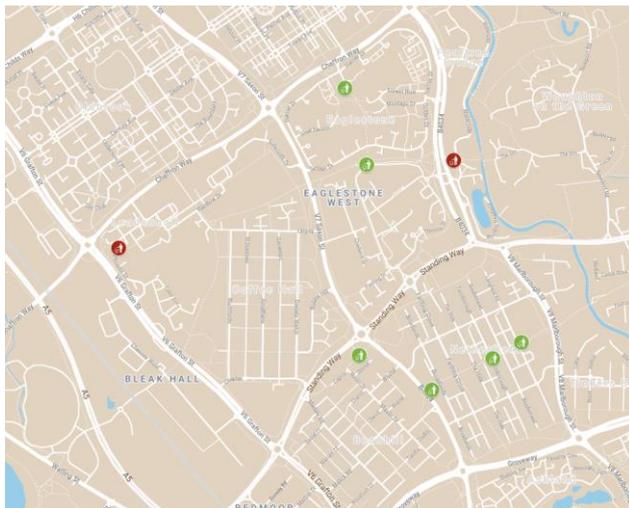
To update the committee on placement of new litter bins.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee notes this report.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

As previously mentioned, MKC have allocated an additional six (6) bins for the parish which have been distributed.



-  Rear Simnel Beanhill MKC
-  Broadlands Netherfield MKC
-  Farmborough Netherfield MKC
-  Langland Road MKC
-  Eaglestone West MKC
-  Harrier court Eaglestone MKC
-  Waterside Peartree Bridge WCC
-  Phoenix Drive Leadenhall WCC

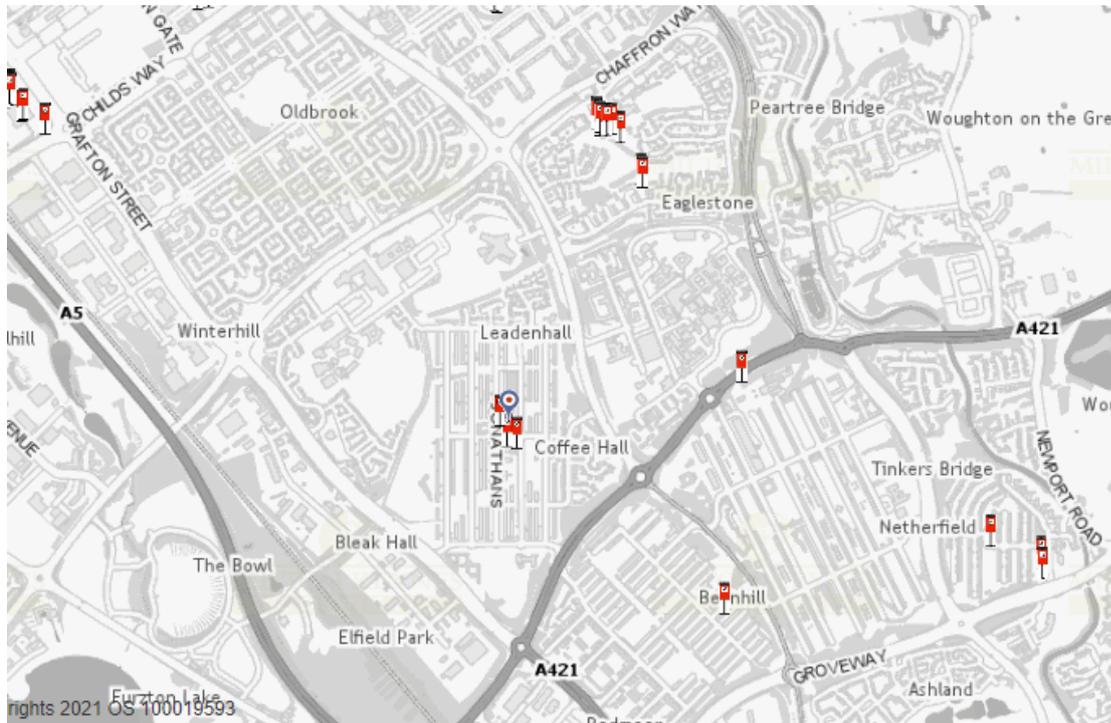
The placement of these bins has been agreed in discussion with MKC, placing them in higher traffic areas and where they can be placed on a 2 week, rather than 8 weekly emptying regimes.

Also, we will relocate the Langland school one to Waterside by the dog bin in the underpass frequently used as a rubbish bin, and at the moment, the 'spare' dual bin of ours located at the rear of Great Denson, next to an MKC one could go to Phoenix Drive near St Pauls – or possibly redway to PTB underpass rear of Langland, next to the dog bin? These would then be emptied fortnightly by our contractor, so all our litter bins will be on a fortnightly collection.

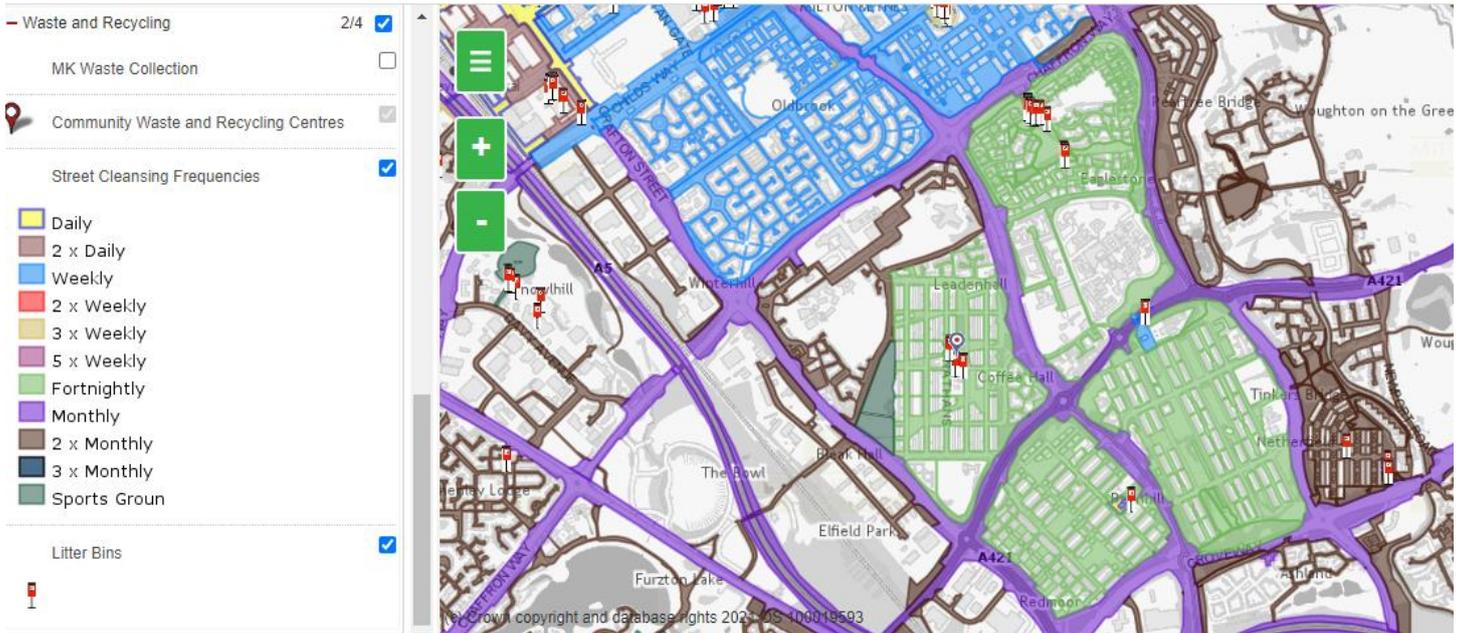
These bins are in addition to the existing bins that are already in place. According to the 'My Mapping' element of MKC website, there are bins in the following places:

- Leadenhall - None
- Coffee Hall - 3, all at the local centre area
- Eaglestone - 10, around the local centre and central park area
- Peartree Bridge - None
- Tinkers Bridge - 3 – 2 around local centre and 1 on Aldenham roundabout
- Netherfield - None (although one at the bus stop by the hospital)
- Beanhill - One at the local centre

In comparison, there are over 200 within Central Milton Keynes, 12 in Fishermead, none in Oldbrook, 10 on Walnut Tree and none on Monkston. There appears little rhyme nor reason as to where does or doesn't get bins – massive variance across the city, without any clear reasoning behind the decisions.



Litter picking frequency also plays a part:



As you can see, the parish has two distinct zones – fortnightly visits or 2 monthly. There are some areas which have a more frequent visit, specifically around the ‘high traffic’ areas – local centres, shops, etc.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None noted.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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Agenda item: SC 40/21

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services & Communities Committee

Wednesday 17th November 2021

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on Service Planning ideas for 2022/23 and take any further suggestions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes the content of the Service Plan noted below.**
- 2. That the committee agrees / discards any aspects within this proposal.**
- 3. That the committee offers any further ideas for inclusion in the final draft.**
- 4. That the items agreed form the 'Services' element of the final service plan, going to Full Council in December for agreement.**
- 5. That the plan is budgeted and included in the final Budget draft, going to Full Council in December for agreement.**
- 6. That the plan and budget will then be fully ratified and agreed in January 2022.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The Service Plan has been under discussion for some time, with some excellent ideas submitted for consideration. These have been added to by officers and suggestions from members of the public (via the Woughton Futures survey), with the list now including:

- To investigate the costs of First Aid courses. These then potentially to be run on each estate for young people, alongside community 'leaders', RA's, etc.
- Blue Light Discos run by the Police, Fire & Rescue Service, and the Ambulance Service. Suggested by Cllr Hepburn and to be investigated to see if the Blue Light services would be committed to this.
- To revive the Youth Council. Following the covid hiatus, this will be reintroduced over the coming months / year.
- More Cultural events. Whilst unclear as to exactly what is wanted from this, more events will be very welcome and a focus on involving and engaging our whole community will be key. There have been some excellent events where different cultures have shown dances, food – a variety of experiences and these can and should be built upon.

Additional suggestions include:

- Extending the WAS service to include Family Centres, Tinkers Bridge, Eaglestone and other places.
- To re-establish the Community Choir

- To roll over the Geeks in Sheds idea for further exploration
- To investigate the potential for a local market, enabling local businesses to sell within the parish. This could also include small business support / start up.
- To develop a range of 'trails' around the parish, with an art trail focusing on the community and 'street' art of the parish as the first trial trail.
- To develop a working group to create a Sustainability plan, focusing on how WCC can support the parish to be 'greener'.
- Community Boxing – this has been discussed previously, but a more focused approach potentially needed.
- Studio 95 Radio station – develop an online (with potential for airwaves longer term) station with shows and podcasting.
- Forest School, sitting within the youth Service offering an additional element for local children and young people, with potential for expansion (at a cost) to other areas.
- ASDAN accreditation – this enables the youth service to support accredited learning for young people that can be used as credits for further education and employers.
- Young people volunteering, work placements and similar. To include Junior Rangers – young people working within and supporting the youth provision.
- Rolling over from previously are also: youth counselling (working with YIS), schools' outreach, sensory garden and collating the arts 'offer' into one, more focused strand.
- Development of the Tool Library in the new 'depot' to also be considered over the coming year.

Existing elements, such as a focus on fly tipping, delivery of the landscape contract and preparations for new contract (including reprovision of the depot), etc. all carry over too.

The very early views from the 'Woughton Priorities' survey suggest that CCTV remains the biggest request from residents, with additional bins, dog bins and support for more activities for older / younger people and a market.

Some of these aspects carry a significant budgetary burden, with others being covered by existing resources and / or grant applications.

All these issues will be considered, budgeted and a formal Service Plan developed for Full Council in December, to link to the budget proposal and then, once agreed and tweaked with any last minute elements, ratified in January.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

To be covered in formal proposal.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on a proposed plan for a special 'Chairs Awards', covering 'Covid-19 Heroes' as well as the regular awards, to take place in 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report.**
- 2. That if in agreement, Cllr Sue Smith (Chair) and officers of the council will work together to develop a full plan for the event.**
- 3. That this plan will include all aspects of the nominations, voting and awarding of this recognition, alongside details of the event itself.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This committee has been discussing this project for a while and clarification has been requested regarding a whole range of elements. This includes:

Nomination process and categories. The suggestions for categories are:

- Covid Hero(es) – one per estate? Those people who have stepped up during the pandemic and made a positive difference
- Partnership of the Year – an organisation that has worked with WCC over the past year (or two!) to best effect
- Charity of the Year – a local charity, either Woughton based or working in Woughton that has done exceptional work
- Educator of the Year – a teacher, class leader, guru, school, educational provider or other person who has helped people learn, develop and grow
- Young Person Award – someone under 18 / 25 / ? who has absolutely knocked it out of the park and done something awesome
- Environmental Champion – someone / some people who have made a difference in terms of the environment / recycling / reducing carbon / etc
- Volunteer of the Year – a volunteer within the parish who has shown commitment, passion and all the other positives
- Woughton Cares Award (lifetime type thing) – someone who has, over a number of years, consistently been someone who has changed Woughton for the better
- Spirit of Woughton Award – the person who embodies the things that Woughton stands for (community, selflessness, focusing on others, especially those with additional challenges, without making a song and dance out of it!

Nominations via online / paper-based submission, with a panel of officers and councillors then shortlisting (where necessary) and / or voting. It is suggested that this is done in two stages if necessary (where there are more than 3 nominations – shortlists should be 3 where necessary).

One (or more) categories should go to a public vote (perhaps the Spirit of Woughton – someone who embodies all that is great about the parish, goes above and beyond, has consistently delivered over the past year, etc..)

All shortlisted nominees get an invite and a certificate. Winner gets a trophy and flowers.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Time to develop a plan, advertise, and then deliver an event.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Depending on the plan, a budget will be needed – food / drink, trophies / certificates, flowers or otherwise.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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Agenda item: SC 42/21

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on the Santa Sleigh plan, with associated Residents Association events, risk management plan and additional information.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report.**
- 2. That the committee continues to liaise with resident groups around any additional events that will run alongside the Santa Sleigh.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Following the success of last years Santa sleigh, where hundreds of residents came out over the course of an afternoon / evening, it was agreed that we would provide similar this year, covering ALL residential estates in the parish. This agreement was that WCC would provide the Santa, the sleigh and the necessary 'elves' to ensure safe travel through the parish, with other groups (resident associations, groups or others) putting other activities on around this.

The current proposal is that the following dates are:

Wed 15th Dec: Beanhill & Netherfield (evening)
Thu 16th Dec: Peartree & Eaglestone (evening)
Fri 17th Dec: Coffee Hall & Leadenhall (evening)
Sat 18th Dec: Tinkers Bridge (afternoon)

There are different approaches for different estates, based upon the specific ideas of the local groups, to include the distribution of presents / chocolates, linking to Christmas Fayres, etc.

The risk assessment has been updated to reflect the different approach this year – rather than being on the back of the Landscape truck, the sleigh will be fastened to a trailer, to be towed by the pickup and then stored securely overnight between journeys. At the current time, a suitable trailer is being sourced – the landscape trailer is far too big, but both rental and buying a smaller, more useable trailer are options (for example, a new trailer suitable for this activity and then useable for a range of other projects would cost around £700 new – considerably cheaper if second hand. Rental starts at around £200 for the week. A choice as to renting or buying may be helpful).



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A poster has been created:



This will be used within the Gazette, social media, website, notice boards, etc. to publicise and additional information regarding routes will also be published.

The routes are:

BH / NF – Starting at Llamas end of Medale Road, all the way down to the bottom, turn around and then down Neapland over to Maslin Drive, left and up to Capron, turn around and down to Dodkin, then back up to Dodkin and out, via Saxon Street to Netherfield. The route through Netherfield will be between Barfield Drive and Buckland Drive, going along Broadlands, Farthing Grove, The Hide, Farmborough, Beadlemead, Langland Road, to finish by Akelea Close.

PB / ES – Starting at the Marina end of PB. Down Woodley Headland, onto Waterside evens, up Chadds Lane, into Ambridge Grove, if possible, down the far end onto Waterside adds and then out via Chadds Lane, into Eaglestone. Eaglestone will be the ring road (Golden / Harrier Drives) with a detour down Montague Drive / out via Forest Rise.

CH / LH – Starting at The Academy, along Fullwoods, round the leisure centre, schools and down Phoenix Drive, round the long roundabout and back out coming to CH via Palace Square. From there, Rochfords, St Dunstans, Jonathans, Garraways, Daniels Welch, with Robins Hill as the final destination.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There are sufficient staff in place to act as Elves, etc. for safe delivery of the Santa Sleigh. Any other activities will be the responsibility of the local groups.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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Agenda item: SC 43/21

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To propose a six-month agreement for a Community Larder / café at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, including use of the office.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report.**
- 2. That the committee agrees to a six-month trial for community engagement events on a Saturday at TBMP, to include a café / community larder / etc.**
- 3. That this is reviewed at the end of the six months to assess value and a further proposal is made if this pilot is successful.**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The TBRA has requested use of TBMP for a community café and community larder. This, due to storage needs, will include use of the front office. The paper proposes allowing this for a period of six months to assess benefit and value.

These sessions will be provided by the RA, with some early support from WCC officers to help them get started. The office will house a fridge and provide space to store the food for the larder between delivery (probably a Friday) and Saturday where it gets distributed.

This proposal allows people on that side of the parish to have easier access to a café, larder, etc. and also provides a weekend session for people who may not be able to access the weekday ones already in place.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Some early support may be needed, within existing staffing levels.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

This agreement would prevent any paid rental of the office space and reduces the rentable hours on a Saturday morning. However, there is currently limited demand and allowing six months to assess viability does not appear to be likely to have a significant impact on the bottom line.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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