

**Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 17 May 2005 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

W Bates, M Bell, R Bellis, J Blackburn, J Blakey, K Calvert, R Cowen, P Dawe,  
N Dixon, J Gray, K Haigh, R Millerchip, A Richardson, M Robinson, A Shutt, M Syer,  
S Thompson, C Whitfield, D Whittaker,

In Attendance: C Brown, L Kirby

**1. Apologies for absence:**

J Beck, M Ridley, C Thompson, J Thompson

**2. There was no report from PC Cockburn.**

**3. Minutes of the last meeting – 17 May 2005**

Under "Report: 12 Villages/SRB6 Rep", for clarity, bullet point five should read  
"12 Villages Network"

Under 'AOB' sentence two should read "Mike recommended that we would need to  
be registered with the Charity Commission anyway."

It was moved that the amended minutes be agreed as a true record by Jan Blakey  
and seconded by Dawn Whittaker.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Suggested that the Management Committee discuss public liability insurance.  
Forms have been sent out for enhanced police checks and this facility is still  
available to members. They can give their names to Lee Kirby.  
Lee Kirby's role, as the City Council's Community Co-ordinator was explained.  
Haslam Homes is a member of the Considerate Contractors Scheme.  
The Interchange has the contact details for R Cowen's Rural Interests Group.

**5. Correspondence:**

Detached Youth Workers have been redeployed by the County Council to Bowburn.  
Jon Niblo will co-ordinate this from 8 June 2005 (E-mail 05/05/05)  
John Tindale asked to meet the Chair to make the Partnership aware of the  
restructuring of the Council's Community Development team (E-mail 05/05/05)  
Support for the Kelloe Swimming Pool from Partnership (Letter 16/05/05)

**6. Reports:**

(a) Master Planner: Fiona Brettwood had nothing to report to this meeting.

(b) Carol Brown: The Home Front bid is almost finalised and events are planned for  
October, November and December 2005.

October – Trip to Eden Camp for children and adults, plus volunteers.

November – Education in the classroom provided by the resource pack from Eden  
Camp plus 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Street Party.

December – Big Dance Band

The asbestos check in the Community Centre is booked for 20 June. Fire appliances  
will also be checked. Julie Anson will pursue the check on the heating system.

(c) Treasurer: Expenditure since the end of the financial year were for the Disco,  
laptop case, computer insurance, room hire, book purchase and treasurer's  
administration costs.

It was explained that the book is the publication 'Voluntary but not Amateur'.

(d) Regeneration Working Group – 13 May 2005:

The SHIP bid of £500 th. does not have to be repaid if it is spent on the conservation area and employment related issues similar to the Esh Group apprentice scheme. Costings for such a scheme will be considered by the Regeneration Group. The rest will go to the conservation area but details of that were not discussed.

In Phase 1 there is one household still to move with the demolition going on around them. Consideration of the date order for re-housing is an issue for Phase 2. The security fence is not complete.

The Master Planner produced a grid of Action Points for everyone to comment on by the end of May.

The Church bid has been removed and not included in this grid, but the part not solely for religious purposes could be eligible for funding. There had been reservations expressed in the Working Group about funding a temporary building.

The planners are happy with the Phase 1 scheme and it is too late to change the layout.

The Community Chest for small bids has been raised to £100 th.

Fiona is paid to identify issues not solve them. She or someone else will be the Project Officer during the next two years for the Regeneration Group and possibly the Partnership.

At this meeting the extra items at the end of the master grid were queried.

The Partnership can priorities the bids and members can send their comments to the secretary for consideration by Fiona.

A member felt that it was unfair that the Church bid had been removed, because it could not be commented on if it was not in the Master Plan. Lee Kirby suggested that Fiona be asked to put it back on the plan.

Mike commented that the grid is a Grand Plan for Bowburn not a spending list for the monies.

Meeting with John Tindale: along with Lee Kirby, Paul Dawe and Janet Blackburn.

John confirmed that there would be £100 th. in the Community Chest. Brian Spears has asked John to report on the way that the money would be allocated.

John suggested that an application would be accompanied by estimates and taken to an appraisal panel, which could consist of:

- (i) City Council Officers plus Partnership members,
- (ii) City Council Officer, Independent Advisor, plus Partnership members. The independent advisor may make a charge.

At this meeting Lee Kirby explained that the City Council had no vote on the Executive Committee and would be present only to report.

Mike explained that the independent group would be similar to the Tyne and Wear Foundation. Both Mike and Paul explained that such a group is a funding body in its own right, which could provide other grants.

Lee explained that there could be a further charge for sourcing other funding and the Community Development Officer could source other funds.

Jan noted that the Hearts of the Village Fund had been run by the Council and Carol commented that it had run very successfully.

(e) 12 Villages/SRB Rep: Jan Blakey gave the report for C Whitfield, and Stan Robinson.

The Web Site Design Course is part way through and each of the 12 Villages has a page. The Sensory Trail has been delayed until later in the year. Adult Learners week is in Bowburn Community Centre on 26 May. Four awards for learning have been received by courses organised through the 12 Villages Community Network; the Paralegal Group, Build your own computer, Building Confidence through Music.

## **7. Group Reports:**

(a) Banner: 24 May is the AGM followed by a General meeting.

(b) BVC: The May Interchange, No. 33, goes to the printers tomorrow.

(c) Centenary Group: Janet Blackburn will co-ordinate ideas.

(d) Community Centre: Management meeting 23 May at 7pm  
Chair–C Whitfield, Secretary–Bill Temporal, Treasurer–D Baker, Auditor–J Wright.

(e) History: Have had a slide show from Billy Swinburn. Had a stall at the History belongs to you event and there had been space to promote the Banner Group. Next meeting is on Thursday 19 May at 7pm.

(f) PARC: There is still no lease and things are just the same.

(g) Youth Centre: Open Mondays only. Hope to have three sessions from September. Have one new member of staff who is possibly long term. POW support is missed.

## **8. AOB:**

Suggested that the Trustees meet possibly one hour before the main meeting and could have an extra meeting in June.

Lee will arrange for the Partnership to have a talk about ASBO's and Community Safety at the July meeting.

## **Date of the next meeting:**

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

**The next meeting is 21 June at 6.30pm**

Future meetings for 2005: 19 July, 16 Aug, 20 Sept, 15 Nov, 20 Dec.

The monthly meetings are open to all. Please bring a companion.

Catch up with what is going on in Bowburn, and have your say.

Minutes can be found in:

Community Centre, Lea's Village Shop, Library, PO, Surgery