

GENERAL MEETING - Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership - Charity Number 1112151
Tuesday 19 March 2013 from 6.30pm

Present: M Bell, J Blackburn, J Blakey, R Cowen, S Featherstone, J Geyer, K Griffiths, K Haigh, G Kitson, D Paget, F Salisbury, M Syer, S Walworth

In Attendance: PC Cockburn

1. Apologies for absence: A Chambers, G Hutchinson, S Raine, A Richardson, M Ridley, M Williams

2i. Police: PC Cockburn described the reported incidents over the past 4 weeks.

Cassop: – None **Parkhill:** – None

Bowburn: – 1 Burglary at Paxton, but nothing was taken; 1 Racial harassment at Somals – a local man has been arrested and put on conditional bail; 4 Theft (a pipe cutting and threading machine, registration plates in Clarence St, power wash in Stevenson St, shoplifting of alcohol at the Co-op); 3 Criminal damage to vehicles in various streets; Drive Off from the filling station without paying for petrol.

A Shoplifting Team of officers has had good results and will inspect CCTV footage at the Co-op for evidence.

Members were concerned about the racial incidents in the Co-op area. A member asked if it may be linked to an incident involving graffiti, which was removed immediately, and asked if Bowburn was being targeted by gangs from outside the area.

Bruce did not have information for this meeting, but would check the police monitoring system. He also said he would check the position regarding the graffiti.

2ii. PACT meetings: The PACT meeting is targeting anti-social behaviour in Norton Avenue, McCormick Close and Burn Street allotments. The next meeting is 24 April in Bowburn Community Centre at 6pm.

PC Cockburn was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 6.45pm

2iii. Neighbourhood Wardens: The February report gave the following details:

Targeting anti-social behaviour problem areas in Tunstall Avenue, Runcie Road, Bow Street. Litter clearing is on-going in Tweddle Terrace and Clarence Street. Dog fouling and littering is being monitored in Durham Road, Marlene Avenue, Runcie Road, Bede Terrace, Tweddle Terrace, Barrington Way.

In the month of February wardens targeted - dog fouling hot spot areas fly-tipping; untidy yards and gardens. In the county; wardens are working with civic pride officers to educate dog owners on how to become responsible dog owners. Contact Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 261 018.

Cllrs Blakey and Williams have asked Terry Collins, neighbourhood services, to increase efforts to clear up dog fouling around the area.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 15 January were approved as a true record and agreed by members.

Matters Arising:

Item 6A (iv) Members of the Youth Club are supervised at all times.

Item 6A (viii) A letter was sent to the Planning Inspectorate confirming the Partnership's objection to the wind turbine proposed for Heugh Hall Farm.

Item 6B Gavin Scott will come to the Partnership meeting on 21 May to discuss future plans for Bowburn.

Item 8(ii) J Eden of the Youth Club is liaising with S Raine of the Parish Council about the litter picks (Item 6A iv).

4. Finances:

> **Income:** Tea & raffle (March) £11.70 less £1.00 costs.

> **Expenditure:** Income of £150 from local members has been paid to the Polka Dance Company via the Partnership.

£20 Lottery Licence to DCC; still to be paid is the room hire cost for Marlene Avenue.

The accounts for the year are almost finalised, showing a balance of £9273.64 which includes £6739.53 of restricted funds. Once complete, the accounts will be taken to the CVS for inspection.

> **Raffle prize:** The prize was won by F Salisbury and kindly donated by K Griffiths.

> **Quiz:** The new quiz at £1 for prizes of £20, £10, and £5 is "Love is all around". Please support your Partnership.

5. Item for Any Other Business: (i) Sunday bus service. (ii) Conifer hedge in Runcie Road.

6A. Masterplan Updates – Project Leaders:

i) Highways: At the Highways meeting on 4 March the following information was given:

>The speed humps on Tail-upon-End Lane will be constructed in March/April.

>Pot holes in the Old Quarrington road and cables for the cemetery road are being funded by Cllrs Morgan and Plews, and will be completed in the near future.

>Emerging pot holes on the motorway roundabout should be repaired very shortly (*the work started this week*).

>White lines will be put at the junction of George Street and Prince Charles Avenue, paid for by DCC.

>The increase in water flowing opposite Broadmeadows estate is being investigated by Highways.

Temporary road closure over the Motorway at Heugh Hall Farm on the C12a: This is for bridge deck jointing and resurfacing works between 9.30am to 3.30pm from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 April 2013 (Easter week).

A diversion will be signed via the A688 (the new by-pass and motorway interchange).

ii) Parkhill: A Richardson's health is improving, but she has not, as yet, attended any meetings.

The association is producing a newsletter for all residents in Parkhill and a website - hopefully to increase members. There will be monthly litter picks – volunteers are already interested, also they are requesting a litter bin at the Kicking Cuddy. The group has made enquiries to the Parish Council to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

R Cowen offered to liaise with F Salisbury about information for a Neighbourhood Plan.

(RC and FS)

iii) Community Centre: Tenders have been received and the work has been won by ATC at a cost of £30,070.

Julie Anson has asked that "Based on the costs and the lowest tender I would suggest that the Partnership look to agree a contribution of £3,000.00 towards the scheme, this could act as a 10% contingency and could go towards planting as there is no planting included in the scheme tenders."

Martin Ridley has asked that 2 items be considered - planting to the new area (as above) and an electrical duct with an outside supply for a community Christmas tree in the new garden area in future years. Any monies not spent would be returned to the Partnership.

Agreed that up to £3000.00 is allocated to the Community Centre refurbishment fund from the £42 047.00 in the Regeneration pot.

(Janet to inform J Anson and M Ridley)

The next board meeting on *27 March* will be the AGM when all group representatives should attend.

Computing for beginners – a useful course that includes an introduction to the internet. It will be held on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested please contact Ian Boseley on ianboseley@hotmail.com

iv) Youth Centre:

The community gym will be installed in the Youth Club and run by volunteers – the new equipment is due to be installed by June. The gym has been decorated by the young people attending the Youth Club.

Joanne Eden youth leader sent a report to say that at least 10 young people have shown an interest in taking part in the litter picks, led by the Parish Council at the beginning of each month.

Joanne noted that it is a great opportunity for the young people to make a positive contribution to their community, and work with older members of the community.

Sharon (level 3 worker in training) will lead on this piece of work as she is coming to the end of her training, and within that she is expected to work within the community and this is also a great opportunity for her.

v) Environment:

> **Cemetery Road/Old Quarrington Road Lighting:** It has been agreed by DCC to lay underground cables to the lighting columns in the cemetery road as it is a safe route for children to walk from Parkhill to school. This uses funds from the local members for Coxhoe, the Parish Council, the AAP and the Partnership. A modern overhead cable is to be fitted in the Old Quarrington road, and carriage repairs to the potholes in this road are now scheduled for repair using a new method of filling them. This is to be paid for from the budgets of Cllrs Morgan and Plews along with residual funds in their LAMA fund. The installation of the lighting cables (above) will be carried out at the same time.

> **Artwork:** There is to be a discussion with P Armstrong of Esh about the Coal Column artwork for the entrance to Bowburn.

vi) Park Project: No update.

vii) Regeneration Fund:

>Julie Anson sent comments regarding the Partnership's suggestions for the remaining funds:-

- Pay any shortfall on the works to the front of the Community Centre – I would agree with this and it is in line with the Masterplan.

(M Ridley)

Agreed tonight – see Item 6(iii)

- Romaine Square Environmental Improvements – is in line with Masterplan, this scheme was previously identified and supported, however, due to available funds could not be progressed. I feel also that this could be taken forward and I will be able to supply a budget estimate and this will follow. **(J Anson)**
- A community chest - suggestions of up to £1000 per application – I am initially concerned regards this one as the Community Chest was capped at £100k and was allocated to groups with the rule that they could only claim £5000. In theory I would feel that the same groups would be looking to re-apply. I need to look at the Masterplan in more detail and come back regards the capped amounts.

At this meeting it was agreed to submit an EoI for £15 000.00 towards a community chest. **(J Blackburn)**

- Play equipment for Park Hill – In theory if the need can be demonstrated and the Partnership agrees this should be fine as I believe there is a gap in the play provision for a specific age in this scheme?

EoI received from A Richardson for play equipment at Park Hill. **(A Richardson)**

- A youth worker for the 11/12 year olds at the Youth Club. The funds are capital, however, I would need to look into this.

The suggestion of a re-wire for the youth centre would be more in line with the Masterplan. **(M Syer)**

- *The scheme to renew the lighting cable on the main Old Quarrington road is removed. See Item 6(v).*

Please note in order to take the larger projects through formally I would suggest the normal procedures of three like for like quotes and completion of the application form be adhered to before any decision is made. I would suggest this perhaps should be discussed at the May meeting.

At this meeting it was asked if 3 quotes were required for the total cost of project or only for funds requested.

The secretary explained that three quotes would be required if the total cost came to £5000 or over.

viii) Planning: Cllr Jan Blakey declared an interested, being on the planning board.

The Partnership considered the application for planning permission in respect of the front of the Community Centre and agreed to support it **(RC and Janet)**

ix) Housing: There is a problem with the footpaths being on an angle in Horton Crescent. **(Cllr Blakey)**

x) Integrate new residents: The 'Bowburn Village Information Leaflet' on going.

6B. Future Masterplan/County Durham Plan/Big Society:

The 'Future Plans' for Bowburn will be discussed at the May meeting with G Scott.

7. Correspondence:

> "Take on the Tyne 2013" with Disability North

For teams of 10 to compete in a paddle sport race down the River Tyne, on 2 June. Registration is £10 per person (£100 per team) and you are asked to raise a minimum of £500 sponsorship. No experience needed.

"Golf Day 2013" - At Hexham Golf Club on 7 June; teams of four to take part; tee off between 9.30am and 12.30pm with timeslots allocated on a first come first served basis. Entry fee £250 for a team of four. The cost covers the barbecue, halfway house refreshments and some excellent prizes.

> 'Supporting People affected by Suicide and Self-harm' on 19 April in St Paul's Centre Spennymoor. Open to all. 9.30 to 3pm. Book for free lunch but contribution accepted. Contact Naomi Stevens 0191 303 8623

>County Durham Community Foundation has grants available up to £5000.00 for Local Community and Voluntary Groups. Drop in session from 10:00am – 12:00am at: Belmont Community Centre.

>QuayIT Support on 0191 300 6229: Offer discounts for Charities or groups associated with the CVS.

8. Reports and matters arising:

i) AAP – (i) AAP Board Meeting 6 March at Coxhoe Active Life:

>Board members received a Briefing Note on Declaring an Interest.

>4 nominations were received for the Chairman's Medal. Cllr Jan Blakey presented them with a certificate. Cllr Linda Marshall selected Tom Stubbs to receive the Chairman's Medal for this AAP.

>A survey of the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013/14 for the Fire Service can be completed on their website.

>Roger Goodes, Head of Policy and Communications gave a presentation on Welfare Reform.

>Participatory Budget event scheduled to take place in July:- Following discussions within DCC it has been agreed that resources should not be committed at this point, as there could be new public reps, as well as new councillors. The Board felt strongly about the decision and J Bellis agreed to draft an email to G Elliott expressing their views.

>Gillian Fortune (VCS CAVOS) has submitted her resignation as a Board member.

>Business representative: J Bellis met with colleagues from Sainsbury's and the manager of the new Sedgfield store would be happy in principal, to fill the role of Business rep, subject to receiving more details.

Not all Board members were in favour as they felt there has been no direct approach to other local shops. (There are positions for around 150 part time jobs at the Sainsbury's supermarket that is scheduled to open on 8 May. Look online at www.sainsburys.co.uk or call the HR Shared Service Helpline on 0161 8287200.)

> Facebook:- www.facebook.com/EDRCAAP; To register for public rep:- jane.bellis@durham.gov.uk with a closing date for applications of 2 April.

>Next meeting is the AGM/Board Meeting on 22 May from 5.00 pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

ii) Parish Council: Report of Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council Meeting, 20 February 2013
Parish Councillors agreed not to co-opt a member to fill the casual vacancy left by the recent sad death of Cllr Maggie Robinson. Since Cllr Robinson's term of office was due to end in less than six months, there was no statutory requirement to fill the vacancy until elections took place in May.

Elaine Crow, Parish Paths Partnership Officer of the County Council, had written to the Clerk about training courses for persons wishing to lead guided walks in the County, and she invited any interested Councillors to apply. (Guided walks had been one suggestion which arose from discussions about the Parish Plan.)

The continuing problem of dog-fouling along the paths in the depot allotment site was discussed. The Clerk had previously been asked to obtain quotations for a set of signs to be erected along the paths, but the price was felt to be too high, and the Chairman offered to look into acquiring some self-adhesive signs which he thought might be available at a much lower cost, and be equally effective.

Next meetings: 20 March and 17 April 2013 in Bowburn Community Centre.

Litter Pick: Saturday 6 April and 4 May 2013 - meet at 9.30am in Bowburn Community Centre Car Park.

iii) Quarry Liaison: No update this month. RC to check position

(Action R Cowen)

9. Group Noticeboard:

>Banner: Eve of Gala concert 12 July will have an overseas band playing. This band will visit the Infant School during the day to give children a chance to play instruments provided by the council's music service. The Kippax Band will play at Tursdale on 13 July, then march the banners through Bowburn to Prince Charles Ave.

>BVC: Issue 66 is being distributed. Please bring comments on this issue to the meeting next month. The website now includes Interchange editions 1994-1996, there is to be a quiz on 26 April in Crowtrees Club.

>Credit Union Bank: The collection point is open for banking and information on Fridays from 11am to 12 noon in Bowburn Community Centre, when new members can also join.

>Durham Times: Articles are needed on club, community, pub events to bowurnnews@aol.com.

>Bowburn FC: There is a twitter account @bowburnfc and a new website www.pitchero.com/clubs/bowburnfc

> www.Bowburn.net Please sign into forum and give your views on what you want.

> Bowburn Facebook page is picking up rapidly.

> A twitter account @bowburnnews is updated regular with news, events, business etc. as it happens

>Fun Day: On hold until arrangements are made for a Fun Day in 2013.

>History: Next meetings are 21 March and 18 April. For information please contact www.bowburnhistory.co.uk
J Millburn has donated books to the Heritage Room.

>Radio Bowburn is now Radio Frosty.

10. Any Other Business: A member asked for more support for the Service 59, a Sunday service that picks up in the housing estate – otherwise the service would be lost.
Overgrown conifers in Runcie Rd – it was said that the house-owner responsible should do this. **(Cllr Blakey)**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 April 2013 at 6.30pm. in Bowburn Community Centre.

Future meetings: 21 May (AGM), 18 Jun; 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19, Nov, 17 Dec