

MEETINGS UPDATE

This section summarises the most recent Business Forum Meetings and Events and includes a brief summary of what was discussed and key decisions. Full minutes can be found at www.bndfc.co.uk.

DECEMBER MEETING

What We Discussed:

- CESB Project Phase 1, Evaluation – Chris Hill (Consultant) Introduced himself and asked questions.
- Update Business Awards & Enterprise Day.
- Update on Masterplanning Project Steering Group reps – Location of supermarket on Hartwell site.

Key Decisions:

- Evaluation report to be presented to BBF upon completion.
- John Barber to move onto a new post with South Sheffield Partnership.
- Business Awards & Enterprise Day to be held 2nd February.
- A letter to be sent to Local Planning Team to confirm the location of supermarket.

JANUARY MEETING

What We Discussed:

- Final Update and arrangements for Business Awards & Enterprise Day.
- Update on Master Planning Project Steering Group reps – response from letter.

Key Decisions:

- Changes in future events.

FEBRUARY MEETING

What We Discussed:

- Pete Handy explained his business position and his future with the BBF.
- Feedback on the Business Awards & Enterprise Day.
- Future of Forum – Scope and Objectives.

Key Decisions:

- Pete Handy to continue as Chair of BBF.
- Sub-committee to draw up an action plan on the future of BBF.
- Present the full action plan to full BBF Meeting in April.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time	Contact
01 Mar 06	BNDfC Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30–3.30pm	Lizzy Clark: (0114) 292 0391
07 Mar 06	Business Forum Management Committee Meeting	6.00pm	Tom Coldron: (0114) 292 0462
21 Mar 06	Community Safety Advisory Group	6.00pm	Chris Dignam: (0114) 292 2906
04 Apr 06	Business Forum General Meeting	6.00pm	Tom Coldron: (0114) 292 0462
05 Apr 06	BNDfC Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30–3.30pm	Lizzy Clark: (0114) 292 0391
18 Apr 06	Community Safety Advisory Group	6.00pm	Chris Dignam: (0114) 292 2906
02 May 06	Business Forum Management Committee Meeting	6.00pm	Tom Coldron: (0114) 292 0462
03 May 06	BNDfC Employment & Enterprise Theme Focus Group	1.30–3.30pm	Lizzy Clark: (0114) 292 0391
16 May 06	Community Safety Advisory Group	6.00pm	Chris Dignam: (0114) 292 2906

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News and Information from Burngreave Business Forum

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This year's Burngreave Enterprise Event was a stunning success. The event positions Burngreave as an enterprising part of Sheffield. More than 25 different enterprise support agencies gave advice to local businesses as well as seminars and workshops. The day ended with the Burngreave Business Awards, recognising the hard work and commitment of local businesses that make Burngreave a great place. Well done to all those nominated, short-listed and of course the winners. I would also like to thank everyone for taking time to attend, without you it wouldn't have been possible.

The business support team is working closely with members of the Burngreave Business Forum to draw up a long-term strategy for business support in Burngreave. If you would be part of that exciting future, please get in touch with the business support team on (0114) 292 0464 or visit the website www.bndfc.co.uk.

Saghir Ahmed
Business & Enterprise Champion

Developing a strategy for Burngreave Business Forum

The Burngreave Business Forum has existed for over eighteen months and has played an important role in representing businesses, supporting members and pushing for an agenda of enterprise support in the area. The Forum has grown in a very organic manner from its humble beginnings to where it is today with over 60 members but the time has now come to take stock of its achievements and decide where the Forum wants to go and how it will get there.

Essentially the Forum members need to ask themselves precisely what they want from the Forum and how it can help their business to become even more successful. There are a number of options available and the Business Support Team is working with the Forum to explore them all so we can develop a strategy that leads to the Forum being a self-sustaining organisation.

One possibility is for the Forum to become a champion of enterprise providing mentors to up and coming businesses that need help and advice from successful entrepreneurs already in the area. On the other hand it could develop into an organisation dedicated to gaining funding for enterprise projects such as an incubation centre. All of these things are possibilities but all will require planning

and importantly funding of one sort or another.

Critically, we need to hear from the members and non-members about their aspirations for their businesses, the area and the Forum. The future of the Forum will ultimately rest in the hands of its members and the forthcoming General Meeting on 4th April is the perfect opportunity to debate ideas.



Business Forum members talking with the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Success Breeds Success

Two people from Burngreave were short-listed for the prestigious High Sheriff of South Yorkshire's Award this year.

Janice Young of Youngs Criminal Defence Services and Rashida Hassanali of BNDfC were both short-listed from the 80 nominations received from right across the county. The Award recognises people who have taken that extra step in supporting their community.

Rashida and Janice with the High Sheriff.



BUSINESS PROFILES

Ellesmere Children's Centre

Ellesmere Children's Centre (ECC) is an established and registered 50-place community nursery for children aged 6 months to 5 years based in the heart of Burngreave on Maxwell Street.

The Centre prides itself on providing a happy, stimulating, culturally appropriate, environment that is enjoyed by children and parents alike. "Our focus is on providing excellent care and education for all our children – we see ourselves as playing a key part in the development of our young people, helping them to take their first social and educational steps so they are ready and prepared for school and the wider world," says Sharon Curtis, Manager of ECC.

"We believe in providing a responsive, flexible and needs led service for parents who value the high-quality childcare that helps them assess their child's development from an early age. We cater for children from a variety of cultural and social backgrounds, who in turn bring a variety of richness to the Centre's daily life," says **M a r i a n n a Thurman.**

ECC children at play.



The Centre has enjoyed a rich vein of success of late with a raft of awards coming their way – not least the double win at the 2006 Burngreave Business Awards, but what really pleases the Centre is the customer feedback. In their recent customer satisfaction survey 86% of customers said the service is either excellent or good with nearly 60% saying it is excellent.

"People are amazed when they come through our door to find the very high-quality services we have to offer in Burngreave – our children and parents love our service and that's the way we intend to keep it at the Centre," says Sharon Curtis.

For further information call Ellesmere Children's Centre on (0114) 281 2143.

Community Learning Academy

The Community Learning Academy (CLA) is one of the newest businesses in Burngreave but it has already made a big impact. The CLA is based on Burngreave Road occupying a once run-down house.

Now converted with private finance into a state-of-the-art training centre for people wanting to increase their skills and employment opportunities, the CLA has already seen tens of people successfully acquire much needed qualifications and experience.

The Lord Mayor opens the CLA.



"When we opened we set ourselves some relatively high targets but we soon exceeded those and had to set higher ones. We have now hit those and we are looking forward to achieving even more success. The people of Burngreave need the type of training we can provide and our recent accreditation as an approved training centre means we are providing it at the right quality levels," says Director of the CLA, **Hakim Wais.**

The CLA provides training communication, literacy and IT skills as well as car driving. There are a range of courses to choose from including basic numeracy & literacy, ECDL, CLAIT, CLAIT Plus and ILM Certificates in line management.

"We are committed to serving the people of Burngreave and Pitsmoor so they can take control of their lives and make a positive contribution to our community. We can help people get on the road to an independent, prosperous future," says **Hakim Wais.**

For further information call the Community Learning Academy on (0114) 275 1270.

Shield Programme

Want to run your own business but haven't got the right business idea yet?

Running a successful new business is about having good ideas – but such ideas don't just drop off trees! However, a new programme from Business Link South Yorkshire can help you generate new business ideas via The Shield Programme.

Shield is a FREE part-time evening programme that will run at the Mega Centre in Sheffield, commencing March 2006. The programme will help you develop new and innovative new business ideas that can help you launch your own new innovative enterprise.

You will receive expert guidance from experienced Shield presenters that will enable you to investigate all your available new business options. The Shield programme proves that business and innovation skills can be learned and may not be as daunting as you think.

If you want to find out more about this exciting new opportunity, please call Tom Coldron at the New Deal Business Support Team, telephone (0114) 292 0463.

UnLtd – Big Boost



Do you want to make a difference in your community but haven't got the funding with which to get started? UnLtd provides cash awards, advice, training, and much, much more to turn your idea into reality.

The awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups who want to set up new, innovative or replicable projects in their communities. The awards are designed for entrepreneurs who want to kick start their own enterprise. You could apply for up to £5k to pay for the running costs of the project. You must show that there is need for the project and demonstrate that you will learn new skills from carrying out the project.

For more details please contact your local development manager, Saghir Ahmed on (0114) 292 0463 or email saghirahmed@unltd.org.uk or visit our website: www.unltd.org.uk.

PROFILE

Francis Feeley Funding

Having been involved with Burngreave Business Forum since its beginnings in 2004, Francis (pictured right) has now been elected to the Management Committee, taking on the position of Forum Treasurer. He also represents the Business Forum on the New Deal Enterprise and Employment Theme Strategy Group.



Francis and his wife Diz provide targeted technical writing services for voluntary and community sector organisations both large and small.

Francis has worked in and for voluntary sector organisations for over 40 years. He has started a number of charitable ventures including a talking newspaper for the blind and a support service for the siblings of children with cerebral palsy.

Diz Feeley is a trained sociologist and contributes to the survey work of the consultancy both in the devising of questionnaires and the number crunching. She also provides the administrative and bookkeeping background to the service.

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Vestry Hall Update

Work on turning the Vestry Hall into a Community Learning Centre for Burngreave has finally begun and will last for just over a year.

At present work is scheduled to start at 7.30am each weekday and end by 6.30pm – weekend work may be required, if so neighbouring businesses will be notified.

Parking and access restrictions will affect certain businesses on Grimesthorpe Road South, Gower Street and Bressingham Road. The exit to the rear of the site will need to be clear at all times due to the large plant and machinery that will be entering and leaving the site.

Can you please advise customers and suppliers not to park near to the rear of the boundary fence at any time? Access to a compound on Bressingham Close will be needed during the site's working hours.

If you have any immediate concerns during the building work, please call into the site office at the front of Vestry Hall and ask for the Site Manager or call Kate Hurley, BNDfC Regeneration Manager on (0114) 292 0395.