

Minute/Decision Summary
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
Date – 13th March 2006 at 5.45 p.m.

Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Deputy Chair: Roger Black

Kevin Bowler (CS), Liz Smith(BS), Joe Maloney(VS), Kenneth Ellis (VS), Geoff Harrison(CS), Ged McGuire(CS), Paul Harrison (VS), Michele Smith (CS), Jim Sculley (BS)

Advisors/Observers

Sophie Richardson (SBC, Nigel Laws (SBC), Nicola Kelly (SBC), Jane Elliott (SBC), Kelly Brown (CS), Christine Ellis (CS), and Pat Blackett (CS)

Apologies

Sue Cash

Carolynne Withers

Colin Stratton

Councillor Barry Woodhouse

John Tough

Cath Coldbeck

Miriam Stanton

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PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector
PS =	Private Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector
VS =	Voluntary Sector
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum

YA =	Youth Assembly
RC =	Rural Community Sector
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PC =	Parish Council

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1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies stated		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on 9th January 2006 Minutes of the last meeting amended and agreed as being an accurate and true record		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
3. Planning Issues Jane Elliott, Principal Planning Officer from SBC advised the Board of consultation relating to the emerging Core Strategy, Issues and Options and its role in the new Local development Framework		Noted				Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053

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<p>The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system of local planning, called the Local Development Framework. Under the new system, the Stockton on Tees Local Plan will be replaced.</p> <p>Rather than being a single plan, the new Local Development Framework comprises a series of documents. These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Scheme • Statement of Community Involvement • Core Strategy • Topic Based Development Plan Documents • Proposals Map • Supplementary Planning Documents • Annual Monitoring Plan <p>The objectives of the new strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed up the preparation of development plans • Ensure that they are monitored, reviewed and kept up to date • Achieve more effective community 		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p> <p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p> <p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>

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<p>involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sustainable development • Provide flexibility to enable development plans to respond more quickly to changing circumstances <p>Following this round of consultation, the sequence of events is as follows: Consultation of all views and comments reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Preferred Options for the Core Strategy • Public Consultation and Participation on the Preferred Options (Spring 2007) • Consideration of views and comments; amendments as necessary • Submission of the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State (Spring 2008) • Independent examination into the “soundness” of the Core Strategy • Publication of the Inspectors report • Amendment of the Core Strategy in line with the Inspectors requirements and adoption (Summer 2009) 		Noted				Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053

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<p>How would TBP like to be involved?</p> <p>TBP would like to be involved in the very early stages. This issue will be taken to TBP's Economic, Regeneration and Transport Thematic Group.</p> <p>TBP did request that they would like feedback on why certain issues may not be included in the final plan.</p> <p>Consultation is a flexible process and Planning from SBC are happy to come and speak to TBP again if needed.</p>		<p>Agreed Geoff Harrison would take this issue to the next ER&T Thematic Group</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Geoff Harrison TBP 01642 861992</p> <p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p> <p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>
<p>4. Appointment of TBP Manager</p> <p>The above agenda item, will be discussed at the end of the meeting behind closed doors. Members of the Public and the current Manager will be asked to leave the meeting</p>		<p>Noted</p>				

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<p>5. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>Following the Council's decision to provide Halladale with one months notice to address concerns with the redevelopment proposals, the Council is now pleased to report that revised proposals together with financial appraisals by Council Officers. A further meeting has been arranged with Halladale for the 14th March.</p> <p>Billingham Forum A PFI working group will be set up to discuss the PFI bid for Billingham Forum. NL requested that a member of TBP attend. As TBP's thematic lead for Arts and Culture, Joe Maloney has been nominated to attend, however a declaration of interest will be declared at these meetings as he is an active member of Billingham Folklore Festival.</p> <p>As a member of Save Our Theatre. KB requested that he also attends the PFI bid</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>TBP Agreed. JM to be nominated member to represent TBP at PFI bid meetings</p> <p>NL expressed the importance of keeping</p>				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC</p>

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<p>meetings.</p> <p>Contingency plans are being looked at if the PFI bid fails.</p> <p>Pigeons are still a big issue in the Town Centre and the excrement from Pigeons is making the Town Centre very dangerous</p> <p>b. Bulgarth Estimates are at present being revised and SBC are looking at different schemes. NL will look at getting hold of plans and bringing these to the next TBP</p> <p>c. Billingham House The Council has access to the documents logged with Land Registry in respect of the purchase of the property by the current owners. The Office Copy Entry is the</p>		<p>this PFI group tight and if it is open to one group then it other groups could challenge this</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>NL to look into putting up signs discouraging people from feeding the pigeons</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>NL</p>			<p>01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>principle title document which proves ownership of the land, and title deeds are no longer required. The Office Copy Entries for Billingham House contain no references to any obligations on the current owners to return the land to ICI if the land is not developed.</p> <p>The Council intends to serve a letter before action on Bizzy B Management Limited, the current owners, notifying them of the Council's intention to serve a notice under the Building Act 1984 if no action is taken within 3 months of service of the letter to satisfy the Council that they intend to develop the site or otherwise take action to remedy the ruinous state of the property or demolish it. The Director of Law and Democracy has confirmed that such a notice can be withdrawn if necessary but this is only likely to occur once the Council is satisfied that the notice is no longer required to ensure the adverse impact of the property is remedied.</p>						

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<p>The situation regarding the asbestos in Billingham House remains unchanged. The most recent survey states that there is no evidence that air borne particles of the asbestos are leaving the building and therefore it only poses a hazard to people that are illegally entering the building. The Council has therefore continued to apply pressure on the owner to maintain the security of the building to prevent illegal access</p> <p>La Ronde and Forum House Demolition of Forum House and La Ronde are now expected to commence together in mid May. The demolition works should be complete by the end of July. The demolition programme was delayed due to a late start in dealing with pest control issues; however this alongside the asbestos survey and removal of debris from the buildings has now been completed. The tender documents are</p>		Noted				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>currently being prepared with the view to going out to tender in mid March</p> <p>LEGI – (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative) Following the unsuccessful £58 million bid, officers are starting to work on a re-submission of the bid which is expected to be submitted during the summer. This is the second of three opportunities to secure the monies which aim to support and develop local enterprise that will stimulate economic activity and productivity in the most deprived areas of Middlesbrough and Stockton. This will, in turn benefit local incomes and employment opportunities. A decision on the bid would be expected during the winter.</p>		Noted				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>
<p>5. Thematic Groups Update</p> <p>Economic Regeneration and Transport GH attended meeting at start of March. He did not receive the papers until the day before the meeting. £1.18 million to be distributed over 2 years and to be agreed</p>		Noted				

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<p>by the Thematic Group. GH raised the issue of the BME receiving £308, 000 as a brand new project. TBP would like to see more involvement from BME but concerns were raised regarding the amount of funds available and the over bid for funds.</p> <p>GH attended a Building Stronger Communities Conference on 2nd February in London. Report was circulated.</p> <p>Health Improvement Plan First meeting will be on 7th April</p> <p>Safer Stockton Partnership No meeting took place</p> <p>Children Trust Board</p>		<p>Agreed that TBP does not oppose the funding to any of the projects in principle however the funding should be allocated to meet the needs of existing projects before funding new projects. Existing commitments should be met first. And funding allocation should fit into the budget profile.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>SR to chase</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>SR</p>			<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>KP to prepare recommendations from TBP for GH</p> <p>Geoff Harrison TBP 01642 861992</p> <p>Sophie Richardson</p>

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<p>Michele received no papers. In future public will be able to attend these meetings and also ask any questions. Peter Seller had taken into account issues raised at TBP when he attended. For e.g Fathers involvement into the Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p> <p>Liveability GH was unable to attend as he was ill.</p> <p>Arts and Culture There was a meeting last Thursday regarding Billingham Carnival. The meeting room provided by TBP was very good and ideal for this meeting. It was noted that the Chair of The Billingham Carnival needs to re establish the committee. RB Chair of Billingham Carnival suggests that TBP Manager attend Executive Groups and help with administration.</p>		<p>If TBP has any issues they would like raising they can pass these onto MS</p> <p>The Board approved a paper circulated by JM regarding- Funding for the Carnival- seeking parity with other funding by SBC too Carnival events and parity with regards to obtaining of Street Entertainments License for use in Billingham. KP to arrange meeting between Carnival Reps, JM and SBC to resolve</p>	<p>KP</p>			<p>SBC 01642 526026</p> <p>Joe Maloney TBP 01642 651060</p>

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		<p>issues raised</p> <p>TBP suggested that if the Manager did provide support he was also open to provide support to other groups. KB, GM MS, GH and PH volunteered to help. RB is to organise a meeting to brief volunteers</p>				
<p>7. Information Updates a. Community Sector</p> <p>The Folklore Festival received a grant from Community Chest.</p> <p>It was raised at the last network meeting that SRCGA mailing list was out of date</p> <p>Supporters of John Whitehead Park have</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>KB</p>			<p>Kelly Brown SRCGA 01642 733900</p>

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<p>had good feedback from their NRF application which John Angus from SBC submitted. Although John Whitehead Park is not within a SOA, it is a civic space for people who live in SOA within Billingham</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Bede College had a few computers which were available. SRCGA have purchased 3. These could not be released from Bede College until it had certain software was put on it. KB has paid for the software on the machines and they are now ready to be released. The computers are to be distributed to RB, KE and SRCGA.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch meeting which took place last week received reports of break ins in the Billingham area, which is targeting car keys. It is now recommended that car keys should be hid even when in the home, as burglaries are taking place where only car keys have been stole</p> <p>Business Sector</p>		<p>KB will be in touch with those expecting a computer regarding collection or delivery.</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>John Angus SBC 01642 526499</p> <p>Kelly Brown SRCGA 01642 733900</p> <p>Paul Harrison TBP 01642 864341</p>

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<p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>Office at the Billingham Forward is now set up and ready to use. Kevin McAuley and Paul McGee from McAuley and McGee Associates have been commissioned by SRCGA and SVDA to review the service they provide to the community. The basic outcome should be a new format established for Voluntary and Community Sector in the Borough with a strategic lead and hands on delivery.</p> <p>A meeting took place with The Chair, Rebecca Guest and Haleem Ghafoor from SBC to discuss Billingham Local Action Plan. TBP will pick out details within the plan, which they feel are inaccurate, and out of sate and bring back the Local Action Plan to the board. SBC did state that this is a live document and is not set in stone. TBP does have money to be spent. This will be discussed in the thematic groups.</p> <p>KP received Tees Valley Community</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>Sector Forum paper work requesting any nominations for their steering groups by 20th March</p> <p>KB residents group meeting takes place on March 20th at 7.00 p.m. KB has spoke to Tees Valley who said that a quick phone call followed up by minutes from the meetings will be adequate for nominations. The chance was there for TBP members to nominate themselves and the Executive group would authorise this due to the number of apologies at this meeting</p>		Noted				
<p>10. Any Other Business a, Gambling on Teesside</p> <p>There is a proposal for a Super Casino at the Middlehaven site. Will TBP be proactive if this goes ahead and are TBP considering the large scale effects. KE from Churches Together would like to express the unsuitability of this development</p> <p>Although the issues is a concern of TBP.</p>		Noted				Kenneth Ellis

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<p>TBP has no remit to consider this as it does not directly effect Billingham</p> <p>Acoustics in the Newlife Resource Centre are quite poor and it is proving difficulty for members of the public, advisors and even board members to hear at TBP</p> <p>KP attends the DAT (Drugs Action Team) local supply reduction group and would like to know whether TBP would like him to report back on the DAT to TBP.</p>		<p>Thematic Group</p> <p>TBP Agreed</p>	<p>SR to look at costs for a microphone and raise at next meeting</p>			<p>TBP</p> <p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>
<p>MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</p> <p>CURRENT MANAGER, KEVIN PITT ALSO LEFT THE ROOM</p>						