

GENERAL MEETING - Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership - Charity Number 1112151
Tuesday 18 June 2013 from 6.20pm, following the AGM

Present: M Bell, J Blackburn, J Blakey, D Chambers, J Chambers, R Cowen, K Griffiths, K Haigh, G Kitson, D Paget, C Parker, S Raine, A Richardson, S Walworth
In Attendance: Cllr M Plews, M Ridley

1. Apologies for absence: W Bates, PC Cockburn, J Geyer, A Robinson, F Salisbury, M Syer, S Thompson, M Williams

2i. Police: There was no report this month.

A member asked if paint daubed on the Tandoori restaurant could be reported.
And if further enquiries could be made about the joy-riding incident from last month.

2ii. PACT meetings: The meetings are in Bowburn Community Centre at 6pm on 17 July and 14 August.

2iii. Neighbourhood Wardens: Contact Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 261 018.

It was reported that the dog bin have been removed from the Bowburn Hall area.

(J Blackburn)

3. Minutes: >The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 21 May were approved conditionally.

>The minutes of the Trustees' meeting will be covered in the meeting.

>When Mr G Scott's name was added to those 'In attendance', the minutes of 21 May were approved as a true record and agreed by members.

Matters arising:

\\Item 2: See item two above as to no police presence at this meeting.

Item 7B(v): An officer has been invited to attend a Partnership meeting in the future. See Item 6B(V) of this meeting.

Item 11(ii): Further inquiries would be made about repairing the top of the road at Old Quarrington.

4. Finances:

> Income Tea & raffle - £14.00, net of £1 costs; £85.00 quiz monies; £20.00 PAT testing from the Youth Club.
This evening £10.00 has been collected from tea and raffle money – thank you.

> Raffle prize: The prize was donated and won by G Kitson.

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

Noted that it was agreed to donate £209.92 from the Projects fund plus 8 pence to give a total of £210.00 towards an item of entertainment for the Fun Day in September 2013.

5. Item for Any Other Business: (i) Lamp posts (ii) Traffic calming

6. Current Masterplan:

A. Regeneration Fund:

All projects are subject to the following conditions:

- Appointing one of the proposed contractors in the application.
- Should the overall project costs decrease for any reason then the grant amount awarded will also decrease to reflect the actual costs of the overall works.
- Prior to any works commencing contact Julie Anson to arrange a pre-start inspection. Please note no works must commence prior to this visit taking place.
- In order to claim the grant contact Julie Anson as soon as the works have been completed to arrange for a final inspection to be carried out.
- Payment of the grant is made upon the receipt of invoices and following satisfactory inspection of the completed works by Durham County Council.
- If there are any changes during the course of the refurbishment works please contact Julie Anson to see if the County Council can be of assistance.
- The applicant is to agree to the conditions in writing.

Project updates:

001 Parkhill play equipment: A Richardson had a site meeting with J Anson, DCC, and was advised to get quotations for play equipment. However new legislation may mean a change of application to install lights on the play area.

002 Youth Club electrics, gym equipment, floor, door, path and drainage – Durham County Council has approved the application and awarded a grant of £11,462.60 on the basis of the details set out in the application.

The Partnership has confirmed the award.

The Youth Club has agreed to the conditions of the award, see below.

003 Railings along the C12a: The project was not taken forward.

004 Community Chest: The project is on hold depending on the funds remaining.

005 Drain an area of footpath on the far side of the pit heaps.

There is to be a site visit with DCC and Julie Anson on 26 June to assess Bridleways 36 and 37.

006 Improve access to the bus stop at Romaine Square.

Julie Anson is to make this application to the Regeneration Fund. She has discussed the project with Jeff Stephenson (DCC), and will have further discussions with Tony Leckenby (DCC) prior to a site visit.

B. Reports

i) Highways: Dallymore Drive and the motorway roundabout have been re-surfaced.

ii) Parkhill: See Item 6A above.

The AGM has been deferred to September in Bowburn Community Centre at 6.30pm.

There are no meetings in July and August.

iii) Community Centre: The frontage, entrance doors and disabled parking area to the centre are complete.

A suggestion was put to this meeting to have the war memorial and pit tub moved from the entrance to Prince Charles Avenue to the grounds of the Community Centre.

After some discussion, M Ridley is to take this suggestion to the Bowburn Village Celebration group. **(M Ridley)**

iv) Youth Centre: The following is a report from Joanne Eden:

The gym has the electrics in place; the outside door is fitted; and the equipment is due to arrive on 12 June.

All youth club sessions continue to be well attended: Monday afternoon job club, evening girls group;

Tuesday Junior youth club followed by the Seniors; Thursday afternoon job club, evening lads group;

There are youth clubs in Coxhoe, Kelloe and Quarrington Hill and Bowburn staff work across all provision.

45 young people from across the district with some Junior Youth Club members went to Wet 'n Wild in half-term.

Members went on the Parish litter pick and became aware of the amount of litter – they are thinking of ways to raise awareness of the problem. Members will be involved in the Fun Day and designing posters - cash prizes have been donated. The summer programme includes trips and events - in addition to youth club sessions in the youth club.

Councillor Jan Blakey declared an interest in the following two items.

v) Environment: Re flooding at the Community Centre. John Reed, Head of Technical Services DCC contacted the Partnersh,ip to say that some investigations have been done and he is arranging to clear the culverted watercourse, and investigate the NWL surface water system that discharges into the culvert.

A member of the Drainage and Coastal Protection team has been invited to a Partnership meeting to update the flooding problems also to explain the responsibilities and role of the County Council. **(J Blackburn)**

vi) Park Project: Nigel Douthwaite, Sports Club Development Officer DCC, updated on the Bowling Green by saying that the review of greens has started but there are no recommendations yet.

vii) Planning: Land To South Of Oakfield Crescent, case officer Henry Jones.

Cllrs Blakey and Williams will speak at committee on 9 July, and R Cowen, the chair, will speak if it is appropriate.

viii) Housing: Concern was expressed over further housing on Durham Green and land south of Heath Close.

C. Future Masterplan/County Durham Plan/Big Society: See Item 3 above.

7. Correspondence:

>Job vacancy, Sustainability & Funding Officer - Durham Rural Community Council (DRCC) is looking for an experienced development officer to the Voluntary and Community Sector across the County. This is a full time position of 35 hours per week, on a fixed term basis until July 2014, and based at Park House in Lanchester. Closing Date - June 21 for information telephone 01207 529621 or e-mail Sue Graham.

>The Durham City CVS is under threat of closure and CVS members want to develop a project to ensure continued support to its members. Member organisations have been asked if they would support a new organisation by becoming a 'member' and paying a sum to access services and advice.

At this meeting it was agreed in principle that the Partnership would become a member of the re-formed CVS and pay a fee for services - when overheads were known and a balance sheet was seen and approved. **(J Blackburn)**

8. Reports and matters arising: 9i AAP –

Boards have been refreshed as a result of the local elections, public representative recruitment and changes to some partner agencies and they will have an opportunity to influence how their Area Budget is allocated.

There have been 11 Participatory Budgets carried out across the County and Cabinet Members wish to develop some guidance that will ensure that where these exercises are run, they have the greatest impact for local communities. When developing these procedures, County will seek the views of AAP Boards.

The next AAP Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 June at Cassop Community Centre 5 – 7pm. Please make every effort to attend to find out how the Participatory Budgeting Scheme is to be developed. Please register with Marie Ainscough on 03000 261128 or via email at marie.ainscough@durham.gov.uk

ii) Parish Council: The next meeting is on 19 June at Cassop, followed by 17 July at Bowburn.

Bowburn Community Association would like to thank the Parish Council for the 2 noticeboards.

Litter picks Saturday 6 July and 3 August – meet in Bowburn Community Centre Car Park at 9.30am.

iii) Quarry Liaison: Once the new board is formed meetings will restart..

9. Group Noticeboard:

>Banner:. BandaKadabra plays at the Infant School, and at the Eve of Gala concert on 12 July – adults £3, children £2. Road closure notices are in place for the Gala day parade See Bowburn Interchange for details of the route.

>Bowburn Radio: Radio Frosty's numbers had declined but are now at record figures; a request from local football clubs will see the Northern League show on every Friday; if you want to promote events email bowburnnews@aol.com where you can listen to the latest shows coming up on our own village website

>BVC: Issue 67 has been distributed – thank you to all the deliverers. Comments on this issue were given to the meeting as follows – residents appreciated articles to make people think eg 'Beck outrage'; and there were noticeably good photographs in this edition. The AGM will be held on 6 August in DJ Evans Youth Club at 11 am. Date change – the BVC Quiz night is on Friday 28 June at 7.30pm 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: Please promote events, clubs, community centres free of charge; different clubs/groups have seen an increase in their attendances by doing this on bowburnnews@aol.com

>Football

Bowburn F.C: In his report G Hutchinson noted that M Ridley was and still is a valued member of the football club. For the coming season we are hoping to be play at Bowburn; talks are ongoing with sponsors for the coming season; we are stable financially and hope to improve. We will be in the 3rd division and forms for players are available; anyone interested can come to training 10am at the field in Bowburn or contact the club on bowburnfc@talktalk.net and you can follow us on face book and on twitter @bowburnfc.

The U8 team won a national award.

The goal areas are being re-seeded.

The Robbie Jones match will be played on 27 July.

>Village Website The website has not been updated lately due to a number of reasons .Thanks to Rysoftcreativestudios and Dom Bowburn, the Village Website will be a brand new design. If you would like to add your website let us know; we would like your views on it at www.bowburn.net. At the time of writing the website was not live but may be now; send any info to bowburnnews@aol.com thanks for all your patience.

>Fun Day: See Item 4 Finances for donation. There is a meeting on Thursday 18 July in the Youth Club.

>History: The society invites everyone to an interesting talk on the Civil Wars in Durham on Thursday 18 July starting at 7pm. Please contact www.bowburnhistory.co.uk

10. Any Other Business:

i) Lamp posts: It was asked why two lamp posts were erected on the land opposite the 'daisy field', instead of following the C12a footpath.

ii) Traffic calming: A member said that traffic was still driving too fast along Tail-upon-End road and asked if there was going to be more traffic calming measures.

Cllr Blakey explained that there were plans for the full stretch of road but there were many objections which meant that could not take place, but she will make further enquiries. (Cllr Blakey)

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

16 July 2013 at 6.30pm in Bowburn Community Centre