

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
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Members:

Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: John Tough

Ged McGuire (CS), Miriam Stanton (PS), Ken Ellis (VS), Geoff Harrison (CS), Michele Smith (CS) Joe Maloney (VS), Jim Sculley (BS), Kevin Bowler (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Paul Harrison (PH), Roger Black, Liz Smith (BS), Cath Coldbeck (CS), Cllr Barry Woodhouse (SBC)

Advisors/Observers

Sophie Richardson (SBC), Louise Allen (SBC), Martin Jenkins (SBC), Kelly Brown (SRCGA)

Apologies

Sue Cash

John Thompson

Cllr Keith Dewison

CS =	Community Sector	YA =	Youth Assembly
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector	RC =	Rural Community Sector
PS =	Private Sector	BS =	Business Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector	PC =	Parish Council
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector		
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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<p>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted</p>		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 12th March 2006</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting amended and agreed as being an accurate and true record.</p> <p>It was noted that Sue Cash had been on sick for the last three meetings and therefore unable to attend and under the constitution of the Board the nominating agency should be informed.</p>		Noted Noted	SR KP			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
<p>3. Play Strategy</p> <p>Martin Jenkins from Parks and Countryside at SBC attended. Parks and Countryside have received conditional Big Lottery</p>		Noted				Martin Jenkins SBC 01642 526870

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<p>Funding of £488,000 to spend on Play areas. First a comprehensive play strategy will have to be created. A steering group will be set up to consist of Resident groups, young people representative and Officers from SBC. This is an exciting opportunity and Martin would like a representative from TBP. The group will meet quarterly. The funding will be divided by strategic need.</p> <p>All those interested were asked to nominate. The nominations were Ray McCall and Kevin Bowler. A vote decided that Kevin Bowler will be the representative from TBP.</p>		<p>TBP Agreed KAB will be the representative for TBP on the Play Strategy Steering Group</p>				<p>Kevin Bowler SBC 01642 613272</p>
<p>4. Local Action Plan</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor from SBC attended to present the board with information on Billingham Local Action Plan.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to present a revised Phase two and three Local Action</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC</p>

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<p>Plan (LAP) which brings together Billingham and Clarence's areas (Old Billingham, Low Grange, North Billingham and Cowpen District) LAP's , and to advise the Area Board of progress to date. Recommended that the report is noted</p> <p>A revised local action plan was brought to the board. This is for information only and has been strengthened to be more Billingham based and improve baseline data where possible.</p> <p>Following discussions with The Chair, Manager and HG it was agreed that a more streamlined and focussed plan is needed.</p> <p>TBP thanked HG for his team's supports.</p> <p>The New Plan will be produced and will be Billingham specific</p> <p>Money available as follows: £10,000 for Clarences</p>		<p>LAP Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				01642 528677

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<p>£10,000 for North Billingham (Low Grange) £10,000 for Old Billingham</p> <p>Remit decisions for the funding for Clarences via Ray McCall to Clarences Partnership who need to submit a plan to TBPB for ratification.</p> <p>Remit decisions via Geoff Harrison for North Billingham (Low Grange) who need to submit a plan to TBPB for ratification.</p> <p>TBP Thematic Economic, Regeneration and Transport Group have proposed the money allocated to Old Billingham should go to match funding to complete the Bulgarth project. Members agreed subject to Ged McGuire as the Board representative for Old Billingham seeking agreement with the Bulgarth Working Group and Old Billingham Residents Association.</p>		<p>Agreed in principal</p> <p>Board Agreed on proposals and will get briefing on how money can be spent</p> <p>Board agreed in principal</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Ray McCall TBP</p> <p>Geoff Harrison TBP</p> <p>Ged McGuire TBP</p>

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Need Action Plan proposals for spend to be ratified for the Board and submitted by end of July						
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>Louise Allen from SBC presented the Board with the following:</p> <p>A meeting with Halladale is due to take place this week, when it is hoped that the Council will be able to conclude the option appraisal. Feedback from this meeting will be given at the next Billingham Partnership Board.</p> <p>FORUM – PFI BID</p> <p>The PFI steering group welcomed Geoff Harrison as Economic Regeneration representative of the Billingham Partnership.</p> <p>A tour around the inside and outside of Billingham forum was given at the last PFI meeting, which included the swimming pool and ice rink plant rooms. The tour reaffirmed</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Louise Allen SBC 01642 528942</p> <p>Louise Allen SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>perceptions regarding the fragile state of the building, which the Council currently monitors on a weekly basis. The tour demonstrated the unique design of the building and it was evident that the Forum continues to benefit from a large number of users.</p> <p>After the tour a brainstorming session was conducted focusing on methods that could be used to generate support for the bid and organisations that need to be involved. Further meetings have been scheduled to take place on a fortnightly basis, until the bid is formulated. Current timescales indicate that a draft bid will be finalised by late Summer, so that consultation can be undertaken during November and the final bid submitted by March 2007.</p> <p>GH discussed the Tour of the forum and read from a report he has compiled for the Economic Regeneration thematic. GH re-affirmed the poor physical condition that the Forum is in. GH noted that the problems in</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Geoff Harrison TBP</p>

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<p>the Theatre are not as bad as in the leisure facilities</p> <p>TBP wanted to know how much the Forum costs a month to run. At present the Forum is insured for a year.</p> <p>LA RONDE AND FORUM HOUSE Controlled Demolition has been appointed as contractor for the works, which are due to commence on the 15th May.</p> <p>b. Bullgarth The environmental improvements (green space) works had been slightly delayed due to adverse weather conditions, however, work re-commenced on Monday 24th April with completion anticipated within 3 weeks. Planting will be completed soon after although the trees cannot be planted until</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>LA to find out costings to run the Forum per month</p>			<p>Louise Allen SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>late autumn.</p> <p>Council Officers are seeking funding for a car park. It is likely that a project brief will be prepared and submitted to the Capital Strategy Group. If this is successful an initiation document will be prepared.</p> <p>c. Billingham House Bizzy B Management has appealed the Section 80 Abatement Notice, which requires them to undertake an asbestos survey and complete any works required as a result of the survey. At the time of writing the report, an asbestos survey had been received from Bizzy B and was being considered by Council Offices, however the notice is still valid. The release of a survey to the public will be subject to legal scrutiny, as Bizzy B may oppose its publication.</p> <p>With regards to the Section 79 notice the commencement of restoration, however minor, would be classified as compliance</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>with the notice. However, the pre-notification letter requires Bizzy B to produce a timescale for the completion of all necessary works. If Bizzy B did commence restoration and it became clear that they had no intention of carrying out the required improvements within the given timescale the Council would proceed to issue another pre-notification letter and then serve the Section 79 notice.</p> <p>The Council is not in a position to enforce fencing repairs through a Section 79 Notice, as the building was not originally fenced. Furthermore, the existing Section 29 Notice under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act is used to secure unauthorised access to buildings and therefore its use to fence off the car park, which was previously an open area of land, is tenuous. Enforcement would only be possible if the car park area itself was causing a nuisance for example by unauthorised caravans, dumping of harmful waste or other significant hazards that could</p>		Noted				

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<p>not be effectively controlled by the existing security measures. For example, the original Section 29 Notice did include fencing off the car park to prevent unauthorised access by caravans, however, the owners provided an alternative solution, which has proved to be effective in the form of mounding around the site, and the notice was abated in November 2005.</p>						
<p>6. Thematic Group Updates</p> <p>Economic Regeneration and Transport</p> <p>A letter was received regarding the stripping of funding for Action Team for jobs, which will no longer exist. KP looked at the impact this will have on Billingham. It proved a very successful programme and this would be a huge loss to the area. KP to write Steve Davidson to see what will be available in the future for deprived areas. TBP acknowledged the success of Action Teams for Jobs</p> <p>Safer Stockton Partnership</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>TBP Acknowledged</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>SBC has agreed to review the funding and to ensure value for money for The Old Billingham Carnival and Garden Show. SBC also stated they would appoint a Carnival Manager, look at street licensing, review security costs and look into sponsorship</p> <p>Cllr Barry Woodhouse declared an interest as he is a member of the Licensing Board</p>	<p></p> <p>BW</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Joe Maloney TBP</p>
<p>8. Community Sector</p> <p>GH has been invited to a Northern Area Transport Strategy Meeting, which is invitation only.</p> <p>Weight Management classes are starting at Low Grange Community Centre on May 18th, which will include health eating advice, the cost is £2.</p> <p>The new houses, which were built at Low Grabe on Folden Way, which are Housing</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Geoff Harrison TBP</p>

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<p>Association, have been targeted by Youths, due to their location next to the field. Windows have been smashed, gardens ransacked and the residents have only been in a month. The Chair to take it to Safer Billingham. Community Enforcement is now in place instead of wardens. People need to report. The wardens are employed to hot spot and even single incidents need to be reported. This can be anonymous; you don't have to leave your name or address.</p> <p>Supporters of John Whitehead Park</p> <p>Final process of putting an application of £50,000 to be in by next Thursday. SBC drafting plans. If it is unsuccessful it will go to a TV vote in September</p> <p>Voluntary Sector</p> <p>Billingham Folklore Festival taking place between 22 – 29 July. No fireworks this year as there is no funding available.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>JT</p>			<p>Kevin Bowler TBP</p> <p>Joe Maloney TBP</p>

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<p>Cultural diversity for children on 29th May – 4th June at Bede College</p> <p>Business Sector</p> <p>Billingham Business Association on 17th May. SMI is setting up a steering group for LEGI (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative). As a board should we be represented?</p> <p>Colin Stratton declared an interest and stated he is sending a representative to meeting on Wednesday</p> <p>How will SMI benefit Billingham? Once North Bank is finished the next regeneration site is Billingham. This is a 20-year development, which includes the Barrage at the Riverside, 2 massive lakes. It may be 5 – 10 years before it gets to Billingham but its important we are aware of it now.</p>	<p>CS</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Jim Sculley TBP</p>

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<p>Public Sector</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>		Noted				
<p>8. Chairs Report</p> <p>Health Improvement Partnership.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting it explained the Visioning of TBP and the Action Plan to be ready for July/August. Next stage to look at funding strategy for gaps in service.</p> <p>Could all thematic members ask their thematic groups for gaps in service they would like to see funded.</p> <p>A Healthier Lifestyle Meeting will take place on 12th May</p> <p>Meeting with David Millerland – MP from on 22nd May.</p> <p>The Chair received a letter from MS regarding a meeting to discuss improving</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>John Tough TBP 01740 644161</p>

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<p>building and capital funding for a new building to deliver 14 – 19 curriculum. There is a suggested name change of Bede College. Building has been painted and Government has said that a 6th form College is something they could put funding into. Although they would like to keep the name Bede College they would like it to be known as a 6th form College. For e.g. Billingham Bede 6th Form College, but this is still in consultation</p>						
<p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>The Managers met with Haleem Ghafoor from SBC, Fiona Short of Bede College and Liz Smith from the Board to discuss Finance. Agreed Haleem Ghafoor through SBC would administer NRF.</p> <p>Board finances reviewed and the £15,000, which has not been allocated, can be rolled forward.</p> <p>Core Funding is to be reviewed in September. Massive cut backs by the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>Government. SBC are not sure how much Core Funding they will be receiving in September.</p> <p>SVDA have offered funding for a review of the following facilities: New Life Resource Centre Clarences John Whitehead Park Billingham Kids Club The work is commissioned by SVDA and will be carried out by Paul Hide.</p> <p>TBP have been put forward by SBC to be audited. KP has a list of documents, which are required. KP will ask who else has been audited and how TBP compare.</p> <p>Outstanding from March, a Children Fund nomination has not been set.</p> <p>Michele Smith is willing to stand</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>TBP Agreed.</p>				<p>Michele Smith TBP 01642 647009</p>

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<p>Community Empowerment sent a letter out regarding a reduction in funding and the new mapping system, which they plan to set up. SRCGA are looking at finding out what groups are set up within the areas so a new mapping system on line can be set up, which when you scroll over a map it will bring up a list of all the groups within this area. Cash prize available if completed.</p> <p>There is a visioning event on 16th May. Would encourage members to attend to give our input.</p> <p>Uncertainty around the situation with TBP and its relationship with Billingham Talk. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting and TBP will decide if it wants to remove TBP logo from Billingham Talk</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kelly Brown SRCGA 01642 733904</p>

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<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Is the second office at Billingham fully utilised?</p> <p>There was an article in the Evening Gazette who has Cancer and wanted to raise money. A student from Bede College set up an auction within a week and raised £1000 in a lunchtime.</p> <p>Bede College have been teaching adults from Revaux Centre, but funding has been cut. Approached SBC for funding, if it is not available through the Education Centre, then TBP should lobby. MS to bring to next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Barry Woodhouse, thanked the board for the cards and gifts following his period of sickness</p>		<p>This is now used on a regular basis for meetings.</p> <p>TBP to send a letter of acknowledgement</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>KP</p>			<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Miriam Stanton TBP</p>

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11. Date of Next Meeting 5 TH June at The New Life Resource Centre, Billingham at 5.45 p.m.						