

GENERAL MEETING - Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership - Charity Number 1112151

Tuesday 15 April 2014 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Present: W Bates, M Bell, J Blackburn, Cllr Blakey, D Chambers, R Cowen, G Kitson, B Little, D Paget, C Parker, M Ridley, F Salisbury, M Syer, R Walworth, S Walworth

In Attendance: Cllr Plews,

1. Apologies for absence: PC Cockburn, K Griffiths, K Haigh, S Raine, Cllr Williams

2i. Police:	Parkhill	Nil	Cassop	Nil
Bowburn	20/03/2014	Bowburn Care Home	Theft of handbag from office	
03/04/2014	Steavenson Street		Damage to motor vehicle	
06/04/2014	Lawson Road		Theft from vehicle – 1 person arrested	

2ii. PACT meeting:

The meetings for 2014 are – 14 May, 9 July, 17 Sep, and 12 Nov: 6pm in Bowburn Community Centre.

2iii. Neighbourhood Wardens: Monthly report for the Durham City Area.

Dog fouling: Investigated 30 reports; Removed 14 stray dogs.

Littering: Investigated 3 reports; Issued 27 fixed penalty notices.

Fly-tipping: 121 incidents reported; 59 investigations to link the fly-tipping to those who dumped it; Issued 2 household duty-of-care letters and 2 business duty-of-care letters.

Untidy yards and gardens: Issued 8 advisory letters and 4 litter clearing notices.

Antisocial behaviour: 14 incidents of ASB reported directly by members of the public, and 42 incidents were passed via the Police Airwaves system.

The Civic Pride Team: Launched the Beautiful Durham competition which is open to residents, parish councils, environmental groups and businesses within the Durham City area. This year Northumbria in Bloom has nominated Durham City to represent them in the Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom UK finals. Each entry into the Beautiful Durham Competition is a valued contribution to the overall efforts of the city.

Anti Social Behaviour Team Children playing ball games: Residents should try to speak to the parents before making an official complaint. Discussion, understanding and compromise can often be the best ways to resolve such issues. If ball games continue to be played recklessly, and there is a risk of property damage or excessive disturbance (for example due to foul language being used), this may be classed as anti-social behaviour and can be reported.

A family causing problems: Home visits are carried out; Tenancy Warnings issued; Risk Assessments carried out; Multi-agency meetings held; Acceptable Behaviour Contracts agreed. This approach can lead to no more reported incidents. Neighbourhood Wardens also monitor the area to give reassurances to local residents.

3. Minutes:

3i The minutes of 18 March were approved as a true record and agreed by members.

Matters arising: >Children's Home in Durham Road West – No further updates.

>6Bii Highways: Speed humps on Tail-upon-End Lane: Awaiting a start date. See Item 6Bi

>The oil spill on Durham Road has been cleared.

>6Bvi Environment: Artwork on the former Cape site. See 6Bvi

>10 AOB: Rubbish in the trees off Lawson Road adjacent to the hedge at the Junior School.

J Bennett, street scene manager DCC, reported to Cllr Plews that the hedge is owned by the school; therefore responsibility for cleaning is down to the school. A site visit has taken place with the school caretaker and reassurance from the caretaker is that litter will be removed with immediate effect

A resident in Lawson Road informed this meeting that to date there was no evidence that the rubbish had been cleared. It was agreed to review the situation when the school's summer term starts. **(Cllr Plews, Janet)**

3ii Notice of Annual General Meeting:

All those trustees present were willing to stand for the post of trustee in May.

Nomination forms were distributed to all members present, and must be completed and handed in by 6 May.

4. Finances:

Income: Tea & raffle income February and March £24.10, minus £2 costs for refreshments.

Payments: Room hire Marlene Avenue of £5 and 10th Anniversary cake of £25.

Income and expenditure relating to the Fun Day: Update in June.

Raffle prize: M Bell won the prize, kindly donated by J Blackburn.

Quiz: The new quiz, at £1, for prizes of £20, £10, and £5 is 'It's Entertainment'. Closing date is 17 May.

AGM: It was agreed that D Paget will verify the Partnership accounts for the AGM in May. She is a member of the partnership but not a trustee and is treasurer of the Community Centre.

5. Item for Any Other Business: Water seeping onto motor way bridge on the C12a at Heugh Hall Farm.

6. Current Masterplan:

6A. Regeneration Fund:

Romaine Square: A litter bin has been installed and will be maintained by the Street Scene team.

Community Centre: J Blackburn, J Blakey, D Paget, M Ridley, and M Syer declared an interest but it was not prejudicial.

An application to the Regeneration Fund from Bowburn Community Association was presented to the meeting. The application applied for additional funds towards the cost of stage electrics (which was in the original refurbishment but had to be postponed because of lack of funds), and a chairlift on the steps at the side of the stage to make the stage accessible to all comers in the Community Centre(which was in the original refurbishment but had to be shelved because of lack of funds).

The total cost of the project was £4387 and the Community Association requested 100% of the funds.

It was agreed by members at this meeting to grant the total amount of £4387 to the Community Association. Julie Anson and Gillian Parvin, Regeneration Team DCC, agreed to the funding on behalf of Durham County Council. The project will be overseen by Gillian Parvin and Janet Blackburn. **(G Parvin, J Blackburn)**

M Ridley, chair of the Community Association, thanked the Partnership for the grant which ticks off more items on their wish list.

6B Reports:

6Bi Highways: *The speed humps were installed on Tail-upon-End Lane on Wednesday 16 April*

> Unacceptable parking at the Infant School on Crowtrees Lane.

R Cowen is awaiting a response from D Battensby DCC.

(R Cowen)

A vehicle incident in Dallymore has damaged the verge, but this will be repaired through Premier Scaffolding.

6Bii Parkhill: The members of Parkhill Residents Association are still in discussion about future plans.

A new community group 'Parkhill Neighbours' was recently set up representing those in Parkhill most affected by a proposed housing development by Hallam Land Management. New members are required to complete an application form to join and therefore provide a mandate for the organisers to speak on their behalf. As of 27 March 2014 there were 61 active members.

6Biii Community Centre: See 6A for chair lift and stage lights.

The AGM on 26 March re-elected the officers in post.

The Centre is doing well with new groups booking sessions once they know the potential of the Centre.

25 April Brenda Collins will give a performance (over 18s only) on behalf of the Banner Group and the Centre.

Tickets are available from the Centre at £3.00 each. This is a joint event with the Banner Group (Item 9).

Members of the Banner Group and Community Centre Association now hold an alcohol licence and will serve bottles and cans for the above performance and future performances.

6Biv Youth Centre: Grants have been awarded to enable outings in the holiday. The AGM is 12 May.

6Bv Environment: P Armstrong, Esh Developments, reported that the site is clear to obtain approval for their landscaping. Once this has been completed and the works undertaken Paul can concentrate on other matters i.e. the percent for art. Paul apologises that he cannot be more concrete than that at the moment.

The secretary will continue to liaise with Mr Armstrong in June.

(Janet)

6Bvi Planning: Grange Park Estate aka The Daisy Field:

The inspector did not see the flooding matters or the highway site lines at the junction as a problem or the loss of land for a Primary School, but did refuse planning permission on an unacceptable reduced distance by 0.9m between the site houses and the houses in Oakfield Crescent. He believed this would make the new development overbearing on at least some of the existing houses.

6Bvii Housing: See 6B(ii) Parkhill, and 6B(vi) Planning

6Ci Future Masterplan: No update

6Cii County Durham Plan: The Plan is approved by Cabinet and should then go to examination in public by the Planning Inspectorate.

6Ciii Neighbourhood Plan: The designated body is the Parish Council, which has applied to have this status.

7. Correspondence:

>Coxhoe Tip is open every day, except Friday, from 10am until 4pm Mondays to Thursdays, and from 9am until 6pm on weekends and bank holidays:

>Free seminar: How trust is built, enhanced and sustained among different stakeholders, inside and between organisations for anyone working in the community or voluntary sector. 29 April, 1.45pm - 4.30pm in Durham University Business School. Please confirm your reservation by emailing Emily Alberico Emilya@cdcf.org.uk.

8. Reports and matters arising:

8i AAP - AGM/Next meeting – Wednesday 4 June 2014 from 5.00 pm at Bowburn Community Centre.

8ii Parish Council: The litter pickers collected 16 bags of litter and a TV set.

The next meetings are 16 April and 21 May in Bowburn Community Centre.

Litter picks 3 May and 7 June weather permitting – from Bowburn Community Centre at 9.30am – all are welcome

A member was concerned about the amount of litter which blows onto the bank side adjacent to the beck from the units in Bowburn Industrial South. **(Cllr Blakey)**

8iii Quarry Liaison: R Cowen attended a meeting held at Quarrington Hill Community Centre when representatives from the Quarry and the Council attended. The following points emerged:

> Halls of Eppleton are currently appointed to bring waste to the quarry. However, the Permit from the Environment Agency is still in the name of Tarmac. A meeting had been arranged for w/c 7 April to discuss transferring the permit to Halls. Once this is finalised, it is likely Halls will start a much more regular operation at the Quarry but it will be under the aegis of LafargeTarmac.

> The planning permission granted for Cold Knuckles Quarry needs certain matters to be undertaken before it can be implemented. This includes a further newt survey in relation to a proposal to re-grade the slope on the path leading up to Quarrington Hill cemetery, as the site is within 500 metres of a known newt pond. English Nature said the existing survey was out of date.

The quarry has promised to keep everyone informed of developments.

> There was discussion in relation to the gradient of the path mentioned above and drainage issues on one of the permissive paths.

> RC mentioned the article he had written for the December issue of the Interchange which included a reference to the grants that could be made by the Quarry.

> Quarrington Hill churchyard: The notice warning people to enter the churchyard at their own risk was erected by the Parochial Church Council, but does not explain this. A new sign will be erected to state the ownership.

9. Group Noticeboard:

9i Banner: The Centenary Banner was taken to Beamish and the children's banner went to the Children's Gala. The Centenary Banner is now being repaired and will have an additional 22 faces added to it. There is a Banner group meeting on 22 April. Funds have been donated to the group in aid of the Eve of Gala evening. There is a Brenda Collins concert on Friday 25 April, tickets are on sale now. Music from "Brassed Off" by Oil Lamp Productions is the Eve of Gala entertainment on 11 July, with no age restriction.

9ii BVC: The AGM is 6 May in Bowburn Youth Club.

The next issue of the Interchange is out in June. Please forward articles as soon as possible in May.

Please contact Mike Syer through mike.syer@btinternet.com if you could deliver the Interchange in your area.

Quiz Night – The next Quiz Night is on Friday 16 May in Bowburn Club lounge at 7.30pm.

9iii Credit Union Bank: The collection point opens on Fridays from 11am to 12 noon in Bowburn Community Centre, when new members can join. Be prepared and start saving - you may need a loan in the future.

9iv Football

Bowburn Athletic: The last league game saw a 3 - 1 victory over Esh Winning making it 6 wins out of our last 7 games giving them 9th place with the possibility of gaining promotion into Division 3.

The squad goes from strength to strength; we are looking for sponsors to help make this Club bigger and better and to give college lads a chance to play quality football.

Bowburn FC are looking for new players for next season; please contact P Rutherford bowburnfc@talktalk.net

Durham City AFC will give free advertising to local businesses; send a logo of your business and they will add it onto their matchday posters which will be appearing all over the County from next season. In return add the poster to your website, facebook etc therefore helping each other. Please contact DCAFC@SKY.COM.

9v Fun Day: The Fun Day is 27 September. There is a variety of attractions; Climbing wall, T cups, Swing boats, Fun house, Creepy crawlies and more. Stalls will be £5 as in previous years.

Volunteers needed: If you enjoy and want to see the Fun Day(s) continue please come along to the next meeting on 3 June at 5pm in the Youth Club to help organise this year's event.

9vi History: The talk on Medieval Walls of Durham was well received. The April meeting has been cancelled.

9vii Durham Times: Still requires news and events for the paper which must be in by the Monday before the Friday edition. Please note this does not have to be just an event like the Brenda Collins show but can be about the art club, judo ,bowls coffee mornings, church events, what's on at Community Centre. It is free and helps groups to receive more members. Please send any information to bowburnnews@aol.com.

9viii Website: 'News' is now on <www.communicate.co.uk/ne/bowburnnews>. B&PCP, Bowburn Interchange and the Banner Group are still on <www.bowburn.net>.

Communicate website has picked up and is getting regular hits; also minutes of the Partnership appear on it.

10. Any Other Business: The problem of water seeping out of the expansion joint on the MW bridge on the C12a is still causing a problem. (Cllr Blakey)

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting: **6.00pm 20 May AGM** followed by the May General Meeting

Actionable items

3. Matters arising: Review the quality of the hedge when the Junior School term starts. (Cllr Plews, Janet)

6A. The Community Centre project will be overseen by G Parvin and J Blackburn. (G Parvin, J Blackburn)

6Bi Highways: > R Cowen is awaiting a response from D Battensby DCC. (R Cowen)

6Bvi Environment: The secretary will liaise with Mr Paul Armstrong every two months (June) Janet

10 AOB: A member was concerned about the amount of litter which blows onto the bank side adjacent to the beck from the units in Bowburn Industrial South. (Cllr Blakey)