

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>BICESTER VISION FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING</b>
<b>Present</b>	Attached separately
<b>Apologies</b>	Attached separately
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Venue</b>	Trinity Restaurant, Chapel Street, Bicester
<b>Circulation</b>	All partners
<b>Date of next meeting.</b>	TBA

<p>The meeting was hosted by Trinity – Bicester’s newest restaurant. The Chairman thanked our hosts for their hospitality.</p>	
<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. RF brought the partnership up to date with developments at the Courtyard. Now down to skeleton staff and with no clear vision as to its objectives for the coming year. PJ agreed that OCC needed to prioritise youth service provision in Bicester and secure a permanent Area Youth Worker for the town asap. SM felt that this was an opportunity to look at the management and structure of the Courtyard. Further meeting of officers in the New Year – report back to BV in New Year.</p>	PJ/SM/LS/RF
<p><b>Questions arising from Manager’s Report</b> RF said that the Christmas in Bicester leaflet had been well received. CM updated partners on the new head teacher for Bicester Community College. Jason Clarke will take over at the school in the Summer Term of 2010. He is an ambitious for the school and keen to forge community links. MM suggested that we invite him to a Vision Meeting next year.</p>	BL to invite
<p><b>Questions arising from Chairman’s Report</b> BL said that he saw the priorities for 2010 being communicating news of the redevelopment of the town, working with partners on the eco development and education – matching the needs of the local employers.</p>	
<p><b>Bicester Summit</b> BL gave an outline of the various presentations during the day and said that a further presentation re Eco Bicester would be needed early in the New Year. BL thanked RF for all her hard work, along with members of the CDC team to make this event such a success. In excess of 300 people are believed to have attended during the course of the day.</p> <p>Mary reminded partners that the objectives of the Summit were to bring central government to Bicester and demonstrate to local stakeholders that they are looking seriously at Bicester; to inform people about the imminent town centre development and to continue the momentum of people working together to improve infrastructure in the town. CDC had originally hoped to have news of the</p>	BL/MH

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government bid money but now expect to have that w/c 10 January. DP asked how the money would be allocated once it is received. MH said that the bid was pretty detailed to strict criteria and CDC would expect to be told where the money should be spent as per the bid. CDC has asked for money to deliver a demonstrator project, infrastructure improvements and capacity.

Smart Bicester

Bid application by CDC to provide Smart Meters for all homes in the town. Partners happy to support this initiative. Town Council and Chamber of Commerce have already offered support. BL invited partners to Big Breakfast event on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30am to hear more about eco development and how businesses can benefit from getting involved.

Town Centre Development

Work starts in January 2010 to move brook to the other side of Manorsfield Road. JL to meet with local residents to discuss possible impacts. Building work on site expected to start summer/autumn with Sainsburys/Cinema/other retailers opening for Christmas 2011.

MH talking to OCC Library Services and other partners about the new Civic Building and who might be housed there. CDC fully committed to the project.

KW said the Chamber had concerns about the reduction in retail space and whether there would be enough to attract shoppers to the town. PJ was concerned that the plan seemed to suggest smaller stores and limited opportunity for anchor stores. MH said that although there are fewer retail units, there is a lot of flexibility for large stores. BL added that there will be the opportunity for mezzanine floors which has not been possible in existing shops. SM pointed out the Ex-Services Club on Sheep Street could not be used as a theatre despite comments that it could be. It has no suitable backstage area or orchestra pit.

Market Square Consultation

Well attended – results expected in the New Year will be relayed to partners. BL urged members to visit Parson Street where a successful pedestrian project is almost complete.

RF - letter

LS/RF

**Traffic Advisory Committee**

SM said that the newly shaped TAC met in November. The group plans to meet bi-monthly with the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please let SM or RF know if you have any specific issues you wish to have raised at this meeting.

The plan is to have a more flexible meeting and try to tackle specific issues at each one. Although the group would not be able to deal with everything, it gives Bicester a louder voice.

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**Bicester Village Pedestrian Links**

MM updated partners on the recent meeting of Bicester Village, Cherwell District Council, Bicester Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce to discuss improvements to the pedestrian links between the village and the town centre. The priorities are to improve signage at the village and through Old Place Yard. As part of the

<p>project, MM will be working with other partners to create a restaurant guide to encourage tourists to visit the town. The historic guide is to be reprinted. MM also intends to work with local restaurants to look at ways they can encourage Chinese visitors to use them. Work on this project will be underway in January.</p> <p>BL said that signage across the whole town needed looking at. DP said that this needed to be done as part of redevelopment work as things will change.</p>	MM
<p><b>Bicester Business Awards</b></p> <p>All sponsors in place. Official launch photograph on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 10am at Bicester North. All sponsors invited. Kelvin Thomas – Chairman of Oxford United to be guest speaker. Waddesdon Manor sponsoring Champagne Reception. BL encourage all partners to enter and to encourage other companies to take part.</p>	All
<p><b>Priorities for 2010</b></p> <p>BL asked partners to consider what they saw as Bicester Vision's priorities for 2010:</p> <p>Debbie Pickford: Management of traffic and infrastructure  Anna Gilbert: School links – projects within schools  Sarah Barefield: Education and infrastructure  Lilian Bannister – Traffic problems – Redevelopment  Keith Watson – Education  Paul James – NEETs – (for info: Reducing the proportion of 16- to 18-year-olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) is a priority for the Government. Being NEET between the ages of 16–18 is a major predictor of later unemployment, low income, teenage motherhood, depression and poor physical health.), and the Courtyard  Lucy Sinnot – echoed other partner concerns and felt that Countryside's priority was to continue to talk to other Bicester stakeholders and work together.  Chris Harris: Raising aspirations of young people, traffic issues.  Phillip Waddup: Training young people, the Courtyard  Ben Jackson: enhancing the value of heritage and building a sense of community.  Paul Jobling: promoting the town – not leaving it too late  Sue Mackrell: Youth facilities – Bicester Vision role in promoting what is already available. Promotion of developments.  Carol Steward: Infrastructure, Education – raising aspirations. Instil pride and raise the profile of the town.  Mary Harpley: Bicester Vision was formed to help minimise disruption during expected development in the town. Although delayed that time has now come and BV has an important part to play in working together and communicating. Partnership work essential to deliver eco development.  Miranda Markham – Education. Stay strategic. Eco Town credentials. Sport. Communicate to the public.  Phil Rosier – Traffic issues. Don't lose sight of other developments and opportunities. Must look at Bicester holistically.  Ian McCloughlin: Growing town – poor supermarket provision.  Mike Mapstone: Traffic worsened. Communication. Youth</p>	

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Provision. Better advertising of what we do have ie: skate park.  
Nick Wand – the partnership needs to work together in the coming months during a lot of development projects to ensure they run smoothly alongside each other. He also requested more buses to rural locations and suggested a shuttle bus to the Sports Ground in Chesterton.

**AOB**

BJ said that Bardwell School was looking for a Community Governor.

MM said that Bicester Village launches its apprenticeships on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

NW reported that his permanent replacement would be Lt Col Rob Gascoigne who would be meeting RF in the new year.

It was Nick's last meeting and he thanking the partnership and said that it was reassuring to know that there are people who do care passionately about what is happening in Bicester and are doing their best for the town.

**Date of next Full Partnership Meeting**

The next meeting will be in later March combined with the AGM.

Date and venue to be confirmed.